

Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2020 from 7 p.m. till 8:45 p.m.

- 7 p.m. / Welcome and approval of last month's minutes
Attendees: Arnaud, Seleste, David T, Darrin, David M, Bill, Kirk. September minutes were eventually approved because there was not a quorum of board members initially, until Darrin and Bill joined.

Willamette Heritage Center is hosting a Halloween drive-through event.

On a prior question about the disposition of storm water at the new six-unit development on 16th (facing Strand Ave), it will all be piped to the storm pipes in Strand and none will be treated onsite via retention. Darrin will draft a letter noting our concern.

- 7:10 p.m. / Neighborhood concerns
None were noted.
- 7:20 p.m. / Guests
 - Tom Andersen, City Councilor. Tom was unable to attend.
 - Eunice Kim, City Long Range Planning Manager

Presentation on Our Salem project milestone: most recent draft. Eunice talked about the effort to update Salem's Comprehensive Plan, per surveys and many meetings with local residents. She also demonstrated an interactive GIS map with information about the zoning of each individual parcel in the city. Pretty spiffy, but high-level information only. Discussion of the new Neighborhood Hub concept and the new R-4 zoning, intended to allow live-work use of residential properties located on arterials. Detailed information is available on the city's website.

Another appeal for striped crosswalks on State St was made, short of the rapid flashing beacons in the CIP for 2024. We wrote a letter requesting this and should get a response, darnit. Eunice will bring it up again.

Bill also brought up the subject of the city acquiring Waller Pond, which would help it to be a more friendly, accessible amenity for the neighborhood. Presently, it's mess and there is a homeless camp near it.

- Milan Davis, City Arborist, Urban Forestry Division. Milan was unable to attend. We will invite him to our November meeting. He's happy to take questions through his email or work phone. When will the stumps of dead trees be removed and when will they be replanted is a standing question throughout the neighborhood and on the 12th Street promenade, as well as the recently removed trees in front of TIUA.
- 7:45 p.m. / Old business. None was surfaced.
- 8.00 p.m. / New Business
 - Preparations for annual meeting. Shannon is handling it.
 - Structure/topics

- Who is preparing what? Seleste has been talking with Shannon on the Beautification awards but is unsure how it might be done under Covid circumstances There are six good potential houses and 7 more that have been removed from consideration but remain on the list or next year. Arnaud proposed putting the winners on the website and publicizing it. What to do is still TBD. It could be it won't happen until January.
 - Voting on board members and on proposed by-laws revision should also happen, and we usually determine when the annual board retreat and election of officers will happen.
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 - 8:15 p.m. / Committee and partner updates
 - Committee Beautification. See above
 - Committee Digital Assets: All categorization of documents has been done and they're now online (Googledocs)
 - Committee Flood Watch
 - Committee Land Use. See note above on the new 16th Street six-plex.
 - Committee Outreach and Business
 - Promotion of SESNA and our goals
 - Social media
 - Website
 - Social media manager replacement
 - Attracting new members

Lots of work has been done to make SESNA more well known – Facebook, Twitter, a revised website, a regular electronic newsletter. What SESNA can do for neighbors may be a better pitch.
 - Committee Parks: A Letter of Intent to apply for SPIF funds will be done by Kirk.
 - Committee Transportation
 - Liaison Capital Park Wesleyan Church: The church is still trying to get approval from the fire marshall to open the warming center. It's not clear if it will get done by the Nov 1st opening date. The food pantry is still operating 2nd and 4th Weds, 5-7PM.
 - Liaison Schools
 - Liaison South Salem Connect: SSC continues to focus on homeless issues and doing a very good job of it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.