

SESNA Monthly Public Meeting -- Minutes

Tue, Dec. 22, 2020 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

- 7 p.m. / Welcome, approval of November minutes, additions to agenda
Participants: Arnaud, Shannon, Lt Van Meter, Salem PD, Bill, Darrin, Jeff, Darwin, Rolquin (an unidentified presence – does anyone know who this is?).
November minutes were approved, with corrections.

- 7:10 p.m. / Neighborhood concerns
 - “Stop the Mass Civil Disobedience Madness” petition, <http://chng.it/XRSWLZby8w> This is a petition drive to ensure Salem police are ready for planned right-wing rallies on January 1. People are unhappy about drunk demonstrators with guns marching through neighborhoods.

Van Meter: Has been working with protest groups since May but communication has been lacking of late. Yesterday’s protest at the Capitol was different than straight-up civil disobedience. The building was locked and protestors breached it, even attacked police and several were subsequently arrested. Other arrests will happen in the near future as people are identified.

Jan 1st is the next big event and they will be planning a “significant” response.

- 7:20 p.m. / Guests and special topics

Tom Andersen: City Council updates, invited; bring questions! – Tom didn’t make the meeting.

- 7:40 p.m. / Old business

- SPIF grant for Adrich BB court due Jan. 30. We should get a cost estimate from them soon.
- Tree planting momentum with Milan Davis – we will try to arrange a direct line to him for tree planting requests. Requests can also be made on our website. Arnaud just got two new trees!
- Bylaw revisions approved in concept; we will have a copy with revisions for review in January.

- 8.00 p.m. / New Business

- Beautification Awards! Ten new signs are on their way. Presentation of winners was to occur tonight but will push to next month. They know they’ve won but have yet to receive the sign. Shannon will contact the SJ to see if they will publish a story on the tradition of SESNA’s beautification awards and this year’s winners. Marcia would be a good person to speak to it, also, given her long time SESNA and beautification efforts.

- Vote to accept continued board membership by Jeff Leach – approved unanimously.

- Continue outreach discussion to attract SESNA interest – Facebook still is the best current channel we have for encouraging more participation. We will post ZOOM meeting details on FB and change to a “lobby” function to vet people a little before letting them in to meetings. Jeff will act as the gatekeeper.

We will try to do a litter pickup in January, on MLK day which will be on the 18th in 2021. Shannon will check with the city to see if they’re currently supporting that, and work with Jeff to get the organizing work done.

- 8:15 p.m./ Project & committee updates

- Digital Assets Com. (Web, social media) The website is verifiably beautiful.

- Flood Watch Com. – “We had a flood” as Jeff noted. Cascades Park was flooded by Mill Creek.
- Land Use Committee – Richmond school rezoning was the only issue this month. Shannon returned a note to the city reporting that we had no issues with the change.
- Outreach/Business Committee – see above discussion.
- Liaison Capital Park Wesleyan Church – Habitat for Humanity new homes are looking good and progress continues. The warming center will be open the next couple days, likely. The church and Arches put a notice about opening today in Nextdoor. And the
- Liaison South Salem Connect – still focused on homelessness and doing a good job of dealing with it.
- 8:30 p.m. / Good of the Order, adjourn – we adjourned early, at 8:10