

## SESNA Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2021

Attendance: Shannon Priem (Chair), Bill Smaldone, Jeff Leach, David Tompkins, Tom Andersen (City Councilor); Seleste Liyanage

7:00: Welcome and introductions

7:05: Minutes of August 2021 Meeting passed unanimously.

Neighborhood Concerns: Homeless Camps under the 14<sup>th</sup> and Tripp Streets overpass (ODOT, the City, and the Community Action Team have been notified.

Shannon will contact Anthony Hinkle to ask what should happen if major trash (furniture) is left on curbs, obviously away from private property with “free” signs.

The person to call on homeless issues is Gretchen Bennett: 503-540-2371.

7:10 Tom Andersen:

- **Homeless issue:** The City is setting up new homeless shelters on vacant lots in different parts of the city. The first one is out on Wallace Road in West Salem, designed for 55-60 senior homeless people. These are sites with tents on pallets. He asked for details on the 14th/Tripp camps to light a fire with ODOT and the city, noting it should be a higher priority, with Bush School close by and Shelton Ditch being contaminated; asked for photos. The city addressed a similar situation with Market St. underpass, so why not in SESNA.
- The city has also purchased a defunct office building on 22nd SE to serve as a navigation center, federally funded for three years..
- A recent survey of people’s confidence in the City’s operations indicates a decline in confidence, but 70% are happy with core services. They rate homelessness as top concern.

**Climate Action Plan:** The City is going ahead with this project. Tom Andersen suggests that the city should waive SDC charges in the urban core areas to encourage housing there rather than on the fringes of the city. There will be another Task Force meeting in October and a Work Session Dec. 6.

- Tom also talked about some potential projects linking new transportation and housing development, especially near Willamette River.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Neighborhood litter cleanups (various suggestions for locations like the Gear Line, 14<sup>th</sup> and Tripp, and State Street out by the prison). Will plan MLK Service Day event and maybe one before, depending on ODOT’s progress with major clean-up of Mission St. underpass at 24th.
- Porch Light and Tree Planting Campaigns. Do we wish to revive? Jeff will mull over the Porch Light Campaign.
- **Annual Meeting:** Set for November 30 at the Wesleyan Church in the gym. Topics include State Street Corridor; Center for 50-Plus and it’s “identity forgotten seniors” strategy for neighborhoods. Snacks/beverages provided; possible leaflet to also include porchlight campaign (Jeff and Shannon will explore; e.g. getting PGE to donate LED lights). Need to do outreach to get attendance. Dave T will be gone, so Pastor John Chamberlain may be contact. Idea offered later by Dave MacMillan: The Oregon legislature just approved (yesterday) - and the governor signed (yesterday) - a new congressional map for 6 districts in

Oregon. How does that affect SESNA residents? What district will we be in? Who will be our representatives?

### **Committees**

Beautification -- Marcia suggests houses at 1010 14th Ave., 1490 Hinews, 1560 Bellevue, 1670 Bellevue, 405 20th Ave. Seleste will take photos of progress from "watch list." Might consider Habitat for Humanity house(s) and Korean Church (painted).

### **Good of the order**

- Arnaud, Darrin and Shannon to each receive Volunteer Service Awards from the city during Zoom council meetings.
- Shannon may miss October Zoom, but will arrange to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.