



Board members present:

Jon Christenson, Christine Chute, Victor Dodier, John Prohodsky, Jim Schepke, Jeff Schumacher, Brian Sund, Carol Snyder, Lorrie Walker

Ron Rubel, Roz Shirack, and Evan West were excused.

Guests were present as well. **See Exhibit A - Attendance Roster**

President Victor Dodier called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm with a quorum present.

1. City and County Reports:

a. Councilor Nordyke

Lisa Letney, Salem's potato lady, was recognized with an award by City Council for her service to the unsheltered. Councilor Nordyke brought Lisa Letney's efforts to the attention of City Council.

City Council financially supported Salem's Christmas parade.

Salem accepted grant funds from PGE to construct a charging station to charge city owned electric vehicles.

Salem will have Oregon's first community [microgrid](#). It will provide emergency power to Salem's Public Works building, 96 units in 6 apartment buildings, 34 homes, 4 government buildings and one business if there is a power failure.

A \$500,000 grant from urban renewal funds was given to the owners of the former Whitlock's Vacuum and Sewing Machine building to remodel and bring it up to code.

Salem and 24 other Oregon cities are "severely rent-burdened", i.e. 25% of renters or more spend over 50% of their income on rent.

Council voted to extend homeless emergency declaration until December 31, 2023. This ensures the continuation of Salem's efforts to help the homeless including emergency shelters, warming centers, vehicle safe park program, and outdoor managed micro-shelter sites.

Salem's website has information on home weatherization, and [surviving disasters](#).

Jim Schepke asked about the status of Salem's proposed mobile crisis unit. Councilor Nordyke said there weren't the votes. She would like to see Salem and Marion County to

work together. County wants 4 mobile crisis units to provide geographic based support She would like to see an MOU with Marion and Polk County to provide mobile crisis units that cover Salem. Salem has a \$743 million budget and for less than \$1 million, \$700,000, the Community Action Agency will run the mobile crisis units for a year.

2. The November 2022 minutes were accepted without changes.

3. Announcements

Jim Scheppke said a group, Clean Quiet Salem, is forming to deal with the noise from leaf blowers. It will have a Facebook page.

Brian Sund said South Salem Connect (Salem Leadership Foundation and Church at the Park) has grant funds for gardens at microshelter pods that provide shelter for the houseless.

4. Neighborhood Concerns

There were no neighborhood concerns. Victor Dodier said Luke Emanuel was not able to attend this meeting. He will update SCAN on the proposed the Salem Baseball Club in January. Victor said that a proposal to upgrade Philips Field (Lower Leffelle part of the park) for softball had fallen through.

5. South Salem High School Update

SSHS Principal Tara Romine said SSHS is developing a new website that includes a staff directory. The SSHS website is <https://south.salkeiz.k12.or.us/>.

She introduced Robin Buckingham, the Vice-Principal

The SSHS boundary change started in 2019 and ended in 2022.

There were 1,900 students attending in the 2019-20 school year. Currently SSHS has 2,300 students. The past three freshman classes have had about 620 students. In the 2021-22 school year 98% teachers moved to new classroom. A priority for the 2021-22 school year was to reestablish behavior norms when in-person classes resumed. The student body is diverse linguistically; about 30% of the students were or are English language learners.

SSHS has an AVID program that removes barriers for low income and disadvantaged students.

SSHS has expanded from two to seven CTE programs.

To help freshmen adjust to high school SSHS has a Link program where upper classmen mentor freshmen and guide them through their freshman year.

SSHS has about 38 clubs that provide extracurricular activities that keep students engaged.

South High's school-wide goals:

- Return to familiar school setting.
- Focus on building our sense of belonging.
- Incorporate outside school events and activities.
- Promote school spirit and South Traditions.
- Partner with families and community.

Principal Romine specifically mentioned the broadcast journalism studio(s) that produce programming including neighborhood news.

John Christenson asked about Children's Educational Theater (CET) at South High. Discussions are underway to continue to host CET.

Jeff Schumacher asked if all students participate in the Link program. Yes, all students participate regardless of background or race.

Brian Sund asked if SSHS was working to engage neighbors. Principal Romine said Robin's presentation would cover that topic.

Vice-Principal Robin Buckingham discussed neighborhood outreach.

Neighborhood outreach focus is building trust, partnering with neighbors, and building connections between South and its community. South High wants to listen to neighbor's concerns and know how it can do better.

Several opportunities are planned for neighbors to come to South to learn about students and programs.

The rose is South's school flower and is a symbol of a job well done.

Jeff Schumacher mentioned that if South wanted to connect with neighbors through events, South High should consider using SCAN as a communications resource. Victor Dodier said the City is encouraging neighborhood associations to publish a newsletter which can include South High events.

6. Committee Reports and Chair Report

a. Land Use Committee

The Land Use Committee did not meet in November. Staff recommended approval of the short-term rental at 795 Church Street SE; There was a brief discussion about having a city councilor call it up. The process for calling up the decision is not known. Victor will ask Roz about how it is done.

b. Historic Preservation, Parks, and Gardens Committee

The Historic Preservation, Parks and Gardens Committee did not meet in November. McMinnville extended its moratorium on short-term rentals. Astoria is considering a short-term rental moratorium.

c. Transportation Committee

The transportation committee met three times in past month. The Committee's report (**Exhibit B**) is attached. The meetings were the regular Transportation Committee meeting, a meeting with School District staff at SSHS, and a meeting at the Library with City staff to discuss neighborhood traffic management.

\$15,000 is left in bond measure funds to address pedestrian safety and traffic management. The School District is hiring DKS to do a SSHS traffic study. Not much can be done about SSHS traffic until the DKS traffic study is completed. Don't expect the report soon.

Lorrie Walker had asked about the mobile speed sign that is located on Howard Street. Mobile speed signs are controlled by Salem Police Department. Volunteers manage requests for the speed signs. Victor said that a neighbor must have requested the mobile speed sign on Howard Street. Victor said that he has requested a mobile speed sign for Liberty Street; SPD indicated that they wouldn't get to the request until October 2023. He also requested a speed study for Liberty.

d. Chair's report

Luke Emanuel could not attend the December meeting due to illness. The Salem baseball club presentation will be in January.

The St. Francis family shelter will be discussed in January.

Dodier will attend a newsletter class provided by City. How to create a SCAN Newsletter will be discussed. The major issues are obtaining accurate email addresses and content.

Jim Schepcke suggested that SCAN invite the board chair of Cherriots, Ian Davidson, to a SCAN meeting. Dodier said Cherriots' past focus was riders of choice. Ridership is two-thirds of what it was in the recent past before COVID.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16

Exhibit A

Attendees for Month Day, 2022 SCAN Zoom Meeting

Board Member	Email Address	Present	Board Member	Email Address	Present
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Chute, Christine	cachute@gmail.com	X	Sund, Brian	sund60@icloud.com	X
Dodier, Victor	vidodier@teleport.com	X	Snyder, Carol	snyder2858@comcast.net	
Prohodsky, John	johnmpro@gmail.com	X	Walker, Lorrie	dakotalor@msn.com	X
Rubel, Ron	ronrubel@comcast.net	E	West, Evan	evanwest714@gmail.com	E
Schepcke, Jim	jschepcke@comcast.net	X	Wigg, Mark	mark_wigg@hotmail.com	
Schumacher, Jeff	jeff.schumacher@gmail.com	X			

Other Attendees

Vanessa Nordyke, City Councilor Ward 7
Tara Romine, SSHS Principal
Robin Buckingham, SSHS Vice-Principal

Exhibit B

Transportation Committee Report

This has been a busy month for the Transportation Committee.

The committee met with SSHS neighbors and SSHS staff on November 16 in the SSHS Library. Victor Dodier's and John Prohodsky's notes from that meeting and a list of attendees are attached.

Members of the Transportation Committee met with staff from SSHS and Salem-Keizer School District on November 22. Jim Scheppke's notes are attached.

Members of the Transportation Committee met with City of Salem staff, City Council members, and SSHS neighbors and staff at the Salem Library, Anderson Room on November 29. Victor's notes of that meeting are attached.

Observations.

Driver behavior, whether teen drivers, parents or drivers in general, has declined. Failure to observe school zone speed, failure to stop at STOPs signs, failure to yield, speeding are widespread.

Some issues related to traffic around SSHS are long standing although they have intensified since the remodeling of the school. The school's population has increased from about 1,900 pre-remodel to 2,200 now. The traffic chaos at the beginning and ending of the school day continues. There are reports again of speeding / racing on Electric Street which has no STOPs for five blocks. Pressure on residential parking has increased.

Traffic to and from SSHS affects the entire neighborhood from Cross on the north to Hoyt on the south and from 12th on the east to Commercial on the west.

There are some successes. Howard Street now has speed bumps / lumps / humps. It now tapers going east from SSHS where it once abruptly narrowed at Winter Street. There have been missed opportunities. The remodel process did not change the odd configuration of the Howard Street / Church Street intersection. It remains overly wide. Calming traffic / improving pedestrian safety at the Oxford / Church intersection remains a puzzle. The street painting project, if located at that intersection, might help.

The School District has a small balance remaining (\$15,000) from the project to address traffic issues adjacent the school. The City's resources are also limited.

Submitted

Victor Dodier

Chair, SCAN Transportation Committee

Notes from the Nov 16 SCAN Transportation Committee meeting.

Attendees: Victor Dodier, Crista Keesler, Frank Bruccoleri, David Indest, Zach Voss, Herb Sims, Alwin Turiel, David Heusdens, Lorrie Walker, Gary Obery, James Heyen, Christine Heyen, Brian Sund, Jim Scheppke, John Prohodsky

Traffic / pedestrian safety issues mentioned:

Barrier at Church / Oxford intersection to prevent left turns that was recommended by traffic engineers

- Problem at intersection is only during the AM arrival / PM departure times
- Rejected by neighbors

Speeding and pedestrian injuries

- No marked crosswalks at many intersections
- Impaired visibility
- Church St. is not signed as a school zone

4-way Stop at Rural and High

- STOP not observed. Many cars roll thru intersection

Speed sign on Hoyt

Electric & Cottage

- High speeds observed on Electric ... 65 mph?
- Traffic issues around High School affect a broader area than area adjacent to school (ie, Rural / Church / Howard)

Winter & Howard intersection

- 3-way stop at Winter was removed ... now only Winter stops ... seems to lead to higher speeds on Howard
- Drivers speed on Winter St.
- Better signage needed

Neighbor perspective

- Parents, rather than teen drivers, appear to be the source of the speeding problem
- Lack of traffic enforcement

Oxford & High intersection

- Crosswalk no marked

- Visibility issues

Howard & Church intersection

- Church St. side of intersection is wide because school buses dropped off middle school students there when the Leslie Middle School building was in use as a middle school.
- Possible roundabout ... there's a large amount of space due to way intersection is configured.

Intersections generally

- Parking in residential area is too close to corners impairing visibility
- Visibility at Rural and Church could be improved by swapping assigned spaces for SUVs that park near corner with passenger / sports cars that park farther down the block

Residential Parking Permit

- City isn't doing residential parking ... City staff reportedly told neighbor??
- Enforcement issue

Parking shortage

- South High has a parking shortage ...
- Enrollment is at 2,300, increase from 1,900 pre-remodel
- Attendance area for SSHS is very large [note: some parts of SSHS attendance area are more than 5 miles distant from the school as measured on Google Maps]
- School district buses students more than 1.5 miles distant
- Percentage of students walk, drive, bus are not known
- School does not issue parking permits(?)

Hoyt Street

- Street is wide ... travel speeds are high
- Diagonal parking on Hoyt might relieve parking pressure on neighborhood between Rural and Hoyt and serve to lower speeds as a traffic calming measure on Hoyt

Lights and signage for SSHS

- School zone signage only on Rural

School crossing guards

- Crossing guards are VERY effective, but used less than could be
- Problem is that crossing guard applicants must pay the cost of background checks

3-D Pedestrian Crossings

- Painting crosswalks to give the illusion of 3D is effective in slowing traffic

Summary ...

Traffic Calming Measures around SSHS that SKSD might address:

- Speed bumps / tables on Church St.
- Swap SUVs that park at corner of Rural / Church with sports / passenger cars, if parking spaces are assigned to improve visibility
- Faux round-about at Church St and Howard, if acceptable to City
- Less permanent measure to prevent left turns at Church / Oxford intersection
- Other measures?

Other Traffic Calming Measures that SKSD might address:

- Recruit more crossing guards

Traffic Calming Measures that City of Salem Public Works might address:

- Improve School Zone signage around SSHS ... drivers apparently need reminders despite presence of the school building
- Mark crosswalk at Oxford & High
- Mark crosswalks on all legs of intersections in vicinity of SSHS
- Reinstate 3-way STOP at Howard & Winter
- Demonstrate 3-D crosswalk marking
- Consider the potential of angle parking on Rural east of the SSHS building and on Hoyt between High Street and Summer Street
- 20 mph speed limit posting in neighborhood of SSHS [Cross to Hoyt / High to Berry]
- Improve enforcement of residential parking permits around SSHS
- Mark “no parking” area at corners to improve visibility

Traffic Calming Measures that City of Salem Police Department might address:

- Station motorcycle patrol near Rural / High intersection occasionally
- Route patrol cars through neighborhood from time to time

Victor Dodier

SCAN November Transportation Committee meeting notes

Traffic engineer proposed concrete barrier to prevent left turns at intersection of Oxford and Church Streets. Neighbors didn't like proposed solution. The traffic problems occur when school starts and ends. SSSH neighbors understand traffic problems better than the SCAN Board.

The amount of money available for traffic improvements is not known.

SSHS Principle sees a lot of speeding. Especially in school; zones. There is no school zone signage on Church St. Often school zone signs are obscured by vegetation. Principle reached out to School District and City about traffic. City needs to do a traffic study before entertaining any proposals. SSSH is a high pedestrian traffic zone.

One neighbor saw five cars out of 200 stop at stop sign. Often the police don't stop themselves. Four accidents and two kids hit by cars on Rural Ave. A neighbor on High St. says Rural to Howard St. is a drag strip.

A person who lives at intersection of Electric and Cottage said kids drive 65 mph on Electric Street. Speeding extends for several blocks around SSSH.

The SCAN Board has heard about SSSH students speeding for many years. Also, there have been many complaints about student parking in residential zones.

Howard and Winter stop sign (3 way stop) was removed during construction and never replaced.

Parents dropping of students in the morning ignore traffic controls. Speed on Howard Street then turn left on to Winter from Howard then speed through neighborhood.

Electric Street has a 4-5 block long stretch with no stop signs that encourages speeding. Police officer said stop signs don't make people stop.

City says, when stop sign is requested, warrants aren't met. City appears to be amenable to make exceptions to standards in traffic control manual.

Intersections: Oxford & High Streets, Howard and High Streets, Rural and High Streets have limited visibility; expect a pedestrian to be hit by vehicle.

School bus routing might be a problem.

20% increase in SSSH student population might be a contributing problem.

Kevin Hottmann and police said more stop signs result in more accidents.

There are creative, non-conventional ways to calm traffic other than speed humps and stop signs.

The one student parking lot is open parking.

Mobile speed cameras might be a solution. Salem police prefer to stop speeders – they often find other things when stopping someone for a traffic violation. Stopping someone has a greater effect than receiving a ticket in the mail. Portland’s experience with stoplight cameras and speed cameras is positive. It’s cost effective and speeding has been reduced.

Parents are the unacknowledged partners in solving traffic problems around SSHS.

The area covered by SSHS extends beyond Lancaster Dr. to Cordon Rd., past Kuebler Blvd., and to River Rd.

It was suggested that having students park 1 or 2 blocks farther away from SSHS would help with traffic.

There is one flashing school zone light on Howard St. facing west bound traffic around SSHS.

School crossing guards could be a solution. They pay for their own background checks.

3-D crosswalks could be a solution; they look like they are elevated but are actually flat.

Future Meetings

11-29 meeting with City from 1:30 to 3:00 at Anderson Auditorium at Library.

11-22 meeting with School District at SSHS from 3-4 pm in a classroom. Follow signs to classroom. Meeting is on how to best use bond money to solve traffic problems.

John Prohodsky