

AGENDA ITEM

#1 Introductions

BOARD MEMBERS:	PRESENT - <i>P</i>	ABSENT - <i>A</i>	EXCUSED - <i>E</i>		
ELISA ANGUIANO	<i>A</i>	LOLA HACKETT	<i>P</i>	SUSAN NAPACK	<i>P</i>
JEANNE BOATWRIGHT	<i>P</i>	TINA HANSEN	<i>P</i>	SAM SKILLERN	<i>P</i>
MARK DECOURSEY	<i>A</i>	LAURA HERRMANN	<i>P</i>	AARON TERPENING	<i>E</i>
TIM FRANCE	<i>P</i>	TERESA JOSLIN	<i>P</i>	MARISSA THEVE	<i>P</i>
CHRISTOPHER HACKETT	<i>P</i>	NICK MASELLI	<i>P</i>	PAUL TIGAN	<i>E</i>

Others present, or on Zoom: Michael Legorreta, Steve States, Peter Smith, Stacey Smith, Heather Feeney, and Brandon Gould.

Christopher moved that ***“We approve the April and June minutes as submitted.”*** Tina seconded the motion. Vote was 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

#2 Great Story from Grant Neighborhood

- Jeanne reported that our neighbor, Dustin Purnell, has moved from the principal position at Parrish Middle School to the principal position at North Salem High School.
- Mark reported that his garage was tagged and a neighbor kindly painted it out for him.
- At the National Night Out party at Cottage & Belmont, the street painting was gently pressure washed with shampoo. Some minor paint touchups will be coming soon.
- Mike Legoretta, operations supervisor with the Oregon State Fair, was present and talked about some of the new activities this year. Two new attractions are a high-dive presentation and a pedal car tractor pull. The rodeo will be held on the first and second Saturdays. The Espanol rodeo will be on Sundays. Concerts will open at 6:30 with the shows starting at 7:00. They will be over by 8:30-9:00. In other news, the Historic School House is now on the National Registry of Historical Places. Mike brought free admittance tickets for anyone who would like to attend the fair.

#3 Neighbor Concerns

- Marissa noted that the City’s Employment Payroll Tax will be put it to a vote, as the result of a successful petition signature collection. She commented that the tax is needed to keep the current level of city services.
- Neighbors at Winter and E street reported that the buckled sidewalk along their frontage was set to be replaced. The work was called off and a city employee stated that it was stopped because “. . . the Neighborhood Association chair said he was opposed.” They were in attendance to get more information. Sam assured them that no such thing was ever said and he knew nothing about the situation. He said he would contact the city Public Works Dept. and our City Councilor to try to get to the bottom of this and would report back.

#4 Officer Report

Officer Brandon Gould was present. He is the supervisor of the K-9 unit, which has 6 dogs. The kids bike rodeo will be held on August 19th at 10:00 am at Geer Park, off of State Street on Geer Drive. There will be an obstacle course, safety checks, and Scott Cycles will provide minor repairs and tweaks. Salem Fire Dept will be there and the Kona Ice truck, too. Two lieutenant’s, Treven Upkes and Brandon Bitto, have been promoted to Deputy Chiefs. National Night Out was successful. The officers had lots of positive interactions with adults and kids. They are still compiling the data on the citywide attendance. Currently enforcement activity is being focused on the downtown area.

#5 Councilor Report

Virginia was not in attendance.

#6 Board Officer Elections

Sam reported that, due to other commitments, Aaron does not wish to continue as co-chair.

After some discussion, Christopher moved that ***“We approve the following slate of Board Officer candidates:***

Co-Chairs – Sam and Marissa

Vice-Chair – Susan

Secretary – Jeanne”

Tina seconded the motion. The vote was 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

#7 Bylaws Section III

Marissa briefly reviewed what the section addressed and noted what parts were being looked at for editing. Proposed edits of Section III will be presented at our September meeting. Anyone interested in participating in the review process between GNA meetings, in preparation for the meeting presentations, is welcome to join the group. She is available to meet next Mon-Tue-Wed.

#8 Board Member Reports

- **CERT** - Lola reported that the city’s new Emergency Manager is Joe Hutchinson. A meeting next Thursday will work on scheduling future CERT training sessions. The Grant cache did get power washed and is ready to be repainted. The city will do the painting for us. A special thanks to Mark and Tim, who, along with helpers from Highland and Sunnyslope CERT teams, got the washing done.
- **Communications/Outreach** - Susan said the Neighborhood Enhancement funds from City Council was enough to get 6 Historic Neighborhood sign-toppers. She said that when the city crew is out to install them, she is going to ask them to move the one at Summer and D street from the southeast corner to the north west corner of the intersection so it is within the Neighborhood boundary. After they are installed, she plans to write a thank-you note to the Council.
Susan would like to know if anyone is interested in creating an outreach committee. This would be to both welcome new residents and to reach out to current residents who may not know that the Neighborhood Association exists or, if they do, may not know what we do. Please contact her.
- **Land Use Updates** – Paul was absent. Sam reported that the DevNW work at Evergreen Church has been mostly inside abatement and there have been some hangups with that. The next phase, probably starting next week, will be an uptick in the exterior work. They did accept our recommendation for the exterior paint schemes for the church and parsonage buildings.
In other developments: the 4-plex at 4th and Hood streets is going up; the construction of two homes at Belmont and Cottage streets are nearing completion; and, two duplexes on Jefferson, east of Capitol are done.
- **North Neighborhoods CPT** – Sam reminded all that they meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month. They are a Community Progress Team, that is a parallel organization to other community support groups, such as the Grant Neighborhood Association. They serve the entire North Salem High School feeder area. They have been instrumental in supporting and promoting community activities, such as: the Birds in the Parks activity this summer, where glass birds were hidden for park visitors to find and keep; The Hub, which, years ago, started as a bike repair program and blossomed into a shop that provides repair and maintenance training for those in need and interested; and, Salem Harvest, which organizes the collection of unharvested farm and backyard crops for distribution to the hungry.

#7 Other Business

- Lola said that there will be a grand opening/ribbon cutting at the veterans' apartments that have been built across from the new YMCA on Cottage Street. The event is at 10:00 am on August 10th.
- Mark asked if anyone had information on the Jason Lee Church Building. There does not appear to be any religious groups meeting there anymore. Sam said he would see what he can find out.
- The former nursing home structure on north Summer Street, that was being used for a pre-school lately, has a sign in the yard that it is now a Montessori Arts Based Pre-School.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Boatwright