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November 8, 2023 - SCAN Monthly Meeting Minutes

Board members present:

Jon Christenson, Christine Chute, Victor Dodier, Brian Hart, Ariel Loveall, Josh Peterson, John Prohodosky, Ron Rubel, Jim Schepcke, Jeff Schumacher, Brian Sund, Carol Snyder, Lorrie Walker, Evan West, Mark Wigg

Roz Shirack's absence was excused.

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

President Victor Dodier called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm with a quorum present.

1. Questions and Answers with Mayor Hoy.

Mayor Hoy introduced himself and provided a brief description of his background. He grew up in Garibaldi. His first work experience was working for a commercial fish processing company unloading fishing boats. In 1987 he graduated from Willamette. Mayor Hoy was the Clackamas County Sheriff's Department Undersheriff before he retired in 2019 having worked for 30 years in law enforcement. He has lived in Salem since 2004. In 2017 he was elected to Salem's City Council in a special election. He was elected Mayor in 2021. His interests are homelessness and housing.

Mayor Hoy was asked if downtown Salem will have a grocery store in the near future. He said a grocery store has been actively recruited. Companies that have been contacted about opening a downtown grocery store said they need a minimum population downtown before they will even consider opening a grocery store. Ravenwood Apartments on the Nordstrom's site and apartments on the Block 50 site where UGM was might provide the population needed for a downtown grocery store. Mayor Hoy has received letters from the owner of Grocery Outlet on D Street saying that Salem does have a downtown grocery store. Meeting attendees said that repeated phone calls to Trader Joe's Corporate office helped get Salem a Trader Joe's when the numbers didn't support one in Salem.

He was asked what drives him to do what he does. Public service. Since college his focus has been helping his community. He ran for City Council when a city councilor resigned after

making racist remarks. He didn't want to see Salem go to hell in a handbasket. As a sheriff's deputy Clackamas County invested a lot in him and he wants to give back.

Mayor Hoy was asked how likely Salem will get money from the State to help offset lost revenue in future City Budgets. He said he was both an Oregon Representative and City Councilor for a year. As a legislator he introduced a bill for payment in lieu of taxes. It didn't pass. The last time Salem received money from the State was in the 1970's when the State bought Salem a fire truck when the capital's wings were built. Mayor Hoy met with Governor Kotek and she acknowledged Salem's needs. He said the last redistricting placed Salem at a disadvantage. There are opportunities for the State to help Salem. Property taxes pay for 77% of Salem's police and fire budget. Ballot measures 5 and 50 were designed to cripple local government. He has convened a meeting of the Mayors of Oregon's seven largest cities, excluding Portland, to talk about sources of income.

An overview of Salem's sources of income and expenditures is [here](#).

The mayor was asked about downtown economic development. He said that the former site of Salem's city hall will be developed by a new owner. Block 50, the former site of the Union Gospel Mission, owned by the City has a second round of RFQ and RFP reviews. The reviewers are the Mayor, City Councilor Stapelton, and City Councilor Nishioki. Block 50 is regarded as the front door to downtown when people drive over the Center St. Bridge.

He was asked about Oregon's broken mental health system and what does it take to commit a person to the State Hospital who can't take care of themselves? He said the week before he started college his adoptive mom was committed to the State Hospital on a Police Officer's Hold (POH) and died there. While a State Representative Mayor Hoy passed a bill that helped with hiring and retaining county mental health workers. Marion County did not take advantage of it until recently. He gets a monthly report from Marion County on mental health services. Marion County has funds to pay for a mobile crisis center which they have not used. The Navigation Center has a few beds where police and sheriff can bring people who need low level stabilization. A secure residential treatment facility is being discussed.

The next question was about modifying Oregon's 1850 Constitution language on mental health. That constitution assigned providing mental health services to the counties. This means the State doesn't allocate funds to cities for the provision of mental health services. If a city wants to provide mental health services, it needs to ask the county for permission to provide those services.

The Mayor was asked if Salem has a list items whose maintenance has been deferred. He said Salem doesn't have a list; there is too much deferred maintenance items to list. Street maintenance is funded by the gas tax and bond measures. Gas tax revenue has been reduced by vehicles with improved fuel economy and increasing numbers of electric vehicles. When asked if deferred maintenance caused health hazards or dangerous conditions, the Mayor said that several small bridges had their weight limit reduced which means that fire trucks could not use them. The fire department uses an alternative route to avoid those bridges which may increase response time.

Mayor Hoy was asked why the Humane Society doesn't accept stray cats. The Oregon Humane Society has an MOU that, if signed by Marion County, will enable it to accept stray cats. Oregon law says no one owns cats. The County Commissioners might be persuaded if people attend a County Commissioner's meeting and make a case for the County to sign the MOU.

He was asked why Salem doesn't use speed cameras. Salem's municipal court doesn't have the capacity to handle more tickets. He is more interested in changing the behavior of drivers than issuing tickets.

The Mayor was asked about Salem's response to climate change. He said transportation is responsible for 40% of greenhouse gas emissions. Salem's suburbanization has been happening for a long time. New development occurs on the edges of Salem. Cherriots guarantees 15-minute service on bus routes that are on arterials (Cherriots' version of light rail) which made it possible to increase density along transit routes. The discussion included an observation that families might not find living on an arterial attractive and middle housing on narrow streets will not provide adequate on-street parking.

2. City and County Reports:

a. Councilor Nishioki

Councilor Nishioki shared her experience developing the mixed use building at the corner of State and Commercial Streets. The requirement to have 1 ½ parking spaces per residential unit made developing apartments on that site too expensive. When that requirement was eliminated, she was able to partner with a developer to build a mixed use building featuring studio apartments. The target market is students and medical professionals.

Linda is on the steering committee for the celebration of life for [Ron Eachus](#). His celebration of life will be held on January 6th at the Salem Convention Center.

Concern was expressed about mobile home park residents who are vulnerable to excessive increases in lot rental. Salem cannot do anything about preventing those rent increases. (Note: In mobile home parks residents own their homes and rent the lot their home is on.)

Victor Dodier said that those who are arrested for low level crimes were cited and released because the Marion County Jail doesn't have the capacity to hold them. Mayor Hoy said the jail is full of violent felons. The lack of public defenders delays their day in court, meaning jail cells are occupied longer than in the past. To house newly arrested offenders, the jail will release inmates to make room for them. When asked about the jail's release policy, he said he wrote the policy when he was jail commander. The trial rate needs to increase to free up beds at the jail. The lack of sheriff deputies is preventing a wing of the jail from opening.

There is a suspected drug house on Howard Court. Lorrie Walker took Narcan to that house and told them that if a person dies there they will have a serious problem.

SSHS students were seen going into the vacant house at the SW corner of Howard and Capital streets. There is a concern that kids might be exposed to toxic substances in that house. Deb Romano has talked to those students. SSHS staff, police and code compliance are aware of the house. The house is not on the [list of dangerous buildings](#).

A meeting attendee said that there is a homeless couple living in their car in front of his house since last summer. There is a Safe Parking program, overnight parking at participating churches, for those who are living in their car. ARCHES and the Church at the Park refer people to churches hosting safe parking. (See list of safe parking sites at bottom of page 5 of "[list of dangerous buildings](#).")

Often it takes multiple reports to get the City's attention. Problems should be reported often and, if possible, by multiple people.

Note: Concerns can be reported to the City online. You can:

- [Report Noise Complaints](#)
- [Report Concerns About Homelessness](#)
- [Report Neighborhood Problems](#)
- [Report Graffiti](#)
- [Report a Pothole](#)
- [Report a Signal, Sign, or Streetlight Problem](#)

Another attendee said there are people living under the Church Street bridge by Pringle Park and there has been an increase in crime in the area.

b. Sgt. Trevor Morrison, Salem Police Department

The Homeless Outreach Team is composed of two police officers and four public works employees. The team works four 10-hour days, Often the homeless are resistant to offers of help and other options besides living on the street. In addition to the Homeless Outreach Team, the police department has the Community Action Unit and Downtown Team which has a Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP) paired with an officer.

When Sgt. Morrison was on patrol he covered SCAN for over 20 years.

If you want to report a problem, you can contact Salem's Customer Service Center at (503) 588-7272. They will route your call to the proper organization or person.

With the holiday season there are things you can do to prevent theft:

- Don't start your car and leave it unattended to warm it up.
- Don't leave packages in your car.
- Use the package delivery service's package arrival notification.

3. The October 2023 meeting minutes were accepted without corrections.

4. Neighborhood Concerns

Salem Baseball Club

Luke Emanuel expressed concern about the letter of support for the MOU between the Salem Baseball Club, City of Salem, and Willamette University. His specific concerns were that the vote was listed and the letter said absent Board members were not pleased with the vote.

Brian Sund Moved to reconsider the vote and John Prohodosky seconded the motion. Evan West said SCAN board's practice has been to send issues to a committee which will make a recommendation to the Board. Christine Chute is sympathetic with Evan's view. Jon Christenson said Roz made a request not to make a decision about the MOU at October meeting. Ron Rubel said that remark is not pertinent to motion. The non-binding MOU starts the process. Ron called the question.

The vote was Yes – 4; No – 8; and Abstentions – 2. Motion failed.

Victor will revise the letter to reflect reconsideration vote.

Luke welcomes SCAN's future input; he wants to get it right.

Jon C. suggested setting up a working group. Luke welcomed the idea.

5. SCAN's Goals for 2023-2024

SCAN's third goal statement:

Support and encourage more medium density housing developments across the City and prohibit unoccupied short term rentals as they remove housing stock for Salem residents.

Victor proposed a clarification to SCAN's 3rd Goal, replacing the word "prohibit" with "oppose" in SCAN's 3rd goal statement. He said SCAN can't prohibit short term rentals, but we can oppose them.

The vote was Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstaining – 1. Motion passed.

Revised 3rd Goal Statement:

Support and encourage more medium density housing developments across the City and oppose unoccupied short term rentals as they remove housing stock for Salem residents.

Evan proposed a 5th SCAN Goal. He moved that SCAN adopt:

SCAN will champion the diversity of our neighborhood, and advocate for the myriad needs of the people to the City Council.

as its 5th goal. Jim Scheppke seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. SCAN Instagram account

Ariel Loveall introduced SCAN's Instagram account. She said it gained 30 followers in the past month. She explained the differences between Instagram and Facebook. Facebook is better at sharing and is used by older people. Instagram is used by younger people and is very personable. She encouraged us to send photos, events, and happenings to her to post on Instagram. John Prohodsky suggested that we could have contests that drive traffic to our Instagram account. Possible contests using Instagram would be best Christmas decorations, picture, etc. Evan said we should tell stories and mentioned the possibility of linking Instagram and Facebook. John P. that we could have a rouge's gallery, pictures of Board members, on our Instagram account.

7. Committee Reports and Chair Report

a. Land Use Committee

The Land Use Committee met in October. The Committee Chair's report (**Exhibit B**) is attached.

The adjustment in fence height for 567 High Street was approved.

b. Historic Preservation, Parks, and Gardens Committee

The Land Use Committee met in October. The Committee Chair's report (**Exhibit C**) is attached.

c. Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee met in October. The Committee Chair's report (**Exhibit D**) is attached.

The motion in the Transportation Committee's report:

SCAN requests the City of Salem take four actions concerning High Street SE:

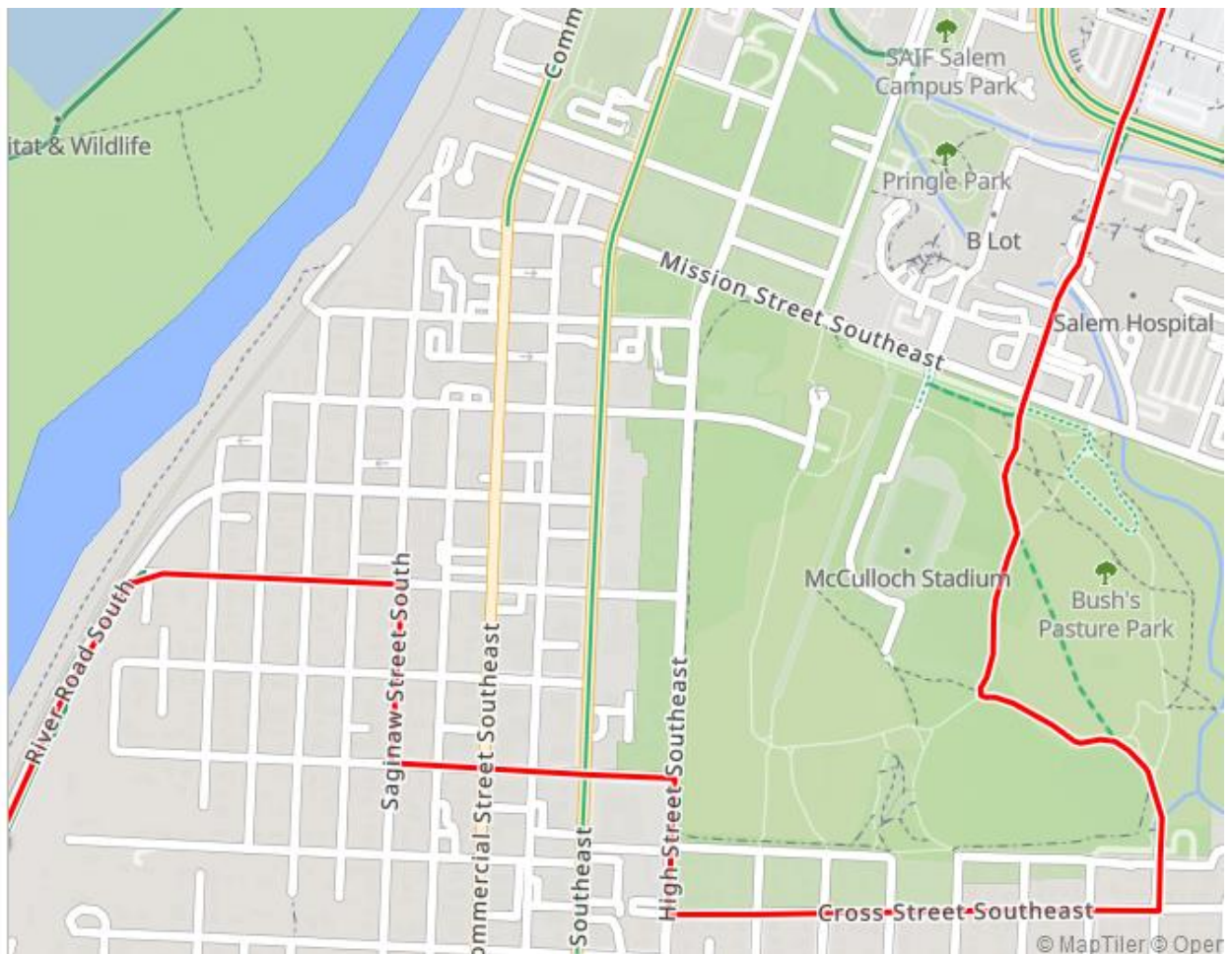
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2. Designate a family friendly bikeway on High Street SE from Vista St. SE to Leslie Street SE with a connection to the bikeway on Church Street SE at Leslie Street SE.
3. Implement effective traffic calming measures for High Street SE as outlined in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (figure 2).
4. Implement "20 is Plenty" on the entire length of the family friendly bikeway.

was discussed.

Victor was asked what is meant by “family friendly’ bikeway. He said it is a low traffic volume, low speed street that has signs saying it is a bikeway.

Ron said that “20 is Plenty” encourages law breaking (speeding). Christine said that reducing the speed to 20 mph on residential streets reduces pedestrian and bike injuries.

Jon C. said a section of the [Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway](#) goes through SCAN.



Route of Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway through SCAN

A few of the bikeways designated in the Salem’s Transportation System Plan have signs designating those streets as bikeways. Many do not.

Evan said Gaiety Hill residents were told they would need to pay for changes in traffic controls - signs, paint, speed bumps, speed humps, speed cushions, bulb outs, etc.

The traffic light at High and Mission Streets has a long red-light interval for traffic on High St. to deter traffic from using High St. If High St. is reclassified as a local street, City staff have indicated that the traffic light might be removed.

The vote on the motion was the motion was Yes – 10; No – 3; Abstaining – 1. Motion passed.

d. Chair's report

The Fairmont Hill Halloween parade was a success. There were 250 to 300 participants. Governor Kotek participated as King Neptune. Publicizing the parade was mentioned, but Christine D'Arcy said since the parade does not have a permit and publicizing it might not be a good idea. SSHS was open for tick or treaters on Halloween.

Jim S. mentioned that Salem is a participant in Dolly Parton's [Imagination Library](#) where children between 0 and 5 years old who are signed up get a free book a month. Parents can enroll their children on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49.

Exhibit A

Attendees for November 8, 2023 SCAN Meeting

Board Member	Email Address	Present	Board Member	Email Address	Present
Christenson, Jon	scan.50yrs.1973.2023@gmail.com	X	Schepke, Jim	jschepke@comcast.net	X
Chute, Christine	cachute@gmail.com	X	Schumacher, Jeff	jeff.schumacher@gmail.com	X
Dodier, Victor	vjdodier@teleport.com	X	Shirack, Roz	rozshirack7@gmail.com	E
Hart, Brian		X	Sund, Brian	sund60@icloud.com	X
Loveall, Ariel	oversunoversky@hotmail.com	X	Snyder, Carol	snyder2858@comcast.net	X
Peterson, Josh	joshua.g.peterson@gmail.com	X	Walker, Lorrie	dakotalor@msn.com	X
Prohodsky, John	johnmpro@gmail.com	X	West, Evan	evanwest714@gmail.com	X
Rubel, Ron	ronrubel@comcast.net	X	Wigg, Mark	mark_wigg@hotmail.com	X

Other Attendees

Linda Nishioki, City Councilor Ward 2
Sgt. Trevor Morrison, Salem Police Department
Luke Emanuel, Salem Baseball Club
Eric Salmon
Trish Dougherty
Bill Stark
Walter Perry
Charlene Benson
Wally Benson
Mayor Chris Hoy

Exhibit B
Land Use Committee Report

The Land Use Committee did not meet in person in October.

On October 17th we received a notice from the City of an application for a Class 2 Adjustment at 567 High Street SE. The requested adjustment would allow a six-foot fence along High St. when the code only allows a four-foot fence in that spot. The Committee members exchanged many emails about this requested adjustment and eventually voted (8 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstentions) to oppose the request. The approved comments are attached to this Report.

There are no new development applications to discuss.

Exhibit C

Historic Preservation, Parks, and Gardens Committee Report

SCAN Historic Preservation, Parks & Gardens (HPPG) Updates – October and November 2023

I. IN HONOR OF ROGER HULL, PROFESSOR EMERITUS, WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY

Roger Hull, Professor Emeritus of Art History at Willamette University passed away on October 5, 2023.

Dr. Hull was a leading advocate for protection of architectural, cultural and historic resources in the city, serving as a Chair of the Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC), and a member. With a Masters and Ph.D. in art history from Northwestern University, he was a person of gravitas in a city with a very weak record of historic preservation and innovative adaptive use/re-use.

Roger was the principal author, with his wife, artist Bonnie Hull, of the National Register (NR) nomination of Court-Chemeketa NHD (1987), almost tandem with the nomination of the Gaiety Hill/BPP NHD (1986) prepared by Dwight Smith, a SCAN resident, assisted by neighbors.

Dr. Hull was an early advocate building height moderation near NHDs and he opposed nearby 65-75 ft heights proposed by City staff. A leading author of books and articles on artists of the Pacific Northwest, he was a brilliant writer and teacher. In 1993, he was named Oregon Professor of the Year by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. In 2022, he received an Honorary Doctorate of Letters from Willamette University.

II. HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW Case No. HIS23-19 - 567 High Street - Proposal for a 6 ft metal front and side fences - Gaiety Hill/BPP NHD - front fence in the public right-of-right, on city property

This review has some complexity.

I apologize for the length. Or redundancy.

The application did not appear to have been in compliance with Chapter 230 HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

CITY HISTORIC PRESERVATION CODE Chapter 230, Subsection 230.035 (d)(2) Design, states "Fences shall be no taller than four feet in the front yard."

CITY HISTORIC PRESERVATION CODE Chapter 230, Subsection 230.020(a)(4) Relationship to other land use reviews. Projects that require historic design review may also require other land use reviews. If other land use reviews are requirements for development, such review shall be held prior to or concurrently with historic design review.

BACKGROUND

The applicant originally filed an application for a 4 ft front fence (Case No.23-11) in compliance with code. Each member of the HPPG Committee was sent a copy of the NOF for review.

HPPG Committee consensus was a 4 ft fence, consistent with the norm citywide, also SRC Chapter 230 has "no objections." I reported that Finding to the City Historic Preservation Officer. A 4 ft front fence is an administrative decision not requiring Commission review.

However, before a decision was made for a 4 ft front fence, the applicant withdrew the request. The applicant submitted a request for a 6 ft front fence (Case No.HIS23-19). I asked the City Historic Preservation Officer why was the earlier application withdrawn for the norm 4 ft., and new application (Case No.HIS23-19) submitted for above 20% height of the norm. The applicant had received an over supply of 6 ft metal fencing.

A copy of the new application, Case No.HIS23-19 NOF, I sent to each member of the HPPG Committee. A straw poll of the Committee members found 8 not supporting, 1 supporting a 6 ft front fence height.

On October 9, 2023, the Historic Preservation, Parks & Gardens Committee met in person, -- to complete a review of this proposal. Five attending members (5-0 vote) majority of the HPPG Committee supported the citywide norm of 4 ft -- not 6 ft.

Three additional members advised he or she did not support a 6 ft front fence. One member did (straw poll). Chapter 230.035 (HISTORIC PRESERVATION) reads "Fences shall be no taller than four feet in the front yard."

In Chapter 230 HISTORIC PRESERVATION, as mentioned earlier, there is the specific stipulation -- SRC HISTORIC PRESERVATION 230.020(a)(4) that other land use reviews are to be achieved in advance "prior to" or application "concurrently with historic design review."

There was no evidence in the Notice of Filing (NOF) that stipulation of Salem City Code HISTORIC PRESERVATION Code was occurring -- taking place. Research of the NOF found, (1) the land was not in title to the applicant: it is City property -- and (2) an Adjustment is required when a front fence is 20% above the norm.

County tax maps clear show the fence would be outside of the Sadowski property.

Those review Findings were reported to City HLC Staff as well as the norm for a front yard fence citywide is 4 feet.

And a copy of those Findings were sent to members of the SCAN Land Use Committee.

III. SPIF: FAIRMOUNT PARK SPRUCE UP 2023-2024

At the October 2023 meeting of the SCAN Executive Board, the Board received a report on the SPIF program from Keith Norris, Vice Chair, on the Salem Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (please see October SCAN Minutes).

Board member Mark Wigg expressed an interest in Fairmount Park upgrades. At the request of the SCAN president Victor Dodier, Mark and I worked together to formulate a proposal for a fire

safety-removal of invasive plant species initiative at the base of the lower park area. Three areas on the west edges of the park, lower area, have been identified for possible fire hazard review and opportunity for removal of invasive species. Also a need for a mutt mitt dispenser near the rest rooms in Fairmount Park. I gave the concept to the City Urban Forester for SPIF consideration. Victor signed the concept paper to make a 10/31 frame for submitting ideas. The details still need work. Still in rough form. **Formal application is due January 31, 2024.**

Next week, I will walk the areas with Board member Mark Wigg.

Mark has solid experience in Fairmount Park, and was instrumental in the Arbor Month clean up, removal work of invasive species with other volunteers, neighbors in April 2023. Bonnie Heitsch suggested the mutt mitt dispenser. Restores a dispenser that was near the rest rooms, disappeared. A number of years ago, our current president, Victor Dodier, personally donated funds for a mutt mitt dispenser.

In December before the Christmas-New Year Holidays or afterwards, the HPPG will meet. Very busy time for folks and certainly with families.

Exhibit D

Transportation Committee Report

The SCAN Transportation Committee met in the Fairmount Cottages community room at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, October 18, 2023. Attendees: Victor Dodier, Jim Scheppke, Cheryl Hummon, Mark Wigg and Brian Sund

The agenda was:

- Report on South Salem High School traffic study
- Review committee recommendation concerning High Street SE
- Pedestrian Safety / Road Diet for Liberty Street S.
- Other items suggested by committee members

South Salem High School Traffic Study: Victor reported that he and Gary Obery attended a meeting at SSHA to discuss the traffic study conducted by DKS Engineering after the school remodel project was complete. Other attendees included school district staff (Joel Smallwood, Karma Krause), SSHA staff (Tara Romine), and neighbors (Christine Heyen, Libby ??).

Smallwood provided background for the study. It was a commitment by the district to study the effect of the remodel project on traffic in the area after the project was completed. Work was done in February 2023. As noted before, there is a small amount of money remaining in the remodel project budget (approx. \$15,000) that could be used for traffic calming measures.

Victor noted that there was some confusion whether Rural Avenue SE was classified as a collector street or a minor arterial. The distinction is important because it affects the kinds of traffic safety measures the City will consider for Rural. Also, he commented at that the study omitted mention of the City's Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP). He thought oversight odd since DKS worked on both the NTMP for the City and the Safety Study for the School District. After the meeting, Victor verified that Rural Avenue SE is classified as a collector street. He sent Smallwood that information plus a link to the NTMP.

The draft report lists improvements that could be made, ranging from improvements that might cost nothing or a small amount (\$) to those that might be expensive (\$\$\$) ... see attached. School staff selected starred, low cost items as preferred on the assumption that those items might be done within the project budget.

Transportation Committee members commented that the Safety Study should reference the NTMP. Committee members suggested an improvement not covered in the report: covered bike parking, for some of the bike parking areas around the school. Some improvements, such as painting SHARROWS on Rural Avenue and repainting the yellow "NO PARKING" zones at intersections, are just paint and should be done immediately.

Change High Street Classification: The Committee revisited the wording of its recommendation concerning the classification of High Street SE. The highlighted text below is reprinted from the September committee report for convenience.

Victor provided background on this issue. In September 2021, the SCAN Board approved the following motions:

1. SCAN requests the City of Salem change the designation of High Street SE from a collector street to a local street from Trade Street SE to McGilchrist St. SE in the Salem Transportation System Plan;
2. SCAN requests the City of Salem designate a bikeway on High Street SE from Trade St. SE to McGilchrist St. SE with a connection to the bikeway on Church Street SE at Leslie Street SE.

The motions adopted in 2021 were based on discussion over several months about how to best route a family friendly bikeway from downtown to South Salem. The current Transportation System Plan showed a north/south route on Church Street, going through Bush's Pasture Park and onto Church Street to McGilchrist. The committee had discussed two routing options through the park: along the multi-use path and on the soap box derby track. The discussion concluded that neither route was desirable. Instead, High Street was preferable.

SCAN's recommendation has been waiting for work to begin on the Transportation System Plan (TSP) update. This work was to begin in 2022, but has been delayed as the City responded to deadlines set by DLCD's Climate Friendly / Equitable Communities rule.

Committee members decided that SCAN should proceed with its request since the TSP update has been delayed. However, after some discussion, the decision was made to update the motion:

- The routing proposed in the old motion would not work as a family friendly bikeway. The hill on High Street is an obstacle. Alternatives around the hill were discussed: Trade Street SE to the multi-use path or through the SAIF parking lot. Members decided to propose the routing from McGilchrist to Leslie with a connection to the existing family friendly bikeway on Church Street.
- There is too much traffic (about 5,000 average daily trips) on High Street and it travels too fast to be a family friendly bikeway. Traffic calming measures will slow traffic and might discourage some drivers who are using High Street to avoid congestion on Liberty and Commercial. What traffic calming measures? The City recently adopted the "Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan" provides options for consideration. Some are listed for collector streets, but there are more options for local streets.

Proposed Motion:

SCAN requests the City of Salem take three actions concerning High Street SE:

1. Change the designation of High Street SE from a collector street to a local street in the Salem Transportation System Plan from Trade Street SE to Fairview Ave. SE.
2. Designate a family friendly bikeway on High Street SE from McGilchrist St. SE to Leslie Street SE with a connection to the family friendly bikeway on Church Street SE at Leslie Street SE.
3. Implement appropriate traffic calming measures for High Street SE as outlined in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan.

The committee revised the wording to request that the entire length of High Street SE should be designated as a “family friendly bikeway.” It was noted that the bikeway on Church Street was not designated as a “family friendly” bikeway. Committee members also thought it was better to be specific about the traffic calming measures; those appropriate for a local street are listed in figure 2 of the NTMP. And, finally, the City has applied for funding for new speed signs to implement “20 is Plenty” on local streets across the City. The Committee added a fourth point: High Street SE should be signed for 20 mph throughout the entire length of the family friendly bikeway.

Proposed Motion:

SCAN requests the City of Salem take four actions concerning High Street SE:

- 1. Change the designation of High Street SE from a collector street to a local street in the Salem Transportation System Plan from Trade Street SE to Fairview Ave. SE.**
- 2. Designate a family friendly bikeway on High Street SE from Vista St. SE to Leslie Street SE with a connection to the bikeway on Church Street SE at Leslie Street SE.**
- 3. Implement effective traffic calming measures for High Street SE as outlined in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (figure 2).**
- 4. Implement “20 is Plenty” on the entire length of the family friendly bikeway.**

Pedestrian Safety: The City implemented a “Submit a Traffic Safety Concern” tool on its NTMP page. Jim pointed out that the tool expects the individual submitter to suggest a solution for the safety concern. Developing a solution to a safety concern is a job for traffic engineers who are experts rather than Salem residents.

Victor pointed out that the dot map that goes along with the Traffic Safety Concern tool shows are large number of submissions. Only a few have been evaluated and very few projects are listed as funded. SCAN has commented on bike/ped projects that are in the SKATS long range transportation plan (most of the comments were “do it sooner”). Committee members felt that the dot map should reflect projects that are scheduled.

Victor said that he would pass these concerns on to Kevin Hottmann, the City’s Traffic Engineer.

Liberty Street S: We returned to a familiar discussion. Liberty Street S north of the “S” curve is three lanes. The street width gives drivers the “signal” that it is safe to drive much faster than the 30 mph speed limit.

The City is putting other wide streets (i.e., Broadway Street NE, Pine Street) on a road diet, narrowing two lanes in each direction to one lane in each direction with center turn lanes and bike lanes. If Liberty Street S is put on a road diet, perhaps with parking on the east side, traffic speeds can be brought down.

Submitted

Victor Dodier

Chair, SCAN Transportation Committee

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TABLE 3: POTENTIAL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

IMPROVEMENT	KEY SAFETY ISSUE(S) ADDRESSED			COST ESTIMATE (\$ - \$\$\$)
	Speeding	Pedestrian Safety	Intersection Safety	
* Coordinate with City staff to turn on the existing overhead 20 mph school speed zone signs on Howard Street during school start and end times	x	x		No Cost
Install stop sign on Oxford Street approach to Church Street intersection			x	\$
* (Re)paint curbs yellow within 50 feet of intersections to restrict parking and improve sight distance.		x	x	\$
* Street art on Church Street fronting school	x	x		\$
Stripe a crosswalk on the east leg of Rural Avenue at Winter Street with a center refuge median; ensure that school buses can maneuver (see Figure 6)	x	x		\$\$
* Install flexible in-roadway centerline pedestrian crossing signs at all marked crosswalks		x		\$
* Install Speed Feedback Radar Signs on Rural Avenue (see Figure 7)	x	x		\$\$
Replace 20 mph school speed zone signs (7am – 5pm) with “When Flashing” signs on Rural Avenue	x			\$
Install curb extensions at intersections at Cottage Street and Summer Street intersections on Rural Avenue to reduce pedestrian crossing distance (ensure that school buses can maneuver)	x	x		\$\$\$

- SSHS choices – isn't that SSHS didn't like the expensive projects, only that they are expensive.

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Install pedestrian refuge island on the south leg of Church Street/Howard Street (see Figure 8)		x	x		\$\$
Raised treatment at Church Street/Oxford Street – Select only one raised treatment. See Note 1 Below.	Install raised crosswalks on the north and south leg (see Figure 9)	x	x		\$\$\$
	Install raised intersection (see Figure 10)	x	x	x	\$\$\$
Install center medians on the Rural Avenue approaches at Church Street to laterally deflect vehicles and reduce speeds and improve pedestrian safety (see Figure 11)		x	x		\$\$\$
Install bike lanes on Rural Avenue (requires removal of on-street parking on both sides of road)		x			\$\$\$

Note 1:

Both raised treatments require relocation of stormwater drains and other utilities. Both treatments would also require the loss of one or two parking stalls on the southeast corner of the intersection.

The raised intersection treatment would additionally require barriers (e.g., bollards) on the sidewalk to protect the pedestrian plaza in front of the school from vehicle intrusion.