

SESNA meeting minutes Sept. 22, 2020, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

- 7 p.m. / Welcome, approval of August minutes
Attendees included Tammy Menkerud, Luke Gmazel & Allen Dannen, both city engineers, Darwin (for a while), Arnaud, Shannon, Dave M, Jason VanMeter, Salem Police, Darrin, Jeff, David T, Seleste, Tom Andersen (until dinner).

August minutes were approved.

- 7:10 p.m. / Neighborhood concerns
Concerned neighbors reported in an email that a vacant house on 22nd near Hyde was occupied by squatters who moved in and lit a fire that lit the building on fire and Arnaud referred them to city code enforcement.

- 7:20 p.m. / Guests

Tom Andersen: City Council updates: city resources for wildfire/smoke help.

Tom: Richmond park, State St, Our Salem. Park: Public Works says there shouldn't be signs on city field fences. Tom will talk with Peter Fernandez about Richmond, and will talk about Aldrich also. State St: SESNA/NEN letter to city was very good. Tom will talk with Lisa Anderson-Ogilvie and report back to us on possible progress. Our Salem – Council work session tomorrow, 9/23, no public comment but all emails to the council will be seen. There will be an opportunity for public comments at a Zoom webinar (meeting ID: 948 5547 1183) at 11am on 9/29. Tom will be meeting with Jim Scheppke and Phil Carver of 350 Salem to discuss Our Salem and the Climate Action Plan, and there are some great comments on breakfastonbikes.blogspot.com site about Our Salem.

Luke Gmazel, Senior Project Manager, proposed re-zoning for Public Works Shops construction project.

Public Works – proposed rezoning of city shops. Luke presentation. Zoning to be uniform PS, from mix of IG and IC and PS, to make redevelopment easier. The presentation is on the city site at: online-voice.net/salemsshopsrezoning/ will be up for 2 more weeks, until Oct 6. They would like our feedback and whatever other input we can generate via Facebook.

Milan Davis, new urban forester (tentative): update on tree ordering/planting – will attend a future meeting.

Jason V: SPD have been helping out in Santiam Canyon; they're seeing the usual car break-ins and thefts this summer – lock your cars with no valuables visible! His service phone (city cell) is 503-932-1474. SPD appreciates neighbors reporting suspicious activity. The homeless sweep this morning at Market & I-5 was an "outreach" stemming from Neighborhood Association concern, state police and SPD; needed clean-up. On dealing with drug paraphernalia, the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion program with ARCHES, specifically Josh Lair and Hank Krapser are working community/drug issues and can be contacted for neighborhood issues.

SPD also will respond to animal cruelty issues. Can call non-emergency line or 911 if an emergency ("If it gets your heart beating faster and you start breathing harder. And it's shocking to the conscience," call 911.)

7:45 p.m. / Old business

- Joint SESNA/NEN letter supporting State Street Corridor project progress – Tom appreciated this letter and will follow up with City Planning.
- School district/city parks sign confusion update (Richmond, Aldrich parks) – See Tom’s comments above.

• 8.00 p.m. / New Business

- Share/discuss resources to help neighbors during disasters (not discussed)

Jeff: The proposed new stormwater plan doesn’t accommodate the volume of water from Salem Ditch and the Santiam River during a flood event at all. It was a major contributor to the 2012 flooding. He will write a letter to send to the Council. Tom urges us to speak up at the council hearing 9/28. Firststreet.org is a stormwater assessment site we can use to assess our own homes’ flood danger.

On the new apartments on 16th, we will ask developer for landscape and stormwater plans.

• 8:15 p.m.: Project/committee updates

- Beautification Com. (on hold, but cooking)
- Digital Assets Com. (Web, social media)
- Flood Watch Com. – see Jeff’s comments above.
- Land Use Com.
- Parks Com.
- Liaison Capital Park Wesleyan Church – David reports Habitat for Humanity is now building the two new homes! Church services and activities are happening again, with masks, distancing, food pantry, and they will be involved with warming center this winter.
- Liaison Schools
- Liaison South Salem Connect – SSC and SLF continue important and impressive work on homeless support.

• Adjourned at 8:45