

Salem State University Neighborhood Advisory Committee

May 3, 2017 – Minutes

Attendees: Chairman Dominick Pangallo, Adria Leach, Marcia Lambert, Ben Szalewicz, Councillor Josh Turiel, Polly Wilbert, Councillor Steve Dibble, Dana Lothrop, Jack Hoar

Absent: Captain Riggs

Guests:

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of April 5, 2017 Minutes

- Approved
- Going forward there will be a list of items requiring follow up to the end of the meeting minutes

3. Construction Updates

A. Sophia Gordon Center for the Creative & Performing Arts – *Ben Szalewicz, SSU*

- The area where the trailers were kept has been cleaned up.
- Marquee software is still not performing correctly. It is unable to be dimmed.
 - It is supposed to have a timer, the ability to be dimmed, and go off at night.
- Councillor Dibble asked if the contractor used the city sidewalk to build the front stairs.
 - Ben advised the contractor said they did not use any of the sidewalk owned by the city.
- **Questions/Comments**
 - Councillor Dibble thanked SSU for opening their door to Salem residents for the show.
 - He asked if Salem residents would be getting free admission to shows going forward.
 - Adria advised that has not been determined yet, but hoping there will be a discount or free tickets for residents.

B. 287 Lafayette Street

- Councillor Turiel advised that new screening has been planned and the sound issue has been resolved.
- The plan is to have the new screening installed this month & then go back to the Historic Commission for approval.

4. Old Business

A. Garage Update – *Ben Szalewicz, SSU*

- In beginning stages of getting a design and quote to have garage & people doors installed. This would allow the doors to be locked when the garage is not in use.
 - Jack asked when the doors would be locked.
 - Ben advised it would be when resident halls are closed.
- Adria and Ben advised the doors will hopefully be installed over the summer.
- Councillor Dibble stated that he has observed the garage is often only half full.
 - Adria advised it will vary day to day based on class schedules, she believes that the garage is at capacity at certain times.
 - Councillor Dibble asked that Adria bring the capacity numbers to the next meeting.

B. North Campus precinct study

- Ben advised they have asked Sasaki for a proposal to do the parking study.
 - Councillor Dibble asked what the purpose of the parking study is.

- Ben advised SSU wants to get an understanding of what their current parking needs are, and future potential needs.
- Councillor Dibble requests that the issue of students parking on Loring Ave be involved in the study.
- Polly asked if there is a way that the city can identify when the residential areas are being used for parking.
- Councillor Turiel said there are students who have stickers and are choosing not to use them by parking in residential streets.
 - Adria advised they run into the issue that they are not parking in restricted parking. They are parking legally, just not where they should be.
 - Adria asked if there is a city regulation how many days' people are allowed to leave their cars parked on the street.
 - It is 3 days
 - Adria asked if the ticket enforcement officer can ticket those cars parked longer then the three days.
 - Chairman Pangallo advised they can ticket for all parking violations, which this would be. He will discuss with the parking director.
- Councillor Turiel reminded the group that sometimes when you start parking enforcement in the neighborhoods to get the students out, sometimes residents end up being ticketed as unfortunate result.
- Councillor Dibble would like to have an ongoing agenda item about finding parking during the O'Keefe lot construction.
 - Chairman Pangallo advised that the drainage project will be an ongoing agenda item & the parking will be part of that agenda item.
- Jack asked if the drainage project was a University project or City project.
 - Chairman Pangallo advised it is a city project.
- Polly asked when the dorms closed for the summer.
 - Adria advised May 12.
- Graduation is May 20th for undergrad and the 18th for Graduate students.
 - North Shore Community College Graduation is on the 25th at O'Keefe.

C. Horace Mann Laboratory School relocation

- Chairman Pangallo does not have an update
- Councillor Dibble asked if there is any way to have nursing lab swing space available
 - Adria advised they are not there yet
 - Ben advised that they need to get the final plans and costs
 - Adria advised that financing is a big part of this project and dependent on that
- Polly asked if there are conversations between NSMC and SSU about space that may be available with the changes taking place at NSMC.
 - Not aware of any conversations going on at this time.
- Polly asked where they on the timeline of new President search.
 - Adria advised finalists will be announced later this week.
 - They are hoping to have someone hired by the end of the June.

D. Neighborhood Disturbances

- Dana said the music on the weekends starts before 9am, goes all day and is disturbing the neighbors.
 - Adria said that no complaints have come in to SSU from the neighbors about the speakers/music.

- Marcia stated that they have complained about the music at O'Keefe during Lacrosse games.
- Adria advised they have had the music turned down.

5. New Business

A. SSU Baseball Field Parking

- Councillor Dibble shared he met with Adria about the baseball parking.
- Councillor Dibble said the announcer is supposed to tell people not to park on Monroe and Lincoln.
- Councillor Dibble would like to make sure that people are told baseball parking is at Central Campus and that signage is added to indicate where the parking is.
 - Adria advised that there are signs on Lincoln and Monroe. The signs say "No bus parking" and have arrows.
 - Adria advised they are changing the sign to read "All ballfield parking is at Central Campus parking, 71 Loring Ave." They will be including the address so people can enter in their GPS.
 - Temporary signs will be going up soon.
 - Councillor Dibble requested a police officer be there to direct traffic for the first half hours of the games.
 - Adria advised that they are still looking to see if that is feasible.
- Dana asked if there was verbiage about music/announcement noise level in the rental agreement.
 - Adria advised she can send the agreement (MOU) to Chairman Pangallo and he can circulate it to the committee.
 - Councillor Dibble advised that the agreement states that they can use a speaker system so long as it meets the city noise ordinance.
 - Councillor Dibble requested Chairman Pangallo get the details of the city noise ordinance and send out to the group.
- Polly requested that appropriate follow up happen with the coaches to make sure they are communicating with families as to where they should be parking when attending games at the ballfield.
 - Councillor Dibble asked Adria to provide him with the language given to the Salem High School coaches so he can follow up with them.

B. May 6: Clean Salem 9am – 11am, Bike Path and Monroe Street along marsh

- Bike path
- Pickman Park marsh area
- Water side of Leggs Hill Road
- 11:30 Pizza on the common
- Adria advised they have communicated to students to volunteer

Other Items

- Ben shared SSU is in negotiations to buy 66 & 68 Loring Avenue. He advised there is no intention to move the businesses that currently occupy that building.
- Councillor Dibble asked what the plan for use is.
 - Ben advised to secure the land, and a facilities shop.
- Polly advised someone at 68 Loring Ave parks in front of the building, which is on the sidewalk. She requests that someone suggest to him that he park elsewhere.

- Chairman Pangallo asked if committee would like defer meetings during the summer, as in years past.
 - Will discuss in June meeting
- Chairman Pangallo shared that Saturday June 17th at 9:30am is the dedication for the O'Keefe fire station. (64 Loring Ave)
- Councillor Dibble requested to have a meeting about students crossing the street from central campus to CVS.
 - Adria suggested Councilor Dibble call Chief Butler about the issue as it is a city street.

6. Adjourn

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 7, 7:00pm Enterprise Center

Follow Up Items

- Adria to send MOU of the baseball field to Chairman Pangallo so he can circulate it to the group along with city noise ordinance to assess if any changes need to happen.
- Screening for 287 – needs to be approved by Historic Commission