

Salem State University Neighborhood Advisory Committee

November 1, 2017 – Minutes

Attendees: Chairman Dominick Pangallo, Adria Leach, Ben Szalewicz, Councillor Josh Turiel, Polly Wilbert, Councillor Steve Dibble, Dana Lothrop, Captain Richard Riggs, Jack Hoar, Marlin Nabors

Absent: Marcia Lambert

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of October 4, 2017 Minutes

- Approved with edits

3. Construction Updates

A. 287 Lafayette Street – Ben Szalewicz, SSU

- Ben shared an update from David Pabich. The material to finish the screening has been received and hope to have it installed ASAP.

4. Old Business

A. Comprehensive parking study

- Sasaki is expected to send SSU a draft survey this week.
 - SSU hoping to get survey out to community by next week.
- Adria has forwarded received concerns to Sasaki.
- Polly asked if Sasaki has contacted SPD about citation data.
 - Adria will follow up with Sasaki about obtaining the data.
 - Chairman Pangallo advised it's the collector's office that would provide the data.
 - Dominick and Adria will follow up separately as to which streets the data should be collected for.

B. Horace Mann Laboratory School relocation – Dominick Pangallo

- Site visit went well.
- Will let district know by end of the calendar year if its ready for next phase. Next phase would be a more detailed feasibility study. They process would last from January 2018 to end of fiscal year.
- Councillor Dibble asked what the previous study was done to relocate Horace Mann.
 - Chairman Pangallo advised it was a light study that didn't include MSBA regulations
 - Councillor Dibble requested investigating if they can use the first study, with modifications as needed to meet the MSBA regulations.
 - Chairman Pangallo will follow up and advised it's a state process not a city process.
- Polly asked for a check list of what the process is to be able to estimate a timeline.
 - Ben advised the steps are listed are the MSBA website.
 - Chairman Pangallo will send out website information.
- Councillor Dibble asked Adria from an update from SSU on the relocation.

- Adria advised they do not have a current update but will bring one for the next meeting.

C. Baseball field activities

- Dana stated the neighbors greatly appreciated not having music played during the recent baseball games.
- Councillor Dibble thanked the University for agreeing to that request.
- Councillor Dibble asked for an update on the signage at the baseball field.
 - Adria advised that she is waiting for confirmation on approval of verbiage on the signs.
 - Commitment from SSU is that the signs will be up before the next season.
 - Councillor Dibble requested to have them up the week before the season starts.

D. Neighborhood disturbances

- Polly advised that Wisteria Street has continued to be a problem.
- Marlin advised that they have not received any reports from SPD from Halloween weekend or Halloween, yet.
- Councillor Turiel advised there was incident at the Wisteria Street house. Police arrived as the party was being dispersed.
 - Marlin asked if it was the first floor or third floor. Councillor Turiel was unsure, but will follow up.
 - 12 Hazel Street – fine given to tenants, over 100 people dispersed from a house party.
 - Councillor Turiel will continue discussions with Sargent Harry Rocheville.

5. New Business

- Dana advised the fences/gates on the bike path have been put back up and neighborhood thankful.
- Councillor Dibble addressed the issue of parking in the neighborhoods. He recently did a count of cars and found that at South Campus at 10pm there were 265 empty spaces between commuter and dorm resident spots. There were 158 cars parked on Loring Ave during this time. Councillor Dibble wants SSU to find a way to move the cars from Loring Ave to the empty parking lots.
 - Adria advised that this is the reason why they are doing a parking study.
 - A neighbor asked how they know they are dorm students.
 - Councillor Dibble advised he has spoken to many of the students.
 - Polly asked when the new signage is going to posted. (Harrison Road & Loring Ave)
 - Councillor Dibble advised in ten days or so.
 - Councillor Dibble advised a neighbor from Jefferson Ave has called to complain that students have started parking there.
 - Dana asked if students register to vote using Bates dorm as their address, will they be able to get a resident parking pass.

- Councillor Turiel advised that the majority of dorm students would not be able to provide enough proof of residency to obtain a resident parking sticker.
- Councillor Dibble asked for an update at the next meeting, as to what steps are being taken to prevent students from selling their parking passes.
- Councillor Dibble expressed concerns about what the students are going to do when the new parking restrictions take place. He wants to know where they are going to park.
 - Councillor Dibble requested help from SSU to help with this issue.
- A neighbor asked how many parking spots are available for students.
 - Adria advised Sasaki has that information.
 - Neighbor asked how many students are at SSU, Adria advised total student population is 9,000.
 - Neighbor expressed concerns about developing more parking brings the students who do not currently bring cars, want to bring their cars.
- South Salem train stop
 - Councillor Turiel added that Beverly has a few train stations throughout their city without parking issues. He hopes that could be the case in Salem. He also suggested that shuttles from the train would help that potential problem.
- A neighbor asked if there was thought about having a parking lot somewhere else in the city and have a shuttle to the University.
 - Adria advised they have tried that and students did not use it.
 - Councillor Turiel agrees with this approach but it has to be done right.
- Councillor Dibble is going to do a brochure drop on students cars who park on Harrison/Loring, as well as residents, letting them know about the parking changes that are taking place.
 - Councillor Dibble is going to have students contact Salem State traffic division if they have any issues.
 - Councillor Dibble requested that SSU let them park at South Campus.
 - Adria will look into this possibility.
- Dana suggested waiting to see what the students do before new solutions are created.
- Polly asked when the office of Intuitional Advancement is moving.
 - Ben advised this month.
 - Polly suggested that would open spaces for people to get off Loring Ave. She also suggested when the administration moves that will create additional parking spaces.
 - She asked how many spaces are moving off campus to the new building.
 - Ben advised they have 42 spaces at the new building. Adria advised that they are staff/faculty parking. Ben advised that there will be some spaces that open up at Upper South campus.

- Ben advised they are doing some repairs at O'Keefe due to a water leak.
 - Chairman Pangallo asked for timeframe of the work.
 - Ben advised will most likely start this month and be done in January.
- Neighbor asked for 121 Loring Entrance update
 - Ben advised they were hoping it would be done by now and planning to have it done ASAP.

6. Deferred Items (no current updates)

- a. Science building addition
- b. Canal Street drainage project

7. Adjourn

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 6, 7:00pm Enterprise Center

Follow Up/Action Items

- Weekend activities hosted at SSU for students – from Oct Meeting
- List of streets in South Salem that parking enforcement officer is walking – from Oct Meeting
- SSU to provide an update on their status of the Horace Mann/South Campus Relocation at December Meeting
- SSU to provide update on steps being taken to prevent students from reselling parking passes
- Dominick to send out the link to the MSBA information with checklist to committee