

**Salem State University Neighborhood Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, September 5, 2018, 7:00 P.M.**  
**Enterprise Center conference room, SSU Central Campus, Loring Avenue**

**Called to Order:** 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Polly Wilbert, Dana Lothrop, Adria Duijvesteijn, Ben Szalewicz, Councillor Steve Dibble, Councillor Josh Turiel, Marlin Nabors, Dominick Pangallo

**2. Approval of May 2, 2018 Meeting minutes:** Approved as corrected

**3. Construction Updates**

**a. Roof repair projects:** Bowditch Hall roof is 95% complete, about one day left. Crane located on College Drive with one lane closed. Meier Hall roof is still underway and should be done by mid-October. Crane is located in a loading dock space, so no traffic impacts. Committee members observed the projects had gone well and there had been no complaints from neighbors about them over the course of the summer.

**4. Old Business**

**a. 33 Loring Avenue building (former Horace Mann Laboratory School):** Ben reported that SSU is pleased with how SPS cleaned out the building. It is currently empty and the university will evaluate possible uses during this year, most likely connected from a planning standpoint to the new science building project. Councillor Dibble stated that the HMLS Kindergarten Play House is still in the building and asked if it could be relocated. Dominick indicated he would check with SPS facilities staff about this. Councillor Dibble asked if the building was secure. Ben replied that it is and it is locked. Any reuse would trigger code upgrades, so there are no plans for reuse of the building at this time. Councillor Dibble pointed out that components of the play structure on the play ground at HMLS may be reusable elsewhere if they were in good condition. Polly suggested they could be used at Palmer Cove Park. Ben stated that the university would work with the city to allow access to these structures in the event that they would like to move them.

**b. Science building addition:** Ben reported that Salem State's proposal for a Science Teaching Laboratory Addition has been named a Readiness Determination Project by the state. Although the project was not selected to move forward as New Major Projects in the FY19 capital plan, these proposal warranted further study. It is one of five public higher education projects on the "readiness" list across the state and the university will work with DCAMM on this study. The university is currently planning on reapplying for funding in the Fall of 2019.

**c. Canal Street drainage project:** Dominick reported the City is now looking to probably bid the project in the Fall. The City is still working on parking displacement/alternatives with SSU and final elements of the engineering required for the project.

**d. Neighborhood disturbances:** Councillor Turiel reported a party at 18 Hazel Street; Salem PD was called and SSU received a report from CIU. Marlin stated that SSU had distributed an informational brochure to commuting students about off-campus living. Polly requested a copy of the brochure be sent to the committee and Dominick said he would send it out by email. Marlin continued that new this year

the university was working pro-actively with CIU to preemptively visit and engage with tenants at addresses that had been problems in past school years. Councillor Turiel stated that 7 Holly Street had one unit still open and had been problematic address in the past. At 21 Wisteria Street, the Building Inspector reversed his earlier finding based on new information and allowed for the third unit, but the landlord is now working better with the neighbors about the property. There have been no party calls there yet. Dana observed it was sold as a three-family property a long time back, before 1965. Councillor Turiel said 10 Linden Street has also been a problem, but no calls there yet. Regarding move-in for the semester, Marlin reported that there were no issues and all went smoothly. Adria confirmed her office received no calls or complaints. Polly reported a twin bed had been left out at the corner of Grant Road and Loring Avenue.

## **5. New Business**

- a. Polly requested an update be provided at a future meeting on the status of the MBTA bus shelter previously located at the Loring/Jefferson intersection.
- b. Councillor Dibble thanked the university for removing the old walkway exiting the main Loring Avenue doors on the Central Campus classroom building. He asked if there was any update on his plan for additional parking lot construction on central campus. Ben said there was nothing new, but the university is looking at trying to implement striping recommendations that could also net additional parking spaces.
- c. Councillor Dibble indicated that the 4-hour parking signs are up on Loring Avenue, but need some small adjustments, which he'll communicate to Salem DPW.
- d. Polly asked for an update on weekend events on campus for students. Marlin said they are working on a calendar, but it will not have student-planned events as they are not aware of those. Adria shared an announcement about the #DiscoverSalem contest to encourage students to learn more about what there is to do in Salem. Marlin pointed out there are lots of official events on and off campus for helping new students transition into college life.
- e. Councillor Dibble asked if there had been any comments from students regarding the Loring Avenue parking restrictions. Adria said that there was not any she was aware of. Councillor Turiel indicated that neighborhood parking enforcement would begin in earnest this week and asked if the university could leaflet cars parked on-street with SSU permits on them, to educate those students about their on-campus parking options. Adria said they would look into the idea.
- f. A member of the public asked if there was any plan to dispose of the Harrington Building in the immediate future. Ben said there was not as it was still needed by the university for classes and offices, and the university's priority in the immediate future was the science building.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, October 3, 2018, 7pm, SSU Central Campus, Enterprise Center conference room

**Adjourned:** 7:49 p.m.