

Salem State University Neighborhood Advisory Committee
October 2, 2019 – Minutes

Attendees: Chairman Dominick Pangallo, Ben Szalewicz, Adria Duijvesteijn, Dana Lothrop, Polly Wilbert, Captain Richard Riggs

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Approval of August 7, 2019 minutes
 - a. Approved
3. Old Business
 - a. Neighborhood disturbances
 - i. Councillor Dibble reached out to Adria about a party on Raymond Road. Adria had directed him to community impact unit at SSU.
 - ii. Polly advised there were a few noise complaints in the police log on streets in Ward 5.
 - iii. Councillor Dibble shared that he has been getting complaints about a house on Jefferson Ave (396). That has multiple members of the hockey team living it, and hosting parties. They built a fire pit in the backyard, neighbors concerned about fire safety. There is a couch on the front lawn.
 - iv. Scooter workshops – Polly asked how they went. Ben advised there was a workshop held which pushed for safety.
 1. Dominick advised that downtown will be a 5mph zone during October. The “No-Go zones” (scooter motors shut off) will be extended during October as well.
 2. Councillor Dibble expressed concerns about usage of the scooters after dark.
 3. Polly expressed her concerns about scooter usage; no helmets, riding on sidewalks, two people on one scooter, women riding using sandals. Adria will follow up about promoting scooter safety with students.
 4. Neighbor expressed concern about scooters being able to be rented with any ID that is scannable. Councillor Dibble will follow up on this issue.
 - b. Salem Diner
 - i. RFP closed last Friday. Review of proposals is taking place now. Hoping to award on 10/8.
 - c. Science building addition – SSU BOLD project – Ben S
 - i. Still in process in obtaining funding from the state to fund new labs.
 - ii. Looking to have a new addition to Meir: 7 new labs in Meir, and reno of Horace Mann, and moving programming from South Campus to Horace Mann. This proposal is significantly smaller than original proposal. Wet

labs would be bio & chem. Looking to have peer review done this month of proposal. Councillor Dibble asked if he could provide support in anyway. Adria suggested a letter possibly.

- d. South Campus
 - i. Legislation to sell is still in progress.
 - 1. Hoping it will come out very soon.
 - 2. Sasaki will assist in engaging with city & university as to what will be done with South Campus.
 - a. 2 public mtgs will be held, most likely in October and December. Dates have not been set, group will be notified & dates posted on city website when determined.(Oct & Dec)
 - 3. Councillor Dibble has asked that some of the land be dedicated to conversation land. Adria advised the community meetings will be a place to share that. DCAMM will have control of the property. Councillor Dibble expressed his appreciation to SSU for allowing public access to the Forest River Conversation Land on their property, and having students help maintain it.
 - 4. Polly asked about the Bates complex. Ben advised that the general thought is that Bates would be part of the sale of South Campus.
 - 5. Dana asked how much vacancy in dorms currently. Ben advised that there is not much vacancy in the dorms right now. SSU has turned some doubles into singles, which has reduced the vacancy percentage.
 - a. Dana was looking for percentage of student population in dorms. Adria will f/u with this number.
 - 6. Polly asked about parking after the sale of South Campus.
 - a. Ben advised that as part of the study they are looking at how to make better use of the property they currently have to gain more parking spaces.
 - b. Councillor Dibble thanked SSU for their support on enforcing parking on Loring Ave.
- 4. New Business
 - a. 2020 Meeting Dates
 - i. February 5, 2020 – will decide at this meeting if a March mtg is needed.
 - ii. April 1, 2020 (TBD)
 - b. Chairman Pangallo asked for SSU to provide parking during parking bans in winter. Adria will confirm.
- 5. Deferred Items (No current updates)
 - a. Canal Street drainage project
- 6. Adjourn