

Salem State University Neighborhood Advisory Committee

June 7, 2017 – Minutes

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

Absent: Captain Riggs, Jack Hoar

Guests: David Pabich

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of May 3, 2017 Minutes

- Approved

3. Construction Updates

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

- Project is considered complete.
- Polly asked why there are not handrails on the ramp going into the theater & expressed concern of it being a safety issue.
 - Ben advised handrails are not required and that it meets the code without them, but will share this concern with the designer and DCAMM.
 - Councillor Dibble requested to do a walk-through of the walkway with Ben. Adria will join the Councillor for the walk-through.

B. 287 Lafayette Street – *David Pabich, Salem Renewal*

- Historical Commission approved screening and additional screening for Lafayette side.
- Waiting on details from structural engineer on how they will attach the screening to the structure.
- Expectation is that screening will be installed within a month or two.

4. Old Business

A. Garage Update – *Ben Szalewicz, SSU*

- Roll up doors have been installed.
- Next step is to install people doors.
 - Plan is to have them installed in the next couple of weeks.
- Adria will provide garage capacity numbers when Sasaki completes the parking study.
 - Councillor Dibble asked for a time frame on the study. Ben advised the study will not begin until September.
- Councillor Dibble asked if there has been a policy change for freshman and sophomores bringing cars to campus.
 - Adria advised freshman are still not allowed to bring cars. There has been no change in the policy on sophomores to her knowledge.

B. North Campus precinct study

- Cost estimates being completed.
 - Adria will send out once completed.

C. Horace Mann Laboratory School relocation

- Waiting for answers from MSBA
 - No other updates until a response from MSBA is received.

D. Neighborhood Disturbances

- Adria advised they are still addressing the baseball field parking issue.

- Councillor Turiel shared that the trash during student moveout was not as bad as previous years.
- Chairman Pangallo advised that the civilian parking enforcement officer for the South Salem Neighborhood will be relocated to Derby Street area, the Willows, etc for the summer.
- Polly asked if there has been a decrease in apartment rental availability for students given the current real estate market.
 - Dana shared there is a large lack of apartment rentals right now.

5. New Business

A. Summer Meeting Schedule

- Will postpone summer meetings until September 6, unless necessary to meet in August.
- Polly would like SSU to develop and share a policy of how SSU will handle the possibility of a marijuana dispensary opening close to campus. Requested the policy of medical marijuana, vape, and edibles included.
- Councillor Dibble advised he is in conversations to make both sides of the section of Loring Ave between Jefferson Ave and Dead Man's Curve, resident only parking. Councillor Dibble would like to know what SSU plans to do with the students who park there now, if it becomes resident only.
 - Adria advised they will need to park where they are permitted or leave their cars at home.
- Councillor Dibble advised ballfield parking is still an issue. Requested to sit down with Adria & Alan to discuss a better plan.
 - Adria advised because it is a public street they can't force people not to park there.
 - Ben suggested that SPD attend the meeting to offer solutions.
 - Councillor Dibble thanked SSU for repairing the fence on Monroe Road. Asked that they stain the fence a green color.
- Councilor Dibble thanked SSU for allowing the neighborhood to have voice during the President search. Asked when his appointment vote is.
 - Adria advised June 20

6. Adjourn

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

Follow Up Items

- Dominick to share Horace Mann relocation timetable when he knows more information and hears back from MSBA.
- SSU's policy on smoking and developing a policy on how they will handle if a dispensary does open close to campus. Add to September Agenda.
- Adria to provide garage capacity numbers when Sasaki finishes parking study.
- Ben to provide update on adding handrails on slope walkup at theater.