

Salem State University Neighborhood Advisory Committee

April 4, 2018 – Minutes

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

Absent: Jack Hoar

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of February 7, 2018 Minutes

- Approved

3. Construction Updates

No active construction

- Polly asked for an update on the drainage project piece that would be taking place in the O'Keefe lot.
 - Chairman Pangallo & Councillor Turiel advised that it will most likely not start until late summer. They stated that the work for the final phase has not been put out for bid yet.
 - Chairman Pangallo reminded the group that it is a year, plus long project.
- Councillor Turiel advised the Canal Street project is scheduled to finish in July.

4. Old Business

A. Baseball field activities

- New signs have been posted
- One neighbor has mentioned that people are ignoring the signs.
 - Adria confirmed with the Athletic Director that SSU has shared where people should be parking.
 - Polly shared that there is a sign at the foot of the path that shows the address as number 70, not 171 which is the correct address number.

B. Neighborhood disturbances

- Polly shared Mr. Kapantais's obituary with the committee.

C. Items for Follow Up

- Bus Stop
 - The bus stop has been relocated past the diner on Loring Ave. Councillor Dibble requested a shelter be added. Dominick will follow up with Dave. (Will keep this item on the agenda)
- Students reselling parking passes
 - Captain Riggs stated there is no law that prohibits students from doing this. The issue has been referred to student life, and the university plans to make tighter controls around this issue for next year.
- Weekend Campus Activities
 - Student life is restructuring and have merged two offices. They are working to get additional resources to help create programming on campus for the students.

- Polly requested that as the warm weather approaches, the university reminds students to be mindful of their neighbors and keeping the noise level down. Councillor Dibble stated this reminder has been helpful in the past.

5. New Business

A. 33 Loring Avenue building (current Horace Mann Laboratory School)

- SSU does not have a plan on what they are going to do with the property yet.

B. Science building addition

- Adria believes they will hear back in early summer on the funding. Application was submitted in December.
- Chairman Pangallo asked if the construction plans were completed.
 - Adria advised the design has not been done yet.

C. Harrison Road building (current Harrison building)

- Councillor Dibble requested this agenda item is retitled to: South Campus
- Councillor Dibble would like South Campus evaluated as a possible education center/school.
 - Mayor Driscoll and President Keenan have agreed to this meeting. Mayor Driscoll will the meeting through the School Committee as it is their jurisdiction.
 - Chairman Pangallo will share with the committee when that meeting gets scheduled.

Other Comments

- Sasaki is planning to present their final results of the parking study at the May 2nd meeting.
- Dana is looking for the gate, which has been removed again. Councillor Dibble requested Chairman Pangallo follow up with David Knowlton.

7. Adjourn

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 2, 7:00pm Enterprise Center

Follow Up/Action Items

Bus stop shelter

Weekend campus activities for students

Deferred Items (no current updates)

- Canal Street drainage project
- Science building addition
- South Campus buildings
- 33 Loring Avenue building (current Horace Mann Laboratory School)