

Salem State University Neighborhood Advisory Committee

February 1, 2017 – Minutes

Attendees: Chairman Dominick Pangallo, Adria Leach, Dana Lothrop, Polly Wilbert, Councillor Steve Dibble (for first half), Captain Riggs

Absent: Ben Szalewicz, Marcia Lambert, Councillor Josh Turiel, Jack Hoar

Guests:

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of January 4, 2017 Minutes

- Approved with edits

3. Construction Updates

A. Sophia Gordon Center for the Creative & Performing Arts – Adria Leach, SSU

- A temporary Certificate of Occupancy has been issued.
- The theater sign has arrived but a date has not been set for installation.
- Polly asked if the size of the sign was as originally presented.
 - Adria will send the original presentation to Chairman Pangallo to send to the group. (Chairman Pangallo emailed this to the group on 2/6/17)
- There will be an upcoming neighborhood invitation event at the theater.

• Questions/Comments

- Dana asked on behalf of another neighbor how long the trailers will be at the theater.
 - Adria will follow up & get a date for when they will be removed
- Polly asked about the sidewalk measurements that were discussed during the November meeting.
 - Adria advised that Ben did have them measured & she will follow up with the group on the measurements.
 - Chairman Pangallo advised from the city side, the sidewalks meet regulations.

B. Administration Building Energy Upgrades – Adria Leach, SSU

- All issues that had previously come up with the plumber have been resolved.
 - Some work will need to be completed over the weekend, as power needs to be turned off. Turning off the power should only effect the building.

C. 287 Lafayette Street – Adria Leach, SSU

- David has advised he is working with the historical commission on the HVAC screening issue.
- Adria has requested that he present his solution to the committee when it is decided.
 - He agreed and estimated that should be in April.

4. Old Business

A. Garage Update – Adria Leach, SSU

- Issues with the sensors continue to be a problem.

- SSU has met with the vendor on the topic. The vendor is investigating why the sensors are not working properly. Hope to have an answer for the March meeting.
- **Questions/Comments**
 - Polly suggested due to the Sasaki presentation at the March meeting, there will not be enough time for other agenda items. As such, she suggested updates on other agenda items are provided via email. Dominick agreed updates could be provided via email.

B. North Campus precinct study – Adria Leach, SSU

- There will be a presentation at the SSUNA March meeting.

C. Horace Mann Laboratory School Relocation *(this was discussed as the first item at the meeting due to Councillor Dibble needing to depart early)*

- Councillor Dibble shared that representative Tucker was asked to remove legislation prior to the January 20, 2017 deadline.
- Rep. Tucker prepared legislation to file that would authorize DCAMM to dispose of the South Campus property.
- SSU asked Rep. Tucker to postpone filing the legislation until the university's Board of Trustees and the Salem School Committee could have an opportunity to review it and so that a better legal review of whether the legislation is even necessary could be completed.
- The City, school district, and SSU, are commencing a review of the statutes and outreach to MSBA to begin the funding process, as well as a review of potential logistics to effectuate the relocation of HMLS to Harrington and of Harrington's programs to other locations on the university campuses.
- Councillor Dibble commented he expressed his desire to the Mayor to have the Horace Mann building remain owned by SSU to continue the relationship between the Early Ed department at SSU and the Horace Mann Lab school. Adria advised the relationship will continue regardless and added Saltonstall is also a SSU lab school, which is not owned by SSU.

D. Neighborhood Disturbances

- Polly referenced the Salem Police log stating it reported 4 students had been caught smoking marijuana off-campus. A discussion took place in regards to students smoking in the parks/neighborhoods as marijuana becomes legalized and campus is smoke free. Captain Riggs advised that it will become a city problem. Adria advised she will share the concerns of the neighborhood on this issue with the Dean of Students.

5. New Business

6. Next meeting: Wednesday, February 1, 2017, 7:00pm Enterprise Center