

Board Members Present: Jon Christenson, Chrisine Chute, Carel DeWinkel, Victor Dodier, Bill Holmstrom, Jesse Irizary, John Prohodsky, Ron Rubel, Jim Scheppke, Jeff Schumacher, Roz Shirack, Brian Sund, Carol Snyder, Lorrie Walker and Mark Wigg (15). Guests were present as well. **See Exhibit A - Attendance Roster**

President Lorrie Walker called the Zoom meeting to order about 6:30 pm with a quorum present.

### 1. Approval of Minutes

Victor Dodier noted spelling corrections of two guests' names. Roz Shirack moved approval of the January 13, 2021 SCAN minutes as revised. Jon Christenson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### 2. WIX Approval (not on the agenda)

Lorrie said that Irma Dowd (city staff) had asked SCAN for a motion to pay for its Internet service. There was discussion about what this covered. The City pays expenses for the web site (<https://www.scansalem.org/>) from SCAN's Communications Funds. The cost is \$156 for the year. Jon moved that the SCAN Board approve the \$156 expenditure. Roz seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

The Board discussed Zoom service. SCAN is using Jim Scheppke's Zoom account. He indicated that he uses his Zoom account for many purposes and that he did not want reimbursement. Thank you, Jim.

### 3. City and Councilor Reports

Councilor Andersen discussed the legal concept of "preemption." The State preempts city legislation on carrying firearms openly. Other examples of State preemption include pesticides and real estate transfer taxes. What this means is that the City cannot adopt ordinances on these topics; state law prevails. He mentioned the State preemption on open-carry because Rep. Clem has introduced legislation to allow local government to control guns on their property.

Jon Christenson commented that cities, counties and all other forms of local government are political subdivisions of the State. The State can determine what its political subdivisions are able to do.

Councilor Nordyke reported on several issues. **Homelessness.** The temporary shelter (100 capacity) at the State Fairgrounds was full within 24 hours of opening. The shelter appears to have drawn unsheltered people from downtown, Wallace Marine Park and around the Market Street interchange. She noted that the shelter doesn't have fridges or freezers, limiting the shelter's food offerings. **Housing.** There are almost 8,000 people in various housing programs in the area. **Mobile Response Unit.** She continues to work with legislators and others to support mobile response units. Introduced HB 2417 would set up a state match grant program. The first hearing for HB 2417 is scheduled for Feb. 24. For more information about HB 2417:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Measures/Overview/HB2417> **Climate Action Plan.**

The Task Force was scheduled to meet during the week of Feb. 15. For more information about the Climate Action Plan: <https://salemclimateactionplan.com/strategy-development>

Nadene LeCheminant posted a link in the chat to ideas on the Climate Action Plan put forward by 350 Salem. <https://www.350salemor.org/salem-ghg-reduction-goals/>

Brian Sund commented on the needs of individuals sheltering at the State Fairgrounds. Clothing, food donations could be made to the Church at the Park. Jon asked about donations to Chef Tod, who is preparing food. **Resp.** Contact Chef Tod.

Should SCAN send a letter of support for HB 2417? **Resp.** Yes. Councilor Anderson noted that the City's Legislative Committee has not reviewed HB 2417 yet. The bill may get the highest level of recommendation.

Jim Scheppke asked Councilor Anderson if the Legislative Committee would review all the climate change bills. **Resp.** Likely yes. There are a lot of them.

**4. Guest: Brian Clem, State Representative, District 21**

Rep. Clem began with a discussion of bills on State preemption of gun control. His bill, HB 3005, is broad in the sense that it would repeal the State preemption. Sen. Burdick introduced SB 585 is more narrow in that it would repeal the preemption as it applies to publicly owned property. He provided some background on the State preemption. For more information about either bill: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Measures/Overview/HB3005>  
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Measures/Overview/SB585>

He noted that the "safe storage" bill supported by Moms Demand Action will come first.

Rep. Clem said that he is chair of the House Special Committee on Wildfire Recovery. This is a new experience for him. He has been on agriculture-related committees through most of his career in the Legislature. The Committee is charged with putting together a package to support the recovery. For instance, he noted, that septic problems have long plagued communities in the canyon. The package may include support to bring sewer systems up to current code. Other examples include debris removal, wiped-out local government property tax bases and school systems whose children have moved away.

Jon asked about whom keeps stockpiles of the supplies needed respond to emergencies and if the stockpiles are sufficient. **Resp.** Rep. Evans is in charge of the emergency management issue. Rep. Clem noted that the issue is spending for supplies that may not be used.

John Prohovsky asked what the preemption bills might cover. **Resp.** The bills might leave local government to do what they are able to do.

Peter Bergel noted that he had been part of the campaign in 1980 that stopped nuclear power development. He asked about several bills (SB 360, HB 2332, and HB 2692) that would allow small nuclear power plants. **Resp.** Not aware of the bills. Bergel said he hoped they would not get a hearing.

Roz asked how limits on campaign contributions might work, given the Citizens United decision. **Resp.** Oregon voters approved a constitutional amendment that allows limits at the state level. Oregon has no limits. Other states have limits on state level campaigns.

Brian asked if the City could be held libel for a gun-related incident on city property. **Resp.** Councilor Andersen noted that there are no fences around the courts; anyone may bring a suit.

Nadine asked what folks could do to support gun control legislation. **Resp.** Moms Demand Action is focused on the "safe storage" bill that was moving through the 2020 session before the walkout. Letters of support from constituents are always helpful. With everything being remote, anyone can testify via Zoom on bills. He referred people to his chief of staff, Dan Balm, at 503-986-1421 (Rep. Clem's legislative office).

Lorrie Walker commented that she sees many former state hospital patients among the homeless. Is there anything moving forward to put money back into group homes? **Resp.** Not familiar with the group home issue; must look into it.

Victor Dodier noted that the State Hospital was downsized and Fairview was closed in the 80s with the promise of increase funding for community-based mental health. The money never materialized or, if it did, it has been taken back to deal with other issues. **Resp.** Yes. Rep. Clem reflected on the fight over closing the School for the Blind. The community programs never came to be. Oregon ended up paying more to send vision-impaired students to the Washington State School for the Blind.

John commented that the State had reduced reimbursement rates for group homes. Many closed as a result. **Resp.** Yes. Group home people had come in to say that they would not be able to continue in operation before the Legislature reduced the rates.

Lorrie asked when and where would the Committee on Wildfire Recovery meet. **Resp.** The Committee meets Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30PM. The Committee has a flyer: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/231642>  
The Committee's web page is: <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/committees/2021R1-HWREC/>

## 5. Announcements and Neighborhood Concerns

Brian and Angela Feiring live in Candalaria just south of City View Cemetery. They reported on their issue with the crematorium's exhaust. The soot and smells when the exhaust is cooling down are making their yard unusable. They have contacted both DEQ and the City. DEQ did an onsite survey this summer during the wildfires with little result. DEQ is not monitoring the crematorium.

The Feirings are hoping to get neighbors together. Discussion ensued. Roz suggested contacting Brady Rogers at City Code Enforcement. The Feirings have contacted the City; no help there. Mark Wigg asked if a change to the City Code might be helpful. **Resp.** Yes. Brian noted that the Feirings live in SWAN. Have they gone to the SWAN Board? **Resp.** Not yet; they will appear at SWAN next month. Jim suggested that the Feirings circulate a petition. Also, post on Nextdoor.

Brian commented on, and thanked, Mark for his work on the Fairmount Park Trail.

Brian recalled that he participated in the Polar Plunge fund-raiser for Special Olympics last year. This year's event will be virtual. He provided the link in the chat: <https://support.SOOR.org/fundraiser/3081027>

## 6. Committee Reports & Chair's Report

**Land Use.** Roz provided the Land Use Committee report by email (see Exhibit B). She noted that the "Our Salem" land use map has been revised. It proposes a "neighborhood hub" at the intersection of Summer St. and Fairview. "Our Salem" is going to City Council on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Board members expressed concern during discussion. Roz was not certain whether City Council would approve the "Our Salem" map including the neighborhood hubs or make a high level approval.

*Note: After the meeting, Roz checked with Eunice Kim. She learned that City Council would approve the map, including the neighborhood hubs. The Land Use Committee revised its position statement by email. The revised position statement will be reported in the March minutes.*

**Transportation.** Victor Dodier emailed the January 20<sup>th</sup> Transportation Committee report to the board (see Exhibit C).

**Historic Preservation, Parks and Gardens.** Jon Christenson emailed his Committee’s report to the board (see Exhibit D).

**Chair’s Report.** Lorrie did not have anything to report.

**7. Adjournment**

Lorrie adjourned the meeting about 8:35 pm.

Submitted by Victor Dodier, SCAN Secretary

**Exhibit A**

**Attendees for February 10, 2021 SCAN Zoom Meeting**

Board Member	Email Address	Present?	Board Member	Email Address	Present?
Christenson, Jon	<a href="mailto:edscannewsletter@gmail.com">edscannewsletter@gmail.com</a>	X	Rubel, Ron	<a href="mailto:ronrubel@comcast.net">ronrubel@comcast.net</a>	X
Chute, Christine	<a href="mailto:cachute@gmail.com">cachute@gmail.com</a>	X	Schepcke, Jim	<a href="mailto:jschepcke@comcast.net">jschepcke@comcast.net</a>	X
DeWinkel, Carel	<a href="mailto:cdewinkel@comcast.net">cdewinkel@comcast.net</a>	X	Schumacher, Jeff	<a href="mailto:jeff.schumacher@gmail.com">jeff.schumacher@gmail.com</a>	X
Dodier, Victor	<a href="mailto:vdodier@teleport.com">vdodier@teleport.com</a>	X	Shirack, Roz	<a href="mailto:rozshirack7@gmail.com">rozshirack7@gmail.com</a>	X
Edwards, Delmy	<a href="mailto:ride2myhouse@yahoo.com">ride2myhouse@yahoo.com</a>		Sund, Brian	<a href="mailto:sund60@icloud.com">sund60@icloud.com</a>	X
Holmstrom, Bill	<a href="mailto:williamh@gmail.com">williamh@gmail.com</a>	X	Snyder, Carol	<a href="mailto:snyder2858@comcast.net">snyder2858@comcast.net</a>	X
Irizarry, Jesse	<a href="mailto:irizarry@gmail.com">irizarry@gmail.com</a>	X	Walker, Lorrie	<a href="mailto:dakotalor@msn.com">dakotalor@msn.com</a>	X
Prohodsky, John	<a href="mailto:johnmpro@gmail.com">johnmpro@gmail.com</a>	X	Wigg, Mark	<a href="mailto:mark_wigg@hotmail.com">mark_wigg@hotmail.com</a>	X

Other Attendees
Councilor Tom Andersen
Councilor Vanessa Nordyke
Nadine LeCheminant
Brian and Angela Feiring
Dick Yates
Pam
Monica McQueen
JJ Sweeney
Susan Arbor
Chris D’Arcy
Peter Bergel
Ellen Stevens
Rep. Brian Clem

## Exhibit B

### SCAN Land Use Committee Report for February 10, 2021

The Committee did not meet in January.

**Our Salem Comprehensive Plan Update.** The Committee continues to monitor the Our Salem project. President Lorrie Walker sent the SCAN position statement adopted January 13, 2021, to City Council and staff. The proposed comprehensive plan map was revised after SCAN adopted its position statement. There were several changes in SCAN:

(1) Fairmount and McKinley neighborhood parks, have been changed to “Park” designation, as SCAN requested. Gilmore Field will be re-designated to Community Service Education, since it is owned by the school district. This is consistent with how other school district properties are designated.

(2) The revised map now shows seven properties at Fairview Ave and Summer St designated as Neighborhood Hub, which would allow, but not require, small-scale commercial uses. This was done because Fairview is a collector, has some multi-family, sidewalks, bus service, and nearby school and park. It was also suggested in a survey comment. Staff also looked at Hoyt and Vista, but thought Fairview Ave was a better fit. Staff believes a Neighborhood Hub would not generate more vehicle traffic, because it is limited to small-scale commercial uses within walking distance for residents. SCAN supports neighborhood hubs, but I suggest we (Transportation Committee?) look at the traffic impact of a neighborhood hub at that location, given our historical efforts to balance traffic volume on the Fairview/Vista couplet.

The revised comprehensive plan map also shows large areas in SESNA changed from the current multi-family designation to single family, which seems odd. Eunice tells me this was done to preserve the existing affordable single family neighborhoods. Keeping the multi-family designation could lead to redevelopment of existing affordable housing and destabilize the area. HB 2001 now requires up to 4 units on a single family lot, so more housing can be achieved without up zoning the area.

The Planning Commission will review the proposed Our Salem vision and comprehensive plan map designations at its meeting February 9, followed by City Council’s review February 22. If City Council accepts the proposed comprehensive plan work to date, staff will proceed with revising the zoning code and zoning map for Council adoption by the end of this year. The Committee will work with staff to determine what mixed-use zones should be applied along Commercial St., consistent with SCAN’s position statement on Commercial St. mixed-use.

**Proposed development.** The Committee is reviewing a request for redevelopment at 1460 Commercial St SE at Leffelle St for a new plastic surgery clinic. The outpatient clinic is allowed in the existing Commercial Office zone and no adjustments to development standards are requested.

The Committee is also reviewing a preliminary request for a 6-unit multi-family development at 2633 12<sup>th</sup> St. SE., but has not yet received notice from the City of the complete application.

Submitted by Roz Shirack, Chair

## Exhibit C

### January 20 SCAN Transportation Committee

Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Victor Dodier, Carel DeWinkel, Lorrie Walker, John Prohodsky, Jim Scheppke, Mark Wigg

Agenda:

- Discussion of a new bikeway along Willamette Slough. Field trip?
- Letter of support for City application to ODOT for completion of Pringle Creek Path from Civic Center to Riverfront Park. Does anything else need to be done?
- FY 2020 - 2024 Capital Improvement Program
- Other items suggested by committee members

#### Field trip

We scheduled a “field trip” of the route of a possible Willamette Slough bikeway for January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:15. The route would follow an old access road on the west side of the Portland and Western RR track from downtown (Bellevue St.) to the eastern most parking lot at Minto-Brown Park.

The walk itself took about an hour. I made a video of the walk from Minto-Brown to the PNWRR trestle. The video “fast forwards” thru the walk to give you an idea of what the route looks like today. *[I am a video beginner. The video is a bit jerky in places. It is about 7 1/2 minutes long and has limited narration. I put the video in a shared Dropbox folder. It is much too large (over 1 gigabyte) to share by email. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/vdwy4i3r6uxqbc/WillametteSloughBikeway.mp4?dl=0> ]*

#### Letter of Support

I put the letter of support for the City’s grant application on the agenda only to ensure it did not fall through the cracks. The letter of support was written. Nothing else needed to be done.

#### Capital Improvement Program

Mark had thought that the City was not spending money on bike improvements. Instead, he found that the City is spending a lot of money, but on improvements to busy streets, painting bike lanes.

This morphed into a discussion of how sidewalks and bike lanes are developed. When development occurs farther out, the sidewalks and bike lanes, unlike water and sewer lines, are not extended to the development. This leads to a disconnected patchwork.

#### Other Matters

How do we slow traffic on Liberty? As we’ve discussed before, traffic speed on Liberty S. is too high. The City hose count data did not capture traffic speed on Liberty S. I asked Kevin Hottmann at the City what methodology the City might accept for citizen-gather data on traffic speed. He indicated that he was requesting a new tool to monitor traffic speed.

City Gas Tax? Jim noted that 30 cities have a local option gas tax. The range is from 10 cents per gallon (Portland) to 1 cent per gallon (Hines / Woodburn). Would a city gas tax be a way to raise money for bike/ped improvement? Yes, provided the improvements were in a street right-of-way. I commented that local option gas taxes have been proposed in Salem, but that vigorous opposition from petroleum distributors had defeated them.

## Exhibit D

### Historic Preservation, Parks & Gardens Updates for Feb. 10, 2021 Board meeting

#### 1. Major Design Reviews

No Major Design Reviews occurred before the Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) in January 2021 or early February 2021.

#### 2. Letter in Support of City Application for Pringle Path ODOT Funding

A letter of support was sent by SCAN President Lorrie Walker to the Oregon Department of Transportation PATHS Program (February 2021). Action to follow up on SCAN Board Motion at January 2021 Meeting. Letter notes long involvement of SCAN neighbors for a "Greenway" along Pringle Creek, walk of Gaiety Hill residents Susan Miller and Dr. Dave Craig, Chair of the Willamette University Biology Department, along the waterway with Councilor Chuck Bennett (Ward 1) in 2008; support of Councilor Tom Andersen (Ward 2), former SCAN President, advocate for pedestrian paths and bikeways.

#### 3. Bush's Pasture Park/Deepwood Estate Gardens Cultural & Landscape Management Plan (CLMP)

Progress continues. Results from a second survey by the consultant, *Greenworks*, have been compiled, and sent to the SCAN Board (January 2021). The pandemic has modified the timelines for the project, however, it is generally on schedule, and a first Draft CLMP Plan should be available by April 2021. A presentation (by ZOOM) will be made to the SCAN Board: an element of the work plan.

Because of COVID-19, the public outreach process has been changed. Most of the public outreach will be done on the City of Salem website, also virtual Open Houses, surveys. Survey results are being posted. Please sign up for CLMP alerts on the website. Often called, Salem's "gem" this area is the central public space of the SCAN Neighborhood. A short 5 minute introduction to this effort is also available on YouTube: <https://bit.ly/BushandDeepwoodCLMP>.

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Jon Christenson