

AGENDA ITEM

#1 Introductions / Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS:	PRESENT - <i>P</i>	ABSENT - <i>A</i>	EXCUSED - <i>E</i>		
JEANNE BOATWRIGHT	<i>P</i>	LOLA HACKETT	<i>P</i>	NANCY PARFET	<i>P</i>
ERIC BRADFIELD	<i>P</i>	JAY HOWE	<i>P</i>	SAM SKILLERN	<i>P</i>
SUE DONNELLY	<i>P</i>	JAN KAILUWEIT	<i>E</i>	TERRY WILLIAMS	<i>P</i>
TIM FRANCE	<i>P</i>	MAE LOYD	<i>P</i>	RALPH WISNER	<i>P</i>
CHRISTOPHER HACKETT	<i>P</i>	MARILYNN O'NEALL	<i>P</i>	<i>vacant</i>	

Others present: Daloris Burnison, Kirsten Madigan (City Liaison), Cara Kaser, Daren Buchholz (SPD), Chuck Bennett (CC), Molly Schreiner, Karen Chambers, Donna King, Katy Dockter, Cheryl Martin, Ernie Kirchner and Brenda Knochbolch.

Jay moved to **“Approve the January minutes with the following correction.”** Sue seconded the motion. Vote was 12 in favor, 0 opposed.

Item #8-

“Same reported that it will be . . .”

Should read: **“Sam** reported that it will be . . .”

#2 A Great Story from Grant Neighborhood

- Sam informed everyone of the upcoming 9th annual *Jazz at the Mill* featuring the North Salem High School Jazz Band. It will be March 19th at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$25.00, or a table of 8 for \$150.00.
- Since the last neighborhood meeting, the board voted, via email and phone calls, to support Chris and Lola’s nomination to Pfeiffer Roofing for a free roof replacement for one of our neighbors in need.
- The recent article in the StatesmanJournal highlighting the North High Street/Broadway Parking Study.
- Ralph reported that a group of grad students from the U of O were at Grant last Friday. They are interviewing 2nd and 3rd generation immigrants and may be back in the spring to speak with the neighborhood association.
- Ralph reported that 24 YWAM kids from Salem Alliance were helping around the school in the afternoon after they completed their morning training sessions. They are helping with the grounds and the gardens.
- Sand bag removal will be needed around the neighborhood now that the flooding threats have passed.

#3 Neighbor Concerns

- Neighbors were dismayed that the proposed dress shop on Broadway never arrived and now there is a “for rent” sign in the window.
- A house was torn down on the east side of Broadway, north of Shipping. No one knew it was happening until it was gone.
- Tagging in allies hav been spotted. Tags say “snoop _____” (something unreadable). Officer says they may not be gang related. They were covered over before any photos were taken.
- Parents of students at Parrish Middle School are using the private parking lots of the business north across D Street to park in the afternoon while waiting for their students. That parking is for the business’s clients and customers. The owner was advised to contact Rob Schoepper, principal at Parrish. Additionally the property’s chain link fencing is being beaten up, though it may not be from the school parent’s activities.

#4 Officer's Report

Officer Buchholz:

- Commented on the crime statistics for the neighborhood. Assaults that get called in often end up being reclassified later as something else. These include transient fights, or youth or gang fights. The initial assignment may explain why the assaults category is so high on the neighborhood statistics sheet.
- When asked about school bullying problems, he referred a neighbor to the child's school resource officer.
- A neighbor expressed concern about a person that was in the neighborhood on Sunday asking about performing odd jobs. Another neighbor said that the church that meets at Grant School on Sundays takes any 5th Sunday of the month to go into the neighborhood and offer help. It was likely someone affiliated with the church, but this is a good opportunity to make sure they let their intentions and affiliations known as they do these good works.
- When asked about a large police presence south of the neighborhood last Saturday night, he said that a stolen vehicle chase began on I-5 and ended at Union and Cottage.

#5 City Representatives – Q&A

Chuck Bennett reported:

- Flooding cost the City about 10 million. They are hoping that it will be covered by FEMA funds. There are additional City costs for emergency actions. Also, the city does not divert flood waters from one area into another area, despite rumors to the contrary. The bridges on Airport Road, between Mission and State streets, and on Winter Street, south of the Parkway, remain closed.
- About 80 people attended the first budget meeting held at the West Salem Roth's Market. Concerns were raised about the Library and Parks. The next meeting will be on the 8th at the Center 50+ at 6:00 pm. Some of the things that have been missing from the discussions are code enforcement, graffiti, and social services. If anyone feels these are important they should appear at the meeting on the 8th and address them.
- With the reduced neighborhood service levels, there has been some talk of consolidating neighborhoods.
- He has filed to run for City Council again.

Ralph moved that ***"The Grant Neighborhood wishes to recognize Kirsten Madigan for her volunteer services to the Grant Neighborhood Association."*** Chris seconded. Vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposed.

Kirsten Madigan left her notes so she could attend a budget meeting:

- The Salem Police Department is now on Twitter.
- The City's home page on line has a link to flood information.

#6 Updates

- Vacant Houses on D Street – no one from DAS present, tabled until next month.
- Construction Bond Work at Grant School – Ralph reported:
 - The exterior and the hallways will be painted. Unfortunately, this will include painting over all of the hallway murals.
 - Windows will be replaced in the old building. The new annex building will have some of the windows replaced as every other window must be able to open for emergency exit. Also, windows on the east side of the annex will be raised to about table height level to provide protection from vehicles in the adjoining parking lot.
 - The gym will be painted over spring break so it can hold all of the supplies, equipment and fixtures that will have to be relocated from the school during the summer work.
 - The entire building will have new floor tile. No carpet will remain except in the principal's office.

- Bath fixtures and stalls will be replaced, but not the ceramic floor or wall tile.
 - He will bring choices next month for paint colors and possibly for windows.
 - He asks that neighbors please keep their eyes open for litter problems or vandalism over the summer.
- Ralph reported that the Children's Vision Foundation will be providing a comprehensive vision screening for all Grant students on Feb 27th and 28th. They need about 12 volunteers on those two days. The Foundation can prescribe glasses. The CSOC is contacting local opticians and has lined up glasses for free or reduced prices.
 - Ralph reported that the recent flooding affected the 19th Street Community Head Start building and they are now in Grant's Annex Building (former middle school). This program serves 3, 4 and 5 year-olds.
 - Summer Street Curb painting - Jay reported that curb paint on the east side of Summer Street extends quite a ways north on Summer but it is faded and could be freshened up. Chuck will check on getting this done. The west side of Summer has several parking spaces immediately north of Gaines and those parked cars block the view for pedestrians and vehicles trying to cross Summer. Jay moved to ***"Ask the Public Works Department to paint the curb yellow on the west side of Summer Street, north of Gaines, for the first one or two car lengths."*** Lola seconded. Vote was 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention. Chris abstained because he sits on the CATC board. Jay will check with Public Works to see if this can be done.
 - North Broadway High Street Parking Management Committee - Chris and Tim reported on the first meeting that was a couple of weeks ago. The time was mostly spent getting background and issues from the members. There will be a community open house/workshop on March 13th at the Broadway Commons.

#7 Newsletter Articles and Beautification Awards

The following Articles have been assigned:

Jay - Litter Pickup

Sam & Eric - Co-Chairs Letter

Molly - Graffiti Services

Ralph - School Construction Schedule for this summer

Jeanne - Beautification Awards

Jeanne - Notice regarding suspension of Neighborhood Mailings and printing.

An article from the State Fair has been submitted.

Two nominations were made for the beautification awards - the Doctor's office remodel at 1305 Broadway and the home at 915 Winter Street. More nominations are needed.

#8 Board Member Reports

None

#9 Other Business

Chris announced that there will be a CATC meeting in April with all of the neighborhood association's traffic chairs.

Lola nominated ***"Cara Kaser to be re-elected to the Executive Board."*** Tim seconded. Vote was 10 in favor, 0 opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Jeanne Boatwright