

Salem State University Neighborhood Advisory Committee

March 6, 2019 – Minutes

Attendees: Ben Szalewicz, Marlin Nabors, Chairman Dominick Pangallo, Adria Duijvesteijn, Dana Lothrop, Councillor Josh Turiel, Polly Wilbert

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of January 2, 2019 Minutes

- Approved

3. Old Business

A. Neighborhood Disturbances

- No major issues
- Polly asked if any campus activities are planned for St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick's Day falls on the last day of spring break, expectation is that campus will be quiet.

4. New Business

A. South Campus

- Legislation has been filed by Senator Lovely and Representative Tucker to sell South Campus. Currently working with DCAMM to understand the process. Also, need to determine how the property will be sold; upper south campus/lower campus, separately or together.
 - There is currently no timeline on the sale of South Campus
 - President Keenan is working with Mayor Driscoll on how to best involve the city in the process
 - Adria will inform this group if any progress is made on this, prior to the next meeting
 - Dana inquired if Bates will be involved in the selling of South Campus.
 - Ben advised Bates is going to be part of the study. Bates has a systematic plumbing failure right now. That is a project that needs to be addressed and assess how it will work into SSU's master plan.

B. Other Business/Comments

- The SSU board has approved selling 410 Lafayette Street. SSU is in the process of evaluating the process to sell the property.
- Dana asked about enrollment at SSU decreasing. Polly inquired if SSU has any comments about the online push that UMASS is having, comparing themselves to SNHU.
 - Adria advised that SSU is ramping up their relationship with NSCC to make the transfer process easier, including automatic acceptance when specific criteria is met. There are also discussions taking place around the possibility of allowing NSCC students to rent dorm rooms at SSU, and engaging them in campus activities.
- Adria handed out a flyer for the bi-weekly mobile fresh harvest, pop-up. The pop-up will run from 10am – 12pm on the first and third Wednesday of the month, at 68 Loring Ave.
- Graduation dates are May 16 & 18
- Polly asked about the bus stop. Dominick advised that they have had positive conversations about the bus stop. The city will be funding it. SSU needs to approve siting.

7. Adjourn

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 5, 7:00pm Enterprise Center