

Salem State University Neighborhood Advisory Committee
August 7, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
Draft Minutes

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

1. Welcome and Introductions: called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approval of June 5, 2019 Minutes: approved

4. Old Business

a. Summer 2019 projects

Peabody and Bowditch Hall bathrooms should be done in the next two weeks. Meier Hall roof is being staged at the old library site, but hasn't started yet; estimated 70-day project.

b. Neighborhood disturbances

A LARP camp at South Campus generated some noise complaints from the neighbors, but it's ended now and SSU will speak to the organizers.

c. Salem Diner

RFP is out and due back September 19th. After it is removed SSU anticipates using the lot for parking for the near future. SSUNAC will be kept apprised of the RFP results.

d. South Campus

SSU is working with the City of Salem and DCAMM to retain Sasaki to lead a study of the property reuse path. Legislation to enable the disposition has been filed. Anticipating an announcement about public meetings for the Sasaki study process will take place in September. Councillor Dibble asked if neighborhood representatives would be included in the stakeholder group; Dominick indicated that they would be. Councillor Dibble also expressed his hope that the single-family residence on Harrison Road that SSU owns will be able to be returned to use as a private residential property.

5. New Business

a. Welcome Back, Students

Move-in happens around Labor Day weekend and will follow the same staggered timing as previous years. Atlantic Hall queuing will be moved more on campus to minimize traffic impact on Loring Avenue. Classes start September 4th. Student conduct will be sending out messaging to all students about behavior expectations and conduct/discipline policy.

b. Innovation Field Lab

Dominick introduced Georgina Hernandez, a fellow with Harvard University's Innovation Field Lab at the Kennedy School of Government. The IFL has been working with Salem for the last four years, primarily around innovations and the use of data and technology in addressing problem properties. Georgina shared that one of the aspects of their current year of work is developing an online tool to allow the public, including SSU students and families, to look up the permitting, police/fire records, and other public record data on a rental property. In addition, the IFL is identifying opportunities for academic and professional collaborations with SSU.

c. Loring Avenue bus shelter – Dominick offered to distribute the bus shelter plan and dimensions to the committee members. Approvals secured and anticipating installation this fall.

Councillor Dibble requested once again that the shelter be located as legally close as possible to the SSU parking lot driveway instead of near the Salem Diner to promote pedestrians to cross at the bike path crosswalk instead of mid-block as was previously happening.

d. 287 Lafayette shuttle stop – Adria reported that the City Council had approved a no parking designation for the SSU shuttle stop in front of 287 Lafayette Street. Signage will be posted there shortly.

e. Dorms on Airbnb – Polly asked about SSU listing dorm rooms on Airbnb during the summer. Ben indicated that Capstone, a management company SSU utilizes for summer programs, will make use of Airbnb to manage bookings for summer events, conferences, renters, summer staff, and so forth.

6. Deferred Items (no current updates)

a. Canal Street drainage project

b. Science building addition

7. Adjourn: adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Next meeting Wednesday, October 2, 2019, 7:00 p.m., SSU Enterprise Center