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Neighbors: Board to create newsletter

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able to work around the tree roots. "I'm pretty sure we can save 90 if not 100 percent of the trees," Gallup said.

Community activist Zachary Vishanoff said the plan to pave the alleys in the neighborhood "rolls out the red carpet for developers."

Upgrading the alleys makes the property more appealing for those who want to profit from it, Vishanoff said.

Neighborhood resident and former board member Steve Baker disagreed, saying developers are not concerned with the condition of things such as alleyways.

"It makes no difference to a developer on whether an alley is paved or not," Baker said.

Baker supported the project and said it could be a good remedy to what is often called "broken glass syndrome," the belief that one rundown neighborhood feature leads to another rundown neighborhood feature.

Cal Young Neighborhood Association member Charles Biggs suggested Gallup consult with the urban forest manager to see if any trees could be planted in the alley paving process.

The association also discussed the need to examine the proposed Riverfront Research Park project. Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnologies Institute, an association of Oregon research facilities, is looking to build a site in the research park across from the University on Franklin Boulevard.

City Councilor and neighborhood resident David Kelly said ONAMI recently decided its prospective spot north of Franklin Boulevard would sustain too much vibration from the train tracks and is looking for a site on the south side closer to the University.

Vishanoff said such indecisiveness is a sign that ONAMI's motives and usefulness must be examined.

"This is a 60,000 square-foot building jumping around like it's on a pogo stick," Vishanoff said.

Board member and University student Adam Walsh also showed support for a discussion about University development and its effects on the neighborhood. That discussion is slated for the group's March 3 meeting.

The Eugene Police Department's relationship with the University's student body was mentioned as a potential topic of discussion — one that board member and University student Don Goldman said is very important.

Goldman lambasted the police and the "party patrol" at the executive meeting Wednesday night, accusing officers of "attacking students and giving them tickets for ridiculous things."

The association discussed the need to increase neighborhood awareness and student involvement. Board members decided to create a newsletter addressing major issues discussed at meetings to hand out door-to-door.

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Imaginary: Taylor interviews acclaimed authors

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when a fictional character is experienced by the person who created it as having independent thoughts, words and/or actions," the article said.

Taylor's study found that of the 55 authors interviewed more than 92 percent had experienced the illusion of independent agency. The study also found from diaries and interview transcripts that authors from Henry James to Alice Walker have had characters that act with a sense of independence.

Honors College professor Henry Alley, also a published novelist, said

most authors, including himself, think of their characters as having some degree of autonomy.

Alley said that in one instance he spent nearly 15 years with the same set of characters as he rewrote a story eight or nine times.

"These characters, in a sense, became companions with me," he said. "They were trying to help me out."

Alley added that in creating his characters, he often "develops a certain respect for (the characters)."

"Sometimes the characters seem to exist separate from the plot," he said. "They have their own integrity."

Taylor is currently working on a book about the phenomenon of the illusion of independent agency in fiction authors. The book will feature Taylor's interviews with several prominent authors, including Philip Pullman, author of the "Golden Compass," and murder-mystery novelist Sue Grafton.

Ultimately, Taylor said she hopes her work will contribute to a greater understanding of the human mind.

"I'm trying to understand the human mind and I think imagination is a very important part of it," she said.

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