

## East Lancaster Neighborhood Association

First Free Will Baptist Church-1390 45th Ave NE

Minutes

May 5, 2022

**Attendance:** Sue Fowler, Chesta Bauer, Pat Mick, Terry Mott, Julie Hoy, Vern Golden, Broc Thorud, Stacey Viegia-Braerelle, Ed Diehl, Jamie Diehl,  
Via Zoom: Susann Kaltwasser, Chuck Westbrook, Beverly Quiring, Chris Hoy, Judge Erious Johnson, Spencer Todd, Joseph Scheafer, and Sgt. Michael Johnson

**Minutes-** The following corrections to the minutes were noted: add 1 more “t” to Hazlet, Julie not July Hoy and Deanna Garcia. Vern moved approval. Pastor Terry seconded the motion and all approved the minutes for April 5, 2022.

Sue announced that the ELNA business cards were now available and encouraged board members to take some to share with neighbors.

**Police Report-** Police Sgt. Johnson said that the Chief had a few points he wanted him to share. First, there will be a new response team of two police officers working with Code Enforcement and social services to address complaints about homeless camps. They will be specially trained to understand the options available and sensitive to the camper’s needs.

Proper notice is required so it take time to remove an illegal camp. They must give 72 hours notice on tents and 5 days for RVs. Campers and motor homes provide special problems because many need to be towed. There is limited space to take them. Some need hazmat disposal. This is expensive and limited place to do this work.

There is a tip line to report homeless issues. It is monitored closely and each week a list of priority areas created to develop a response. Its the fastest way to get on the list, so don’t call the police but use the on-line form.

There was a drug bust on Clay Street where 7,000 fentanyl pills were confiscated and the people were arrested. They will no be returning to the apartment complex.

*Coffee with Cops* is returning with the first event on May 12 from 10-12:00

Also, police ride alongs are back. People can request to ride with an officer for the evening shift by calling the department.

National Night Out is August 2nd. Call the Police Department to get an application for an officer to attend your event.

Citizen Police Academy is another good way to learn more about what the police do and how you can protect yourself and your community.

**Councilor's Report-** Chris Hoy gave a report about the City Council work session on affordable housing with Marion County, Salem Housing Authority and builders. They were learning about affordable housing, its possibilities and things they can do to encourage more to be built.

The budget committee has been holding hearings and working on a final budget to sent to Council in June.

Councilor Hoy mentioned several places that the City has been working to clear homeless camps such as Wallace park, Home Depot area, and Fisher Road. The navigation center on Mission Street and 22nd is progressing and is expected to open in late summer. It will be a low barrier shelter as well as a resource center.

**Crosswalk near Swegle School** - Anthony Gamallo from Public Works said that after looking at the situation in front of the school, it did not qualify for a crosswalk. The program is funded by Safe Routes to School grants. So, they are suggesting another project on State Street between Oakmont and 49th Streets. They would complete the sidewalk on the south side of the street so that children going to Mary Eyre School would have a safer walking/bike route. This is near the East park Estates development.

Susann asked about an update on the crosswalk on Sunnyview near Hollywood Street. He said they were completing the design process, but had to look at the traffic flow due to questions from NOLA. It should be completed by the end of the summer. It will not have a signal but just a flashing light and an island. Someone asked why it takes so long to get these projects done. Mr. Gamallo said it takes about 5 years on average. One year for design, another year for property acquisition, then getting a contractor, followed by public comment period has to be completed before construction can take place.

**Judge Erious Johnson Jr.** He introduced himself as he was just appointed to be a Marion County Circuit Court judge. He replaces Judge Tripp who has retired.

**Spencer Todd** - He is a candidate for Marion County District Attorney and spoke about his goals and qualifications. He said that he is very concerned about public safety and how decisions are made for prosecuting cases. Funding does not allow for every crime so the DA must make choices. He also would like to see more funding for public defenders as the lack of enough representation slows down the courts. They hire private lawyers now, but it's still not enough.

### **Committee Reports**

a. Land Use - Updates for 4900 Center St Apts - The case is being appealed to LUBA by the applicant after the City Council voted to uphold the denial for their plans.

b. **United Way Cluster Cottages** at Market near Swegle School - Susann reviewed the latest proposal. It is for all three parcels. We had previously only seen one parcel. So, she shared the layout plans. The main question was regarding lack of parking and fencing. We need to comment on it by Friday. The Board agreed not to appeal the staff findings, but wanted to know more about reduced parking requirements and fencing along Market Street.

c. **East Park PUD** Joseph Schaefer acting on behalf of the applicant is asking to delay putting in traffic light at Auburn Road and Cordon Road due to lack of poles for the traffic light. In exchange they propose completing Greencrest through to State Street earlier than required. This will allow for two exits and reduce congestion at Auburn Road. The Board had no objections to the delay, but did not want them to come for another extension. If they could not get the needed materials by the end of Phase 2, they could just stop building until it was put in.

d. Traffic - no report

e. Parks - no report

**Annual Meeting topics** - presentation by Chris Hoy on regional plan and status of current efforts for housing. Personal Safety presentation by Sgt. Johnson. Each should be about 30 minutes.

There was discussion about refreshments. It was moved by Chesta to spend up to \$35 for the Annual meeting. Vern seconded the motion and all voted their approval.

Vern moved we not meet in July unless there was an important issue. Terry Mott seconded the motion and all voted their approval.

**Neighborhood Concerns:** Ed Diehl is a candidate for State Representative for District 19. He spoke briefly about his goals regarding crime, fire recovery and issue with redevelopment in rural areas. He would like to deal with the overload of mentally ill ending up in jail instead of treatment.

Chesta Bauer tendered her resignation from the ELNA board as she is moving.

Sue reported that Mary is home recovering after her hospital and rehab stay.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Submitted by Susann Kaltwasser