

**North Lancaster Neighborhood Association Meeting
March 2, 2022 at 6:30 PM
Salem, Oregon & via Zoom**

1. Call to Order / Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM, followed by introductions of all present (both in-person attendees and those on the Zoom call).

Board Member	Position	Attendance
Deanna Garcia	Chair	Present
Doug Rogers	Vice-Chair	Absent without excuse
Pamela Blake	Treasurer	Present
Shirlene Gonzalez	Parks Chair	Present
Dennis Will	Land Use Chair	Present
Carl Engstrom	Member at large	Present
Sandi Drumm	Member at large	Absent without excuse
Denise Currey	Member at large	Present
Kim Currey	Member at large	Present

In person: Linda Stout; Stacey Vieyra-Braendle -NESCA; Roger Haase

On Zoom: Sergeant Mike Baskett; Toni Whitler; Kat Rogers - JanRee/Hayesville NA, Perla Garcia-Villegas - Marion/Polk Foodshare; Brown Road Neighbor

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the September and October meetings are not prepared for review. Kim motioned, Pamela seconded to approve the February meeting minutes as written. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

3. Police Report City - Sergeant Baskett from Salem Police Department

Sergeant Baskett currently works the graveyard shift from 8pm - 6:30am. There is a page on the city website under community resources which covers the topic of housing & shelter including a link to stay current on what is being done to address the homelessness concerns in the city. The page and link can be accessed [HERE](#)

The Strategic Plan is also available for view on the website. Chief Womack along with upper management & community members will be working on the implementation of the strategic plan and determine what metrics will be used to measure it's success. Updates will be posted and successes will be documented on the [Strategic Plan Website](#).

Transparency portal is another option for the community to keep current with what's going on in the department. A variety of information is available including press releases, employee feedback, crime data and calls for service, budget, annual reports as well as independent assessments. The site is still a work in progress, some information not yet available; just keep checking back for updates. [Transparency Portal](#)

Salem has been exploring the addition of a body camera program. It is expensive but has a lot of value in terms of safety and accountability. The department does already have funding for it and is in the process of selecting a manufacturer by testing out a variety of products. The

testing phase will include review of data storage, data retrieval, functionality, and user ease. There will be a need to hire additional personnel to handle the increase in data.

Pamela - Will jail lodging be back to normal capacity after the pandemic "ends" on 4/1/22? The police department does not make the decision on lodging. The decision is made by the Marion County Jail Commander. The Marion County Jail is at capacity. Current capacity is 374 with 2 inmates per cell, this includes the 40-50 cell beds in the women's section. Keep in mind that some offenders are violent and must be detained individually, so that has an impact on actual capacity. The Sheriff's office doesn't anticipate changes in increased lodging even for repeat offenders although there is hope to open another lodging pod. Polk county is lodging for misdemeanors and above.

Dennis - What areas are served by Marion County Jail?

Marion County jail serves all city's and agencies within the county, including any arrest made by State Troopers within county borders.

Linda - how long are individuals detained in SPD holding cells?

Individuals can only be held during the process of an active investigation. They are not held for detoxification, etc.

Linda - asked about stats for violent crimes committed within homeless encampments. Sgt. Baskett will try to compile this specific data for the date ranges of December through end of February and send out via email.

Sergeant Baskett can be reached for additional questions or follow-up on anything discussed this evening by email: mbaskett@cityofsalem.net

4. Update on Homelessness - Gretchen Bennett

Rescheduled to April meeting. Continue to report any problematic or illegal encampments on the city portal. **[REPORT HERE](#)**

5. Park Planning - Brown Road Park Updates

Toni Whitler, Park Planner, City of Salem Public Works

Brown Road Park is a four-acre undeveloped park located at 2350 Brown Road NE with an irrigated sports field and a community garden. The City wants to move forward with additional development by seeking a local government grant (funded through lottery funds) to develop about 3/4 of the park.

The developments include improvements to the community garden by adding 6 raised beds for ADA use to the existing 32 regular beds. There will be removal of some existing gravel to reuse throughout the park for pathways. New paths will be installed (previous pavement material) as well as a drinking fountain, and other site furnishings. New seating areas include a picnic shelter with 2 picnic tables as well as one table out in the open. Dual-zoned playground structures along with seating area surrounded by shade trees. Additional trees and landscaping will be placed along Brown Road. The City would like to include a letter of support with the application for these grant funds. If NOLA decides to submit a letter of support, it can be addressed to Oregon Parks & Rec Department by 3/28/22. If awarded, the development work would start next year, 2023.

At the next City Council meeting scheduled for 3/14, the staff report will include a resolution for park development grant funds. The council will review and vote whether to adopt the resolution.

Kim - There are concerns about parking for people using the park especially the community garden space. Individuals will need tools and equipment to work in the garden and harvest, which will require some vehicle access to load/unload. Brown Road park is designated as a neighborhood park indicating the primary use will be by the immediate neighbors and not require additional parking. There is a small turnout off of the main road with one ADA parking spot, as well as a pedestrian crossing path to the adjacent street. Toni will check with Rob Robinek about the master plan to discuss the parking situation.

Kat - what design elements will be geared towards senior use? Children seem covered with playground, adults with garden space & sports field/court. What about horseshoes? Toni says the walking path is geared towards seniors as well as the community garden space.

Is the park fenced? Yes, it backs up to private homes and the perimeter is fenced.

Toni reiterated this is a neighborhood park for the immediate neighborhood. No splash pads & dog parks are incorporated to the design due to the potential draw of additional people outside of the immediate neighborhood. There are also no plans for restrooms in neighborhood parks.

Brown Road - Will there be lighting installed? Is it well lit? Park hours are dawn to dusk, no additional lighting because it draws people in after the park should be closed.

Figure 5-1: Brown Road Park Master Plan



6. Councilor Report: Chris Hoy

Councilor Hoy was not present and no report was provided.

7. Committee Reports & Board Business

a. Transit - Doug Rogers - Cherriots redistricting public comment period has closed. Board will meet to implement or discuss further on 3/24.

b. Traffic - Deanna Garcia - The City is planning to install a new crossing on Sunnyview Road just east of Hollywood Drive. There is concern about the uselessness of this crossing when comparing to a similar crossing located further west on Sunnyview near Scotsman Lane. There is also concern about the disruption in traffic flow, primarily the elimination of one's ability to safely merge when turning left off Hollywood to travel east on Sunnyview. There is also concern that construction of this project may be poorly planned during another major project on the north end of Hollywood Drive that will result in significant detours to an already congested area. Additional discussions about increased law enforcement traffic patrol to address speed issues both in the city & county.

c. Land Use - Dennis Will - Urban Growth Boundary discussed as related to Middle Housing and the need for development to address our growing population.

d. Parks - Shirlene Gonzalez - discussed during Parks presentation.

8. Open Forum for any discussion

Stacey Vieyra-Braendle is running for the Ward 6 City Councilor position to be vacated by Chris Hoy. Stacey believes collaboration is huge. She plans to connect with organizations in Ward 6 and having an open-door policy. She is aware of the big issues facing the city, as she resides in the NESCA NA and is a professional in the medical field. She feels our area is underserved and wants to know what resources our ward would like to have and will advocate for those things. Stacey can be reached via email: stacey.vieyrabraendle@gmail.com. She hopes to come to April NA meetings throughout the city including ours.

Upcoming NE Salem road construction projects can be found on the Marion County Public Works page. Several main arterial streets in NE will be getting some upgrades or major overhauls starting in 2022. View upcoming projects [HERE](#)

7. Close of Meeting / Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Kim, seconded by Denise, unanimous agreement to close the meeting. Adjourned at 7:51 PM.