

**North Lancaster Neighborhood Association Meeting  
May 4, 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).

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Deanna Garcia	Chair	Present
Doug Rogers	Vice-Chair	Present
Pamela Blake	Treasurer	Present
Shirlene Gonzalez	Parks Chair	Absent (excused)
Dennis Will	Land Use Chair	Present
Carl Engstrom	Member at large	Present
Denise Currey	Member at large	Absent (excused)
Kim Currey	Member at large	Absent (excused)

Attendees: Officer Chris Russell; Neighbors Rodger Haase, Kate Carnegie, Dr. Kathleen Harder, Cameron Engle, Spencer Todd

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the October 2021 meeting were not ready for review. October 2021 and April 2022 meeting minutes along with May 2022 meeting minutes will be subject to approval at the June meeting.

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

No report available.

Sergeant Baskett can be reached for questions by email: [mbaskett@cityofsalem.net](mailto:mbaskett@cityofsalem.net)

**4. Officer Chris Russell - Salem Code Enforcement**

There have been a questions about derelict vehicles. Derelict vehicles includes those with expired registrations, expired or missing valid trip permit, or missing license plates. A bright orange warning sticker would be applied to the drivers side window to notify owner to correct within 24 hours. The sticker has boxes checked that specify what the violation is, how to correct it and when the correction needs to be completed. If no action is taken, the next step is to issue a ticket (\$50 bail) or tow the vehicle. The decision is based on officer discretion and they do take varying circumstances into consideration when making this decision.

There have been increased complaints about people living in vehicles on city streets. These individuals are warned about violation of SRC 3655 (sleeping in a vehicle) being an illegal act. Code Enforcement will give them brochures with resource information. Code Enforcement (in collaboration with multiple agencies) cleared Hagers Grove Road today, including towing a travel trailer that was being inhabited. They have also addressed concerns reported on Coral Avenue, Cypress & Clay Streets.

There was a RV chassis left on Ward & Cordon and also Lana & Portland Road near the railroad tracks. The chassis on Ward has been cleared. The other one is a little more difficult because it's located on private property.

There are 13 active cases in NOLA - mostly vehicles in excess of 5 days or junk vehicles. There are currently no active property violations.

*Does code compliance have a impound lot?* The city is contracted with two towing companies. P&M handles tows for accidents or other city requested tows. Wiltsey's tows the the junk vehicles.

*What is the cost/ duration of a trip permit?* Approximately \$30 for 21 days; you can only have 3 trip permits in a 1-year period. More information can be found on DMV website.

*Does the derelict vehicles include RV's?* Yes, trailers, campers, RV's, 5th wheels are included.

*Where are car/street campers told to go?* Church at the Park or to the local KOA campground.

*How do we compare to other areas in terms of complaints?* NOLA is lower in number, usually vehicle complaints.

*End of Brown Road - lots of cars parked in the yard in front of the fence, including a travel trailer. Is the city enforcing those things?* Officer Russell will followup at this address.

Report neighborhood concerns directly on the [online portal](#)

## **5. Councilor Report: Chris Hoy**

### Housing Needs

Housing Needs in Salem. On April 18, the Salem City Council hosted a [work session on Salem's housing needs](#) with governing boards of Marion County, Polk County, Salem Keizer Transit, and Salem Keizer School District. Panelists presented information on Salem's housing needs. The panel of local experts spoke to housing development and represented experience in developing subsidized, affordable, and market-rate housing in Salem. You can [play back the conversation](#) anytime. The panel included local developers, Home Builders Association of Marion and Polk Counties, and Salem Housing Authority.

### Budget

The 2nd budget committee meeting was last week. #3 is tonight  
Now is the time to make your voice heard for your priorities.

### City Manager Recruitment

We have begun review applications for the city manager recruitment. Next steps will occur in the coming weeks.

### Homelessness

- Tentative clean-up schedule

We remain concerned for the health and safety of individuals living in, and the neighbors of, scattered sites throughout the City.

This week, the City continues to work with campers at:

Home Depot to move recreational vehicles illegally camping at the location,

Clay Street to clean up remaining garbage and debris,

Van Kleek and Wallace to clean up garbage along the waterway.

Between May 5 and May 16, the Oregon Department of Transportation has plans to clean areas under bridges and bio swales at Front, Marion, and Center streets.

Next week, the City will clean areas at River Road Park.

- Regular monitoring

On a daily basis, staff are aware and monitoring conditions at encampments on:

Fisher Road,

Wolverine,

behind Shopko,

bridges over Pringle Creek at Church Street SE and High Street SE,

Wallace Marine, and

Cascades Gateway parks.

- Working with property owners

Last week, the City and private property owners worked with campers at Home Depot, Rite Aid and Nordstrom's block at Salem Center Mall. Clean ups have also occurred at the south half of Cascades Gateway Park, Marion Square Park, Mission Street area bridges and Shelton Ditch, Lancaster, Geer Park, Claggett Creek Natural Area, Wallace Marine Park, and under the Church Street SE Bridge over Pringle Creek at Pringle Park.

## **6. Dr. Kathleen Harder - Candidate for 6th Congressional District**

Dr. Harder has been a physician for 30 years. Grew up with very little, experienced substance abuse, worked her way through school including starting med school with raising a 2 & 4 year old. She is a practicing Internal Medicine doctor, volunteers in community free clinics and had involvement with the Reproductive Equity Act. She looks at things through a health care lens, her priorities include universal health care with emphasis on behavioral health. She believes homelessness is a public health crisis. She will thoroughly read bills and look at the details before making a decision, will listen to the people of her district and will truly represent people. Dr. Harder will be the voice of constituents. She will vote the way the constituency wants her to instead of out of her own interest.

*There are lots of democrats in this race - what makes you different than the other candidates?* Her medical background separates her from other candidates, but also the fact that she lives, works & has raised a family in the district she'll represent. She is not a career politician. And because she has been a part of the community, she can better understand the needs of an elected official.

## **7. Committee Reports & Board Business**

### **a. Transit - Doug Rogers**

Masks are no longer required. Two stops temporarily closed at Lancaster & Center and Hayesville & Nandale. There are a lot of job openings with competitive pay. Fares have not changed, \$3.25 for a day pass, children 6 & under are free. Cherriots budget committee will meet on 5/4, public comment is welcomed. Additional meetings are 5/12 & 5/19. Visit [Cherriots web page](#) for meeting details

### **b. Traffic - Deanna Garcia**

Hayesville Drive is closed from Lancaster to Cordon starting May 9th. This and several main arterial streets in NE will be getting some upgrades or major overhauls starting Spring 2022. View upcoming projects [HERE](#)

### **c. Land Use - Dennis Will**

No report, no active land use filings in NOLA.

Fair Housing & Inclusive Communities webinar on 5/31 includes topics fair housing basics, land use laws, current housing crisis & more.

### **d. Parks - Shirlene Gonzalez**

No report. 2 additional benches and 4 picnic tables to be included in the application for grant funds for McKay Park. Also, Friends of trees is hosting a volunteer mulching party this Saturday, May 7 from 9-noon at McKay Park.

Sandi Drumm has resigned from her board position.

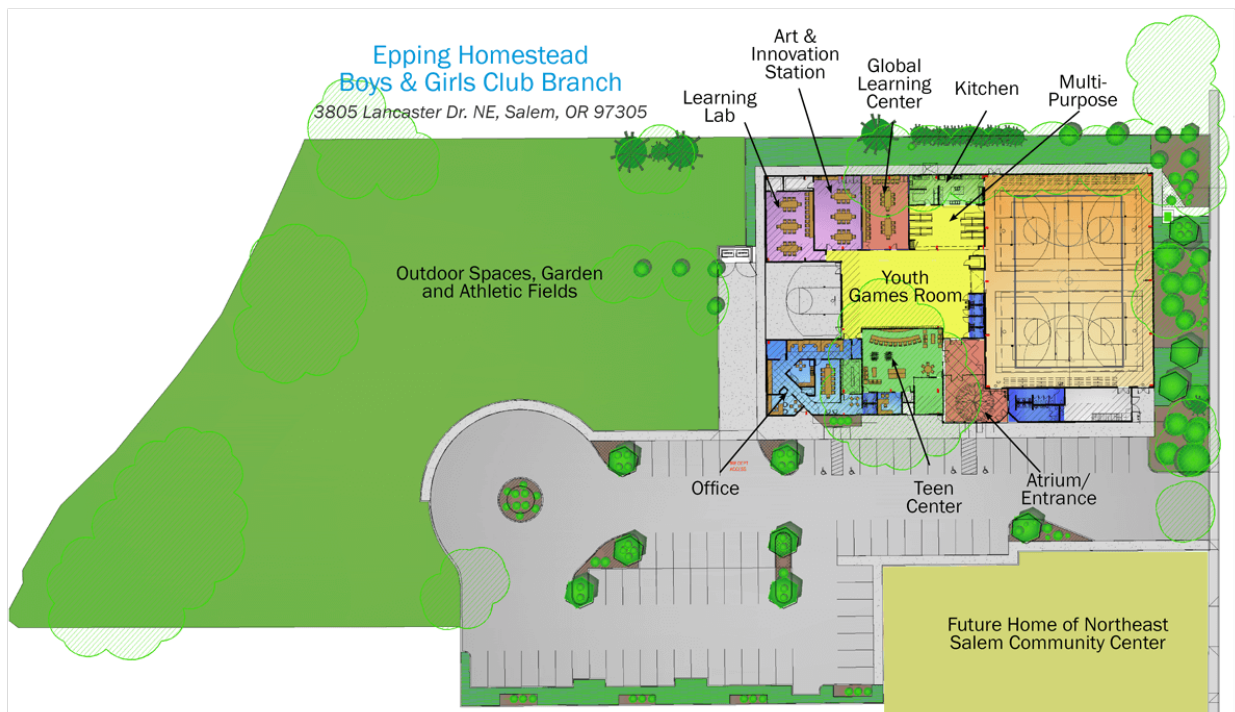
### 8. Open Forum for any discussion

Spencer Todd - running for Marion County District Attorney. This is a non-partisan race. It's time to think about changing the way we prosecute criminals. Elected official should be doing "boots on the ground stuff" in court; actually handling cases. Whether or not we agree politically, the DA is dealing with public safety. Public safety is part of the job. There has been failure in the prosecution of cases; there needs to be consequences for committing crimes. The State of Oregon constitution gives this authority, the elected DA is paid by the state to do that job. Spencer stated he will read the whole Oregon constitution if he wins.

*What is your experience?* Attended Willamette, has worked as a public defender for 8 years and is currently campaigning.

Salem Chamber held a Special Public Policy Meeting on crime & public safety on Monday, May 2 from 3 -5pm, no one from NOLA attended due to inconvenient time & location.

The Epping Homestead Boys & Girls Club is nearing completion. Northeast Salem Community Center planned for adjacent property. Location is on Lancaster Drive NE across from Winema Place & MaPS credit Union.



### 7. Close of Meeting / Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Carl, seconded by Pam, unanimous agreement to close the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.