

**North Lancaster Neighborhood Association Meeting
June 1, 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 (unexcused)
Pamela Blake	Treasurer	Present
Shirlene Gonzalez	Parks Chair	Absent
Dennis Will	Land Use Chair	Present
Carl Engstrom	Member at large	Present
Denise Currey	Member at large	Present
Kim Currey	Member at large	Present

Attendees: Sergeant Mike Baskett; Elizabeth Thorley; Will Kuenzi; Neighbors: Cindy & Eric Jacobson; Kay Carnegie; Liz Veysey and Rodger Haase

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October 2021 meeting are still not prepared. Pam motioned to approve the minutes from April and May 2022 meetings as written. Carl seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

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

Salem Police Department continues reviewing body camera equipment and will move to equip all patrol officers within a few months. The department is implementing a car care program in a couple weeks. When motorists are pulled over for missing or broken equipment, the officer can provide discount vouchers to auto part retailers or service providers. These vouchers are available to those who demonstrate a financial need.

The Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) is running low on cell phones. They are in need of phones with chargers. It doesn't have to be connected to service, the phone is only needed to contact 911. If you know of anyone or have a phone you can donate - please donate directly at the police department or hand over if in contact with an officer. More info about the DVRT program is online [HERE](#)

There are several upcoming events: Gilbert House summer block party on Monday, June 27th - details [HERE](#). Fun Friday's in July at Northgate Park - details will be shared via Northgate NA [website](#). Applications are being accepted to register your National Night Out event, NNO is held on the first Tuesday of August, this year's date is 8/2 - register your event [HERE](#). Applications are open for ride-alongs, apply [HERE](#). Additional events, including 'coffee with a cop' will be shared via social media sites like [Facebook](#).

The Community Action Unit (former downtown enforcement team) expanded from downtown to other problem areas including areas in east Lancaster (i.e. Clay Street). Council approved a new team to address unmanaged camps - these are limited duration positions with a commitment for 1 year. Two officers have been selected, their only assignment is handling those camps. The officers were reallocated from patrol to this unit. If there is a permanent funding source located, then these positions will become permanent. The shifts/work hours are to be determined, this team will collaborate with city managers office and work in tandem with additional resources such as cleanup crews and social services. The best way to get any camp addressed is by using the homeless online reporting system. Report camps [HERE](#).

Sergeant Baskett can be reached for questions by email: mbaskett@cityofsalem.net

4. Councilor Report: Chris Hoy

No report available. Deanna will reach out to newly elected councilor of our ward to extend an invitation prior to her taking her position.

5. New Pedestrian Crossing at Lancaster & Watson Elizabeth Thorley & Will Kuenzi - Salem Public Works

A new pedestrian crossing will be constructed across Lancaster between Glendale & Watson Avenues. The need was based on a safety study of pedestrian crossings in the area. In addition to basic safety concerns, the crossing will minimizing impact of left turns onto Watson and into the Walmart parking lot. This will be a high-visibility, well-lit crosswalk, with ADA ramps, signalized with rapid flashing beacons and a safety island. There is potential need for easement to allow utility installation, construction and maintenance as part of the design. Construction is slated to begin in summer 2023 with completion estimates for mid-fall 2023; completion dates are approximate due to supply disruptions & delayed materials. Estimated cost is approximately \$250k. Map & Fact sheet attachments are included on pages 4 & 5 of the minutes.

A request was made to look into an additional crossing on Lancaster Drive north of Winema Place to service the new Boys & Girls Club located at the Epping Homestead.

Planning staff stated they will submit the request to Julie Warneke in the Planning Department.

6. Committee Reports & Board Business

a. Transit - Doug Rogers
Visit [Cherriots web page](#) for meeting details.

b. Traffic - Deanna Garcia
View upcoming projects [HERE](#)

c. Land Use - Dennis Will

Deanna attended the 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 available.

7. Open Forum for any discussion

The Epping Homestead Boys & Girls Club is nearing completion. A Northeast Salem Community Center is planned for an adjacent located on the same property. Listening sessions for input on community needs will be held throughout the month of June. The location is on Lancaster Drive NE across from Winema Place & MaPS credit Union.

McKay commons is potential gathering space for the McKay area community. Salem Leadership Foundation staff are seeking community feedback. Please complete this [SURVEY](#) to provide input on needs of our community.

Noise compliance - there have been an increase in noise nuisances. It's unclear why some residents find it appropriate to have a live band playing in their backyard less than 20 feet from another person's home and then let it go on for hours on end. Report these instances of disrespect directly to code enforcement [HERE](#).

Deanna attended the JanRee/Hayesville NA meeting to gather updates from the county. Marion County Fire Department will be receiving a new ladder truck to their equipment roster so between August - October 2022. Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) shared the central service district is understaffed but they are actively recruiting. Ride-alongs are available. There is a possibility of a MCSO hub located in the new Boys & Girls branch on Lancaster.

8. Close of Meeting / Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Kim, seconded by Denise, unanimous agreement to close the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.



Lancaster Drive NE/Watson Avenue NE Pedestrian Crossing
Project

Project Number 722507
June 2022

FACT SHEET

PURPOSE

- Improve safety for pedestrians and motorists

PROJECT FEATURES

- High visibility crosswalk striping
- Pedestrian refuge island in the center lane
- Pedestrian-activated Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon system
- New ADA compliant sidewalk ramps at the crossing
- Additional lighting at the crossing

BUDGET

- Funded from the City's share of the Oregon Gas Tax Revenue
- Preliminary project cost estimate: \$250,000

SCHEDULE

- Design began May 2022
- Construction is anticipated to begin in Summer 2023

TRAFFIC IMPACTS DURING CONSTRUCTION

- Pedestrians will be routed around the work area
- Motorists should expect delays
- Single lane closures may be required at times

PROJECT CONTACT

- City of Salem, Elizabeth Thorley, Engineering Associate, at 971-301-1326 or ethorley@cityofsalem.net

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 PRELIMINARY LAYOUT

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