

NORTH LANCASTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, October 6th 2021 Blanchet School 4373 Market St. NE

Chair Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM

Introductions were made around the room

July's minutes were approved

Police Report: Sergeant Vasquez

- A strategic plan to set goals and objectives needs community input.
- Find the link on the departments website
- Trick or treaters should check for reflective quality in costumes to ensure children are seen
- Wear the appropriate size costume
- Make sure masks have eye holes large enough to provide a clear line of vision
- Make sure you are seen crossing streets. Consider carrying a lit flashlight
- SCRAM is the program residents have to share their surveillance footage to help identify criminals
- Statistics show more homeless in 2021 than 2020
- Confirmed shootings (where shell casings are found) are up 11%
- The sidewalk on the west side of Lancaster and Sunnyview is blocked with a homeless encampment complete with open air drug use
- Use the non-emergency police line to report behavior on sidewalks
- It's not illegal to order people off the sidewalk

Code Enforcement Report: Officer Chris Russell

- 28 vehicular cases. Cars can't sit for more than 5 days
- 6 property cases
- Wolverine and Coral is the site of RV parking and sleeping in vehicles
- This is a violation of city code, but it's illegal to tow a vehicle that has occupants
- Some are waiting for space at the city's designated RV parking spots
- Grass and weed season ended Oct. 1st. Enforcement of blackberry vines continues
- Illegal campers on the sidewalk at Sunnyview and Lancaster are being directed to city services. Code enforcement works with the Salem police department when dealing with the unsheltered
- The RV parked at Brown Rd. park has been trespassed without incident

Joel Smallwood: Salem-Keizer school district

- The district's office at Lancaster and Wolverine is undergoing renovation to include more parking, an upgraded HVAC system, new windows, and new flooring
- One of the larger projects undertaken after the passing of the 2018 school bond is McKay high school. It's nearing completion and the ribbon cutting will be held on Oct. 8th, with tours every 15 minutes

Rick Nasset: NW Homes

Don Jensen: Jensen Consulting and Development

- Lot behind BiMart, at June and Vaughn, will be portioned and 2 affordable houses of 1,500 feet will be constructed

Councilor Report: Chris Hoy

- There's a 3 year police planning effort underway
- Redistricting is underway
- There will be a community open house before the final decision
- Ward 6 has 1,891 acres, 15% of Salem residents, 17% of commercial activity, 10% of public institutions, 3% of parks, 11% of undeveloped land and has the most ethnically diverse population
- Ward 6 boundaries are changing as a result of the 2020 Census
- Will attend the ribbon cutting ceremony at McKay Oct. 8th

Executive Board Appointments:

- Deanna Garcia~ Chair/Secretary
- Doug Rodgers~ Vice Chair
- Pamela Blake~ Treasurer

Committee Reports:

- Doug~ no transit report
- Deanna~ no traffic report
- Dennis~ no land use report
- Shirlene~ no parks report

Meeting adjourned at 8:23