

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

**1. Call to Order / Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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	Absent
Shirlene Gonzalez	Parks Chair	Present
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; Councilor Chris Hoy  
Neighbors: Tiffany & Bobby Ottis; Elizabeth Veysey

**2. Approval of Minutes**

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

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

An SPD retiree recently returned and believes Salem looks noticeably different than what he remembered including a slight improvement with the homeless. This is a good reflection of where we're going.

The Critical Response Team is off and running. Sergeant Johnson is conducting outreach & survival/crisis response training for civilians, schools & churches, this is available for the community. Contact Lt. Aguilar for training schedule.

The National Night Out signups are open, the deadline is 7/22 to apply for use of a park or to request a street closure. If you want an SPD Officer to make an appearance, the request deadline is 7/29.

SPD continues community outreach with the ongoing 'Coffee with a Cop' event. Schedule details & information will be posted on social media.

The Safety Task Force has been focusing on violent crimes and making an impact. Overall number of shootings have declined, and the number of people hit has decreased. SPD is working to remove violent threats out of the community.

#### Questions/Concerns

*Increase in jail capacity?* Sgt. Baskett will defer to Councilor Hoy for details on numbers/funding for beds. The Marion County Jail is running at capacity so if a high-level violent criminal goes in, a low-threat offender would be released.

*Chief Womack's report at the Council meeting regarding what calls SPD will respond to. There is concern for text reporting especially for those with lack of smart phone or internet access, or have language barriers; as well as concern for the response times regardless of how items are reported.* Always call 911 for emergencies, be aware the call center is significantly understaffed especially for non-emergency calls. Callers can request to speak to the telephone reporting office to report with a live-person, if texting or online reporting is not an option.

*How do residents stay informed on how to reach SPD? What other advertisements are going out aside from social media & email?* Deanna mentioned the "Who to Call" form and will share a scan with Sgt Baskett to followup with the SPD community services team.

*Who respond to noise complaints?* Due to staffing levels it's at a minimum. If it's an outrageous event, they will respond to keep the peace. Amicable, neighbor-to-neighbor approach is encouraged, but there isn't a finite answer where to send people who have noise complaints. We discussed the email thread sent by Angie Hedrick of SPD resulting from NA Chairs being told noise complaints should be addressed by neighborhood associations.

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

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

The City Manager candidate search is wrapping up. Some additional communication funds have been made available for NA's - this pool of \$50k will be divvied up between the 18 NA's. Chris mentioned the postcards as a potential way for community outreach. Salem Police Department is filling six new officer positions. Council authorized funds for speed bumps, NOLA had already accessed the program to have bumps installed on Walker Road. The Our Salem process is moving forward - unsure if it's in the final stage of deliberations; there is still time to submit written testimony, at least through Monday's scheduled Council meeting. National Night Out is back on. Chris has breakfast once a month with sheriff & county commissioners. Members of the community can also come to the breakfast with county officials at Courthouse Square - Wednesday mornings at 9am. [SEE WEBSITE](#)

Marion County Jail is opening half of 'G pod' which contains up to 65 beds. They will be able to house more offenders than the last couple of years. The new SPD building doesn't have jail space, the county/sheriff is responsible for lodging offenders.

January is when Chris takes on his role as our new mayor. Deanna reached out to Councilor-elect, Julie Hoy and has not received a response to an invitation to attend a NOLA meeting prior to assuming her position in January.

#### Questions/Concerns

*What is the difference between Low level vs high level offenders?* Person-to-person violent crimes would be considered a higher threat level. Property crimes would be low level.

*Communications increase for NA's - would it be difficult to have a message about NA's included in or on utility bill? Chris will look into it.*

*Budget - do we still have funds for the equipment/development for Brown Road Park? Does that money go away? Those funds previously budgeted are earmarked for Brown Road Park and do not go away.*

*Our Salem - what more is needed to express that the NA and neighborhood as a whole does not support the Neighborhood Hub rezone planned in NOLA? Shirlene & Deanna shared details about previous written & spoken testimony with Chris, as well as insight on how the general consensus of the community is not supportive of this rezone. This includes the owners of the property subject to be rezoned not wanting this to happen. Chris will share this information with his fellow Council members.*

## **5. Speed bumps on Walker Road NE Kevin Hottman, Traffic Engineer - Salem Public Works**

Due to a communication/scheduling snafu, Kevin was not present. Neighbors discussed the ideal locations for the proposed speed bumps. The most ideal location would be near the Capistrano Court intersection. The 2nd priority location would be near Serra Court intersection, if funds allow for a second set of speed bumps. If the program budget allows, the buildup of the existing crosswalk adjacent to the Chavez main driveway would be a functional improvement.

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

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

No report available. Visit [Cherriots web page](#) for meeting details.

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

No report available. View upcoming projects [HERE](#)

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

No report available.

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

NOLA was awarded \$4k from Salem Parks Foundation to be used for two picnic tables at McKay Park.

Blanchet School is not available during August so the motion was made to cancel the August meeting. The Board unanimously approved cancellation of the August meeting and will resume in September.

## **7. Open Forum for any discussion**

Deanna attended a listening session for the Homestead Community Center planned for the Epping Homestead property adjacent to the nearly completed Boys & Girls Club. Several sessions occurred over a couple days to gather input from different individuals and groups

within NE Salem. Community rental space for meetings and events along with education and family resources were some of the needs that came to the forefront. The information gathered from all the sessions will be presented to the Board overseeing the project.

McKay Commons is a potential gathering space for the McKay area community. Salem Leadership Foundation staff continue to seek community feedback. Please complete this SURVEY to provide input on needs of our community.

Deanna continues to network with other NA's and community organizations for the benefit of our NA. Regular attendance at CaPES meeting (see attached flyer) has provided insight on potential funding resources for an exciting park project.

Special thanks to Dennis Will for attending several meetings in addition to our monthly meetings including the Salem Land Use Network meetings. Special thanks to Shirlene Gonzalez for her dedication to the NOLA community as a whole. Her efforts to improve our parks should not go unnoticed. I also appreciate you representing our NA and neighbors with your written & spoken testimony. With the efforts put forth by your Chair & these two outstanding volunteers, NOLA received a full credit of \$500 to our communication funds. This brings our balance to \$1620.69.

Quarterly chairs takeaway- the idea of reducing the 18 NA's was brought up. Irma has quite an extensive workload that used to be done by two people. I suggested combining NOLA, ELNA & the portions of Northgate, east of Portland Road into one singular NA. The Board motioned and approved the idea of further research into becoming a singular NA by connecting with ELNA & Northgate NA's.

Family Friendly events:

-Fun Fridays at Northgate Park starting Friday, July 8th, 4pm - 7:30pm. See attached flyer for themes/details.

-Chemeketa Community College Open House Wednesday, July 20th, 4pm - 6 pm. See attached flyer for details. NOLA will have a table at this event. Volunteers from the Board are encouraged. Kim motion to use communications funds to purchase a gift card for a raffle prize. Motion was seconded by Denise. Approved to use \$50 communication funds for a raffle prize at the community event. Deanna will seek donation options first at Bentley's. Board agrees a gift card from Fred Meyer would be the most beneficial to families.

-Englewood Forest Festival on Saturday, August 13th, 10am - 4pm. See attached flyer for details.

## **8. Close of Meeting / Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Kim, seconded by Denise, unanimous agreement to close the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.



Community and Partners of East Salem (CaPES) was established in 2013 and is rapidly growing with members who envision connected, supported, cherished neighborhoods within the McKay-area community.

**Neighborhoods:** 8, 15, 18 and C on map Northgate, East Lancaster, North Lancaster neighborhoods; plus the larger McKay High School feeder area.

**Vision:** All neighborhoods within the McKay area community are connected, supported, and cherished.

**Mission**

- Facilitate community connections
- Support children and families
- Promote a safe, healthy, clean environment in neighborhoods with schools that feed into McKay High school.

**Support**

- McKay feeder schools
- Parks
- Community Gardens
- Sports Programs
- Neighborhood Associations
- Food Insufficiency
- And so much more!

**Get connected:** CaPES meets every third Thursday via Zoom. Contact [Jennp@salem1f.org](mailto:Jennp@salem1f.org) for details.  
Facebook: CaPES Community and Partners of East Salem

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<b>JULY 15</b>	<b>SCIENCE, MATH &amp; LITERACY</b>
<b>JULY 22</b>	<b>COMMUNITY GARDENING, OUTDOOR PLAY &amp; READING</b>
<b>JULY 29</b>	<b>EARLY LEARNING &amp; BACK TO SCHOOL</b>

**FREE FOOD FROM 5:30-6:30 PM**

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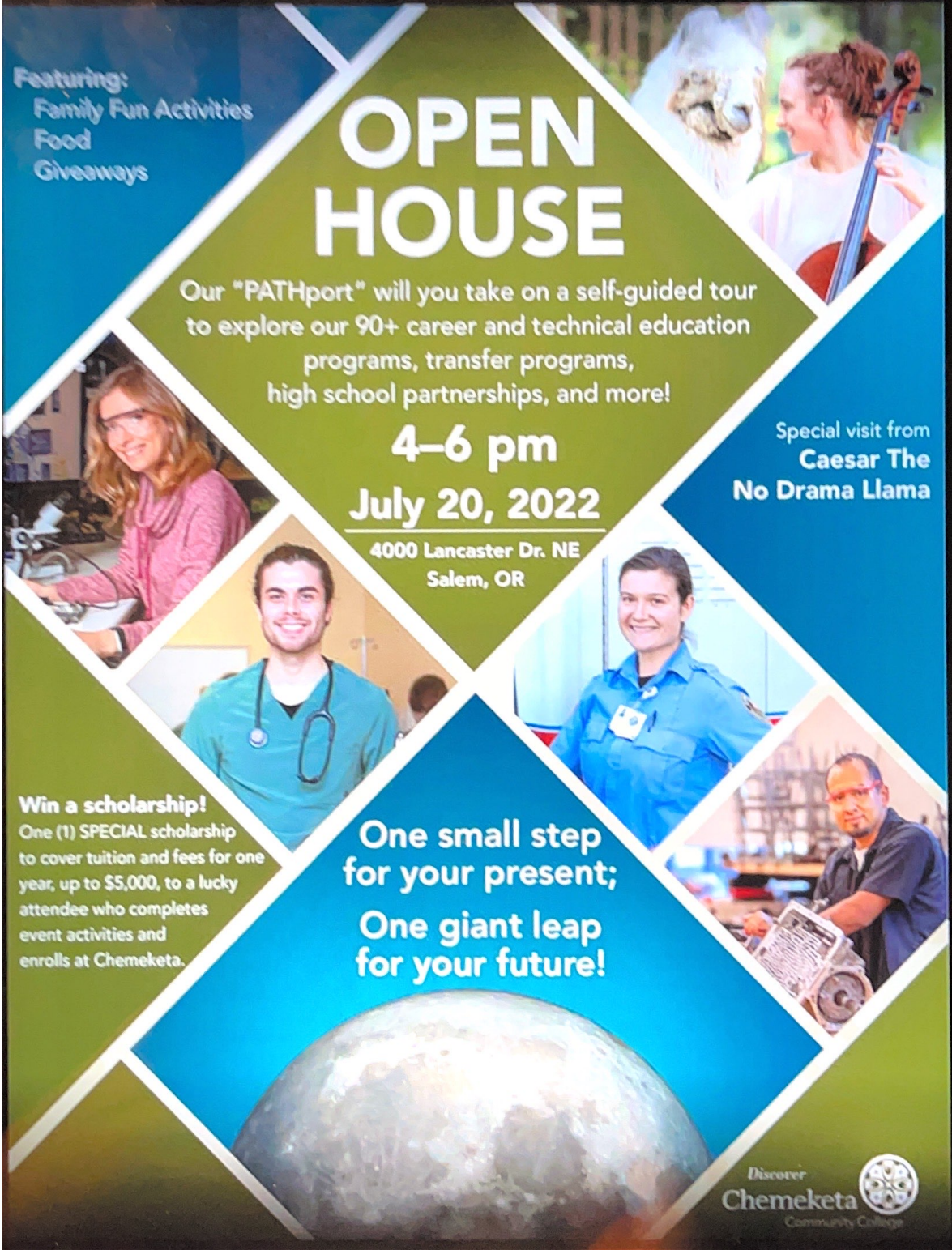
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