

Lansing

Neighborhood Association

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August 23, 2022, meeting minutes, 7 pm.

Attendees: Chair Patty Tipton, board member Claudine Shaw, Councilor Hoy, City of Salem Irma Coleman, Lt, Aguilar (SPD), and additional 14 neighbors.

Presentation:

- Councilor Hoy; new City Councilor for Ward 2 Linda Nishioka was sworn in and attended City Council Work Session on 8/22 after Councilor Andersen resignation. New City Manager Keith Stahley will start on 9/12. Community is invited to meet Keith on October 3rd, 5:30-7 pm at Salem Police Community Center. Capitol Jam Concert hosted by the City of Salem to take place at Riverfront Park on 8/27, 11 am – 10:30 pm. Free entry. Volunteer recognition nominations are currently being accepted but must be received by the City of Salem, City Manger's Office by 8/26. Garbage rate increase in effect on January 1st, 2023. Discounts of 20% available to those who qualify. Contact City Customer Service at 503-588-6311 or Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action for more information on discount. Free bus passes to ride Cherriots available for students under 18 as of September. Free bus rides to warming and cooling shelters when activated due to inclement weather.
- Salem Police Report, Lt. Debbie Aguilar; tours of the new police building now available. Contact Lt. Aguilar or SPD to schedule a live tour. Several personnel changes with-in the department. SPD ready to hire eight new officers in January thanks to City Council and publics' request. Assistant Chief Miller is now over the patrol division, officers to start 12 hour shifts which will increase amount of officer at one time on duty by 20%. Officers will be on a one-year contract to try it out. Records request staff are very busy. Check Lexus Nexus for crime stats in your neighborhood as crime rates fluctuate. Graffiti staff are now a team of two. SPD asks that the public continue to report unmanaged camps to the City's Homeless Camping Complaint Portal online here: <https://form.cityofsalem.net/s3/Homeless-Camping-Complaint>. New team of staff in place to help connect services to homeless neighbors and assist Parks staff coordinate park clean-ups.

Chair Report: Patty attended August's CaPES meeting and learned that new little free libraries will be place through out NE Salem. People can donate new or gently used books to Patty or East Salem Rotary Club, more info here:

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/community/neighborhoods/find-or-build-a-little-free-library>.

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CaPES will be helping coordinate the distribution of free pies to SKSD staff like last school year (February 2022). As a thank you to all staff. Currently there are no PTA meetings taking place at schools due to Covid precautions. Washington School collecting school supplies on 8/30, drop off at Capital Baptist Church. Annual *Reflections on the River* event taking place on September 8th 7:30 – 9 pm at Riverfront Park Pavilion to honor loved ones lost or missing. Hosted by Willamette Vital Health. Personalized luminarias are available to display, more info here: <https://www.wvh.org/reflections>.

Walk & Wag annual event at Minto-Brown Park on September 24th 1 – 4 pm. Vendor booths, scavenger hunt, activities, and prizes. More info here: <https://www.wvh.org/pets>.

Neighbors and board discussion: Lansing's board have voted to merge with another neighborhood association due to lack of participation from the community and low board membership. Secretary/Treasurer seat has been vacant from three years which have caused for several meetings minutes to go undocumented. Patty has served on the board for 20 years and needs to step down. Although the board (three members) and City staff have steadily for several years worked together to increase board membership and engage with neighbors, all efforts have been unsuccessful. Neighbors in attendance discussed and support the merge with another association in hopes to revitalize Lansing. Patty plans to attend NOLA, Northgate and NESCA September meetings to discuss the possibility and interest in merging with one of them. Lansing would like to consolidate with an association that is open to in person and/or hybrid meetings. Patty expressed that it was a very difficult decision for herself and the board, but Lansing recognizes the need to combine with an association that is better equipped at this time to build participation and work on Lansing projects and issues. No decision has been made by the board as to which association they would like to merge with.

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.