

East Lancaster Neighborhood Association
Minutes
August 4, 2022

Attendance: Sue Fowler, Mary Sarabia, Pat Mick, Deanna Garcia, Clark Hazlett, Carolyn Hutton, Chuck Westbrook, Linda Winicki, Irma Coleman, Chris Hoy, Lt Debbie Aguilar and Julie Hoy. Via Zoom: Susann Kaltwasser, Bev Quiring, Broc Thorud, and Brent Neilsen.

Introductions/Approval of Minutes

Sue opened the meeting at 7:08 p.m. with introductions. She then asked if we should approve the minutes at the end of the meeting. At the end of the meeting Chuck moved approval and Mary seconded the motion. All voted their approval.

Police Officer Report

Lt. Debbie Aguilar talked about a few new programs that the police have begun. One is to not ticket drivers with minor vehicle problems like broken lights, Instead they will be given a voucher to get it repaired. Also, there is a new policy to not respond to nuisance calls such as loud noises or barking dogs. These issues can be reported to the non-emergency number and will be logged, but unless it is a continuous problem, an officer won't respond. Instead the complaint will be followed up by staff later.

City Councilor Report, Chris Hoy

The city has hired a new City Manager, Keith Dailey, who will begin his job in a few weeks. The new budget calls for 6 additional police officers. \$50,000 has been put towards neighborhood associations, but exactly how the money will be used is not determined yet. The long-term goal is to add more FTE for the liaison role, but not this year. Some money was set aside for traffic calming with speed bumps. Susann mentioned that Weathers was supposed to be qualified some years ago, but there was no funding. Chris Hoy suggested contacting Kevin Hottmann to see how to apply for the funds. The airport needs to remove some trees at the end of the runway to help with safety issues. Salem Manor is now going to be managed by Salem Housing Authority. This is funded by HUD and hopefully improve conditions. Due to recent issues with workers from the prison workers in the parks they have had to reduce the amount of maintenance they can do lately. The City is working to open cooling centers this summer on very hot days. Water rates are going up in 2023 and 2024. There will be a 5% increase in January which will be about \$5 on the average bill.

Update on United Way Cottages

Brent Neilsen reviewed the latest layout of the 25 cottages in 3 clusters. He said they had purchased the house on the south parcel in front of Swegle School and it was being occupied by a couple who will act as the caretakers of the cottages and to assist as needed the residents. They will care for the grounds too. They are waiting for the final design approval so they can apply for permits. The cottages are being built off site and will begin placement later this fall. They hope to have some ready for occupants by the end of the year. Rent will be \$500 and include utilities. A question was asked about parking and he said that they are not required to have any parking, but they did decide to have several parking spaces at each cluster for caregivers, taxis and visitors, but they assumed that most residents would not have their own vehicles.

ELNA Annual Goals

Susann explained that each year after the annual meeting we must submit an annual review that asked for our goals for the coming year. After some discussion it was decided to keep our goals from past years. The goals are:

- Increase board membership,
- Promote Neighborhood Watch participation,
- Interact with at least 100 new neighbors through events, and

- Increase use of social media.

Committee Reports

a. Land Use

Susann said that the Hile lot line adjustment had been approved by Marion County. The property still needs to be annexed to the City prior to development as part of the apartment complex at 4700 Center Street.

The request to change the phasing of the East Park Estates PUD on 255 Cordon Road is still being decided by the Planning Department. It should be approved as it is a minor change in phasing of a traffic light.

Panda Express is still in process so Susann had no news on that application.

b. Traffic - Susann gave an update on school walkways grants. She explained that the staff had decided to go ahead and submit a request for Market Street by Swegle, but it is not clear if that will actually be built.

c. Parks - no report

ELNA Board Officer elections

The Board voted on a motion by Clark and seconded by Mary to postpone the elections until September.

Irma asked about our bylaws. She needed a more recent copy so Susann will email them to her.

Neighborhood Concerns:

Announcements: 50th Anniversary of City Hall is August 18th. There will be tours and a band and booths with information. Some refreshments and activities for children will be provided.

Next meeting agenda topics:

How to make the Zoom work better!

Bond measure

Code Enforcement report

Officer elections

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by Susann Kaltwasser