

**North Lancaster Neighborhood Association Meeting  
September 7, 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).

Board Member	Position	Attendance
Deanna Garcia	Chair	Present
Doug Rogers	Vice-Chair	Present
Pamela Blake	Treasurer	Present
Shirlene Gonzalez	Parks Chair	Absent with excuse
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, Josh Adelman & Greg Muzak, Kevin Hottman, Donnie Kim, Isis Thorton-Saunders, Irma Coleman, Patty Tipton  
Neighbors: Tiffany & Bobby Ottis; Roger Haase, Linda Stout, Linda Morris, Mike Pfenning, Christine?, Frank Lemmon, Rob & Yvonne Dinubilo, Robin Marshburn

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the October 2021 meeting were sent for Board review on 7/11/22. Kim motioned to approve the minutes from October 2021 meetings as written. Denise seconded the motion. The minutes from July 2022 were submitted for Board review on 7/9/22. Kim motioned to approve the July 2022 minutes. Pam seconded the motion. Both sets of minutes from October 2021 & July 2022 were unanimously approved.

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

Salem Police Department has a community police academy program to give an insiders perspective of an officer position. The programs offers insight of the department's philosophy as well as a variety of training involving driving, use of firearms, deescalation tactics and investigation techniques. There are eligibility requirements and a commitment to the full 14-week program which includes 3 Saturday classes. The fall 2022 academy is full, the next academy starts April 2023. Details [HERE](#)

Planning is underway for the 2022 Halloween dress rehearsal to be held at the SPD. Full details will be posted once logistics are worked out. Check the SPD social media sites.

Schools is back in session, be aware of school zones and flashing lights. SPD Traffic Team will be out to patrol areas of concern.

*Will there be patrols on Walker Road for alleged school staff speeders heading to Chavez? The Traffic Team will be notified of this area of concern. The unit's dedicated enforcement time is*

only 10%, incidents with serious injury/fatalities will draw them away from standard patrols like speed checks.

*If a vehicle is blocking mailboxes - would this be a police call?* Kevin Hottman stated the city can paint the curb yellow in front of a mailbox cluster.

*What if the mailbox is in front of a bike lane?* You can't park in a bike lane. The curb and bike lane would both need to be painted yellow.

*Reported speeders on Brown Road, regularly going faster than 35 mph.* Sgt. will submit a report to Traffic team for our district. Keep in mind, there is one officer on duty amongst service calls. Doug offered his driveway for report writing and also allow for radar readings.

*A vehicle dropped a package at a mailbox cluster off Brown Road, then a while later, another vehicle picked it up. Seemed strange, out of place.*

*Weed smokers, drinkers as well as homeless setting up camp on the west side of McKay park again. Request if SPD could patrol the park more frequently.* Report the encampments on the city website since it's a city park. Community team working on the calls that come in about the hotspots. Responses/resources occur, but the encampments move or are addressed and then pop up elsewhere, just continue to report. Homeless encampment reporting portal [HERE](#)

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

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

New city manager, Keith Stanley, starts Monday 9/12. On October 3, a reception/welcome will be held at Salem Police Department in the community room at 5:30PM to meet and chat with Keith.

October 17 is the City's volunteer recognition event, submit nominations now. The ceremony will be held at the library, doors open at 5PM, event starts at 6PM.

Council approved a new microshelter specifically for youth ages 18 -24. It will be located off Turner road and managed by Church @ The Park.

Renewal garbage rates going up soon. The increase for a 20 gallon can will be \$22.10 for biweekly service. There is a low-income discount (up to 20%), contact community action agency to get certified for this discount.

*How many council members?* 18 on council.

*A homeless person Mike encountered at McKay Park stated that Arches has a waiting list of 500 long.* This is not true, Arches runs a day program, no wait list as it's drop-in only. Union Gospel Mission is not always full, but has barriers that may deter some individuals. Simonka House and Safe Sleep are both women's shelter (and also have some barriers). A new shelter will be opening on Mission street. There are also hotel programs that will be opening additional space for homeless individuals as wildfire victims are transitioning out.

*Are homeless being people bussed from portland?* No, they are from here or have family/roots here.

*McKay park looks trashy compared to waterfront with green grass. Why is there such a disparity?* Staffing shortage had made it hard to upkeep the parks.

*Question about the property on Aguilas Ct.* - That property will be developed into tiny homes by the United Way.

#### **5. Speed bumps on Walker Road NE**

### **Kevin Hottman, Traffic Engineer - Salem Public Works**

There wasn't always funding for speed bumps, once funding was received, projects were prioritized: Walker Road was one of the top three. Kevin presented design options to discuss with NOLA NA. Neighbors will vote after the final design is ironed out with engineers. The neighbors voting will be exclusive to property owners impacted by the bumps. Majority rules out of 51% of ballots returned. If needed, a decision could be appealed to the citizen advisory traffic commission.

Speed bumps generally can make a 3 - 5 mph reduction. The spacing layout with less than 500ft helps to discourage increasing speeds when traveling between bumps. Once installed, the street will not be eligible for snow plowing.

Design option 1 includes 4 speed bumps with 500 feet spacing between each bump OR Design option 2 includes 6 bumps with 300 feet spacing between each bump. Maps were handed out to show placement proposed placement. A speed bump is 15 feet wide and 3 inches high. Similar to the bumps/humps located on Williams St NE.

*Question about the existing crosswalk near Chavez driveway.* The raised crosswalk is purposely for pedestrian crossing, not for speed control.

*Statement about installation of stop signs for speed reduction in high traffic areas.* Stop signs can be strategically placed for high volume traffic areas. This area is not ideal for this feature at this time.

NOLA would like to show support of the Design option 2 - 6 speed bumps installed with 300 feet spacing on Walker Road. Kim motioned that we support, Pam seconded. The Board unanimously agreed.

### **6. New Pedestrian Crossing @ Sunnyview & Hollywood Project Engineer Josh Adelman - Salem Public Works**

The project's purpose is to increase safety of pedestrians and vehicles. Three schools are near this intersection. This project was requested by residents through the city's safer routes. The visual aid shows the raised curb area to be placed in the center lane of Sunnyview, just east of Hollywood. There will be a new street light on the south side of Sunnyview along with ADA ramps. Funds coming through ODOT's safe routes to school will be matched by the city (gas tax). Total budget is estimated at \$175k. The design timeline is currently at 50%, plans to start construction summer 2023 and avoid construction while school is in session.

*Questions about impacts on traffic using the center lane to turn from Hollywood heading eastbound on Sunnyview as well as Blanchet traffic attempting to navigate a turn into the school's back entrance.* The crossing's focus is for pedestrian safety. Engineers can possibly look into making the west nose of the curb of the crossing area a little shorter to allow for a car to pull into center lane (merging East). No real response about the Blanchet traffic.

Let the minutes reflect that this project does not take peak traffic at school arrival/dismissal times and regular "rush hour" into consideration. It's also clear that this project is hyper-focusing on pedestrian traffic and paying no mind to the vehicle traffic these roads were intended for. Sunnyview is a main thoroughway to access several neighborhood areas in east Salem between Lancaster and Cordon. The initial design study clearly did not include the Blanchet school vehicle access when designing this project and has made poor timeline decisions that conflict with another major construction project on the north end of Hollywood scheduled for the same time.

NOLA does not support the project as is and highly recommends changes based on true impact to traffic flows during arrival/dismissal times for school and evening rush hour. Doug motioned. Kim seconded. The Board unanimously agreed.

## **7. Street Mural Project & Grant**

### **Isis Thorton-Saunders - Travel Salem & Donnie Kim - McKay High School**

Travel Salem sponsored 7 street mural projects in Salem. Travel Salem granted funds up to \$1k, including supplies. Plus additional funds for a block party to celebrate the mural upon completion.

Funds are available through June 2023. There are some design restrictions including no words, no crosses, etc. Specifics about the final design and location (must be a local street, culdesac or alleyway) will be outline in an application process which can include request for street closure for project completion. Kevin Hottman is the contact

The suggested location at this time is: Scotsman Lane. Additional networking with Donnie Kim, McKay staff & students to iron out a design and date line and location to prepare for the city application.

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

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

Job openings galore. Fares (including regional) for riders ages 0-18 are now \$0 for next year starting 9/4/22. Visit [Cherriots web page](#) for details.

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

Utility work is almost wrapped up on Hollywood, an 80-year old Holly tree will sadly be removed for the project. View upcoming projects [HERE](#)

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

No report

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

SPF funding cycle is starting up again.

Potential merger of Lansing NA with NOLA NA - Patty Tipton

The Board motioned and approved the idea of further research into becoming a singular NA by connecting with ELNA & Northgate NA's at the July meeting. This topic stemmed from a discussion which occurred at the quarterly Chairs' meeting in June. During discussion at a Chairs' meeting with Chief Womack, a dialogue started with the Lansing Chair about mergers.

Patty shared details about the Lansing NA, why there is a need to seek merger. She is attending meetings of the NA's that Lansing could potentially merge with, NESCA, Northgate and NOLA. She will report back to the remaining Lansing Board and they will decide their next steps. Patty's last meeting as Lansing Chair will be in November. Next meetings: Tuesdays 9/27, 10/25 & 11/22, 7:00pm at Capital Baptist Church - 3000 Lansing Avenue.

On 10/22/22, Friends of Trees along with Lansing neighbors will be present to replace a few dead trees, lay hog fuel & do some weed whacking at Lansing Park on Hawthorne. Light refreshments will be available.

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

**10. Close of Meeting / Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Kim , seconded by Doug, unanimous agreement to close the meeting.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.

