

# **East Lancaster Neighborhood Association**

## **Minutes**

**February 2, 2023**

Attendance: Sue Fowler, Ray Williams, Julie Hoy, Bev Quiring, Officer Mark Jantz, Pastor Terry Mott

Via Zoom: Susann Kaltwasser, Chuck Westbrook, Clark Hazlett and Officer Wolf (Code Enforcement)

Sue opened the meeting at 7:09 with introductions. We did not have a quorum present to approve the minutes, so we decided to make a call to Mary Sarabia and send e-mail to the board to get an electronic vote.

Police Officer Report - Officer Jantz said that the Police Chief had given an update to the City Council. There are now three teams of Mobile Crisis Response through Marion County. They respond to cases throughout the county, not just Salem. 988 is the new hot-line number for mental health issues. They have been trying to hire new officers as the Police currently has a 10% vacancy. He is trying to streamline the hiring process without compromising on quality of hires. They are trying to do more recruitment through Willamette University, Western Oregon University and the CTEC high school program. Competition is very high, so it is hard to retain officers. They will try to bring on more Community Service Officers (CSO) because they can do investigation and data collection for actual cases.

City Council Report - Councilor Julie Hoy reported that the council has resumed in-person meetings with a Zoom option for testimony. They had a vote on Vision Zero that she voted against. Mostly she said because she had numerous questions about the program and she wondered if more focus needed to be put on homeless issues. She said that we have a lot of homeless people living in our parks and only one park ranger. She is looking into this and other homeless issues.

Code Enforcement - Clark mentioned the trailer on Weathers Street. Officer Wolf said that it is legal to park a trailer on the street. He has checked on the occupants and found there are 6 adults and 14 dogs living in the trailer. He reminds them about rules regarding litter and sanitation. He went on to explain that one of the problems with derelict or abandoned RVs is the difficulty with disposal. They can't even tow them due to lack of storage space. Many need to be decommissioned by HazMat and that is costly. This is not just a Salem problem. Councilor Hoy said that the new City Manager is working on finding more resources. Code Enforcement is short of staff due to two officers have been reassigned. Please use the website to report problems. That way they are logged in properly and assigned to the correct department.

There was discussion about parking enforcement. Code Enforcement can stop and open a case if they see a problem, but hopefully people will report situations.

Communication Strategies - The board said they do want to pursue a newsletter. Sue and Pastor Larry will ask about training for how to use the webpage that Irma recommended. Sue and Susann would brainstorm possible content.

The Church is having a clothing give away on March 24-25th. It lasts about 3-4 hours each day and ELNA can have an informational table.

Committee Reports:

- a. Land Use - Panda Express - Susann reported that the staff recommendation is to restore the no right turn sign at the driveway to Weathers, but nothing regarding our other concerns at Weather and Lancaster. The Board discussed what we can do to appeal the findings. We could ask Julie Hoy to bring it up at City Council. Pastor Terry moved that we appeal the case. Sue seconded the motion, but due to a lack of quorum, Susann said we would need an electronic vote. All approved. Note: an email was sent and enough people responded to make a quorum and the motion was approved. Sue, Terry, Susann, Bev and Mike.
- b. Parks - No report
- c. Traffic - No report

Citizen Concerns: Ray mentioned the problem with speeding on Market Street. Susann said it has been a long standing problem. Maybe a speed reading board might help. He also mentioned parking problems on his street. People are parking across his driveway. Sue gave him contact info for the parking enforcement supervisor.

Sue announced that Broc was moving and probably would resign. Sue asked about reimbursement for ink. Bev made a motion to reimburse Sue up to \$131.39 for ink. Terry Mott seconded the motion. Sue, Terry, Bev, Susann and Mary Sarabia voted yes.

Agenda Items for the Next Meeting - Church Clothing give away - volunteers; continue communication plans discussion. Approve minutes.