

East Lancaster Neighborhood Association

Minutes

March 2, 2023

Attendance: Sue Fowler, Mary Sarabia, Mike Sim, Pastor Terry Mott, Chuck Westbrook, Josh Adelman, Irma Coleman, Gary Muzak, Kevin Hottmann, Councilor Julie Hoy, Kimberly Castro, Pat Mick, Dan Sheets, Vern Golden. Via Zoom : Susann Kaltwasser, Clark Hazlett,

Sue opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. with introductions. She then asked for approval of the minutes from February. There were two corrections. Change Pastor Larry to Pastor Terry and add a note that there was an electronic vote per the by-laws on a land use case. The vote constituted a quorum and the vote was approved to appeal the case regarding Panda Express. Mike Sim moved approval with corrections, and Clark seconded the motion. All voted approval.

Police Report: No Police Officer was present.

Councilor's Report: Julie Hoy said that the Council had been busy with various business issues. She noted that this new council had the most women servicing ever with six member out of eight. There was also a Proclamation on Women's History Month.

She said she had volunteered at the Warming Shelter and felt she learned a great deal about the people who are unhoused and the struggles they confront. She sensed that many of the people are not capable of seeking the help that they need. Mental health is a big problem for the unhoused. She said that the Navigation Center will be opened in may. It will shelter about 70 people at a time and offer services to help the unhoused. There were some questions about what services and what restrictions would be required.

The Council is reexamining parking downtown and is looking at going back to meters. She is advocating for ways to make the parking structures safer. We had security in the parking structures up to 2012 and she is waiting for cost estimates on what it would be to replace the officers.

Dan Sheets wonders about a change in policy on camping on sidewalks. Susann suggested that people subscribe to a weekly email on how the City is addressing the homeless by going to the City webpage and search under "City efforts to address homelessness."

Here is the link (<https://www.cityofsalem.net/government/shaping-salem-s-future/housing-shelter/learn-about-city-efforts-to-address-homelessness>) You can also report a problem with junk or camping on line from that same page.

Clark mentioned again that the motorhome on Weathers Street and Cyress is creating a vision clearance problem because it is parked too close to the corner.

Crosswalk on Sunnyview Update: Gary Mysak said that the funding had been secured from Safe Routes near Schools for the crosswalk at Hollywood and Sunnyview. He shared drawings of the design. It is scheduled for construction in 2024. There were questions about easements and fencing near the corner. Mike Sim asked about lighting. The street lights are very weak in that area. He asked about a flashing

light. Mr. Mysak said that they haven't looked to see if the area qualifies. They are an added cost. Susann was supportive if it is like the one's she has seen by other schools. She said that perhaps the School District might consider a crossing guard there too as elementary school children do cross Sunnyview. Mike said that the traffic doesn't always stop at 45th and Sunnyview. He fears that the racing by students each afternoon needs to be addressed as well.

Clark asked about the crosswalk at Weathers and Tierra. Staff said that a traffic count would be needed to determine if speed humps are possible. Tony Martin and Kevin Hottmann are in charge of the Neighborhood Traffic Management program which is being rolled out soon.

There was discussion about speeding on Market. Chuck noted that a speed sign was put near Blanchet School on Market. Vern thought we should get one for 45th as well. Gary said that there was a crossing being designed for Market but he was not sure of the location due to sight line issues.

Communications - Newsletter: Irma Coleman presented some information about how to use Mail Chimp to create a newsletter. She can give us access to the email list for agendas. It's about 100 emails. She is also setting up an email address just for ELNA that we can use. If a neighborhood does a newsletter, they can earn \$200 more in communication funds.

Irma showed us some new yard signs and posters to promote neighborhood associations. She said there would be some billboards soon too. We discussed things we might do locally. A summer picnic in a park was suggested.

ELNA wants to put up displays at local events. The First Free Will Baptist Church is having a clothing give away on March 24-25. So, several people volunteered to help set up a table and give out literature.

Mike suggested the City also have literature at the summer Movies in the Park events.

Committee Reports:

a.) Land Use - Susann reported on Panda Express. ELNA had voted to appeal the case, but with further research Susann found that we could not prevail, so she did not appeal. Instead she was able to get our request for a 'no right turn' sign installed at the Weathers Street exit. She tried to get the driveway through to Academy Square restored, but was told it is not part of this case. And it was closed through an administrative action by the City. However, it is not clear now whether the whole project will even happen because Panda Express is signaling that they may withdraw.

Susann also mentioned a new apartment going in on 4125 Market. it has 10 units and little parking. East Park Estates is going to submit request for Phase #3 to be approved. The 4900 State Street apartments will have a hearing on March 22 and she will submit comments based on our previous concerns.

No Traffic or Parks Reports.

Next Meeting Agenda Items: Mike would like an update on the United Way cottages; Marion County coming to take about Cordon Road and Center Street improvements; Navigation Center; Annual Meeting plans; and progress on ELNA newsletter

Sue adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.