

East Lancaster Neighborhood Association

August 3, 2023

Minutes

Attendance: Sue Fowler, Mike Sim, Mary Sarabia, Officer Mark Jantz, Chuck Westbrook, Dennis Will, Dan Sheets, Susann Kaltwasser, Terry Motte, Vern Golden, Beverly Quiring and Kimberly Castro.

Sue Fowler opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with introductions. She then suggested we approve the minutes at the end of the meeting.

Police Officer Report: Officer Mark Jantz said that there were 114 official National Night Out parties around town, but none were in ELNA. He said that the police was holding a Bike Rodeo at Geer Park. Kids can participate even if they do not have a bike because they will have loaners that day. Susann asked if Neighborhood Watch was still active. Officer Jantz said he would verify that it is still functional and report back.

Mary asked about the moratorium on checking vehicle licenses. Officer Jantz said that it was only during the pandemic and now it was over, so cars need to be up to date on licenses. Mary said there is a person who lives in her apartment complex who drives without current plates. He suggested that she call Code Enforcement.

City Councilor's Report: Councilor Julie Hoy was not present. Kimberly said that there would be a joint County, State meeting at Business Center on August 23 at 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. to talk about recent legislative session and Councilor Hoy would be present. The Center is on High and Union by the parkade

Code Enforcement Report; Officer Chris Russell shared information about recent cases in our area. He is mostly dealing with tall grass and parked cars. He had 27 cases this past month and 17 are still outstanding. One issue has been homeless camps. The SOS team just cleared out a camp at 2557 Hummingbird Road which is a 5 acre lot. Because it is private property they have problems with legal access.

Susann asked about Cottontail Lane NE. A resident had contacted her about parking by homeless people. She had checked with Planning staff and confirmed that Cottontail should be posted as no parking on at least one side. She asked if he could check that the signs were still up and that parking was enforced.

She also mentioned that 4545 Swallow had a lot of clutter and probably needed to be checked for violations. (Note: a few days later there was a house fire at the address. Officer Russell said that he had checked afterwards and found several violations.)

4742 Regal which had a series of violations was now cleaned up and the case closed.

Mural: Susann asked the board if they wanted to pursue having a mural in ELNA. The board is interested but we needed a lot more information, so she will try to gather more information for

the next meeting. We discussed possible locations. It must be on a neighborhood street and not an arterial. Usually an intersection is chosen.

Committee Reports:

- a.) Land Use: 4900 Center Street apartments - application filed, but still pending. Susann is concerned about the request to fill in a large section that is wetlands. She also couldn't tell if the application will try to use Center Street as an entrance or Hoffman Road through the mobile home park.
- b.) Traffic - no report
- c.) Parks - Susann said that the glass bird project had ended, but that there was some talk about having the Center 50+ WOW van come to the park for an event. There was going to be an event at Tierra Rose in the morning of August 14.

Other Issue: Susann said that she had read that East Salem Community Center had received funds to build a soccer field as well as do some work on the HVAC system in the building. Kimberley said that the plan was to build the soccer field but she did not know any details. It was revealed that the field would have lights. Susann asked if they had told The Springs Retirement apartment management about the plan. She did not think there had been any communication yet. Susann urged them to do so, because there were multiple problems with lights at Blanchett from neighbors.

The group confirmed that they want to pursue the Google email accounts that are offered from the City. It was decided that Sue Fowler and Susann Kaltwasser would get the assigned email accounts.

There was a concern expressed about being able to hear people on Zoom. Mike Sim announced that he would donate a remote microphone to the group.

Pot Luck: It was decided to have a pot luck dinner with the ELNA board on Thursday, August 17 from 6-8 p.m. at the church. ELNA will provide the chicken. Vern made a motion to allocate up to \$30 for the chicken and Mike seconded the motion. All agreed.

Election of Officers: After some discussion, Mike nominated Sue Fowler and Susann Kaltwasser as co-presidents. Mary Sarabia seconded the motion. Mike also nominated Mary Sarabia as vice-president. Bev seconded the motion. There was no nomination for secretary. Sue called for the vote and all nominations were approved.

Sue reviewed roster information.

Minutes: Correction on page #3, Bev said she did not recall asking for a list of land use cases, but the group said it would be interesting to see it. Under other business "She" needs to be changed to Susann. Vern moved approval and Mike seconded it. All voted approval.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.