

North Lancaster Neighborhood Association

Monthly Meeting

June 7, 2023, at 6:30 PM

Salem, Oregon & via Zoom

1. Call to Order / Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm, followed by introductions of all present in person and anyone present on the Zoom call.

Board Member	Position	Attendance
Deanna Garcia	Chair	Present
Doug Rodgers	Vice-Chair	Present - Zoom
Christine Potter	Secretary/Treasurer	Present
Shirlene Gonzalez	Parks Chair	Absent
Dennis Will	Land Use Chair	Present - Zoom
Carl Engstrom	Member at large	Present
Denise Currey	Member at large	Present
Kim Currey	Member at large	Present
Pamela Blake	Member at large	Present
Bobby Ottis	Member at large	Absent
Patty Tipton	Member at large	Present
Claudine Shaw	Member at large	Present

Attendees: Deanna Gwyn – Councilor, Ward 4

Neighbors: Rodger Haase

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from May 2023 were submitted for Board review on 5/6/2023.

Pamela Blake motioned to approve. Carl Engstrom seconded the motion. The minutes from May 2023 were unanimously approved.

3. Police Report – Sergeant Baskett from Salem Police Department was unable to attend. Salem PD is actively hiring.

Homeless encampment reporting portal [HERE](#)

Sergeant Baskett can be reached for questions by email: mbaskett@cityofsalem.net

4. Councilor Report: Neither Councilor Hoy nor Gonzalez were in attendance. This is the third consecutive NOLA meeting without our representatives in attendance. We habitually cc them on NOLA Board business so they are informed. Ward 4 Councilor Deanna Gwyn joined our meeting via Zoom.

5. Committee Reports & Board Business

a. Transit – Doug Rodgers -No transit report--- visit [Cherriots web page](#) for details.

b. Traffic – Deanna Garcia

i. Received notification from city regarding earmarked improvements for Silverton Road NE. Survey work to determine topography, acquisitions, etc. to begin week of June 12th from 17th Street to Fisher Road. More details will be available post-

survey. Some presumed improvements include ADA ramps, curbs, and sidewalk widths.

- ii. Q – *Will there be a safe crossing at Silverton and Lansing?* Refer to [Salem’s Safer Pedestrian Crossings Program online platform](#) to submit a safety concern or view the status of existing requests.
- c. Land Use – Dennis Will
 - i. List of questions submitted to developer regarding the Park Avenue project.
 - ii. The developer is also subdividing a 10,000 square foot lot at 2195 Vaughn Ave NE into two parcels. Board to pose questions related to the size of homes and whether there will be an access road or new driveway. Deanna will share the letter she received from the developer with the NOLA Board via email.
 - iii. Changes proposed for Nissan car lot – currently confirming lot lines and plan to remove the existing building.
 - iv. City council notice is available regarding a proposal to remove overlay zones in the SCAN neighborhood. Deanna will read it thoroughly and if pertinent to NOLA, she will share.
- d. Parks – Shirlene Gonzalez (absent, but provided a report in advance)
 - i. Shirlene submitted the Salem Parks grant application.
 - ii. A report will be provided at a future meeting to discuss recommended improvements in all four NOLA parks.
 - iii. 90 parks in 90 days project initiated by Mayor Hoy. They are looking for members of the community who are knowledgeable about some of our local parks. These park representatives will speak briefly with the mayor on video about the best aspects of the properties. We want Brown Road Park to be highlighted to discuss work that has been completed. Shirlene volunteered to be part of the highlight with the mayor and will follow up.
 - iv. Discussion
 - 1. Neither Lansing Park nor Livingston Park are listed on NOLA’s webpage. We will follow up with Irma to request page update.
 - 2. Inquiry regarding adding name of volunteer regarding parks. At this time, we only publish subcommittee chairs.
 - 3. Reminder that the glass birds can be found in some city parks beginning June 1 through September. Each park will have 30 birds during its designated month, distributed in random amounts throughout the month. June – Weathers Street Park, July – Woodmansee Park, August – Orchard Heights Park, September – Northgate Park.
- e. Board Business
 - i. Community Engagement
 - 1. Additional funds are available for engagement with neighbors. Shirlene suggested we have door hangers that include NOLA meeting info, typical agenda items.
 - 2. MOTION by Kim Currey to proceed with the use of some funds to print a NOLA door hanger. Motion was seconded by Pamela Blake and unanimously approved by the board. Christine and Deanna are going to

design an informative door hanger (2-sided English/Spanish) and send a draft to the board for review.

- ii. 4th of July - city celebration will be held at OR state fairgrounds due to eagles nesting near waterfront. A fireworks show is scheduled from 10-10:20PM and a concert will also take place. Fee parking at fairgrounds. No parking signs will not be placed on 17th street. Cones could be used to block driveways, but not to reserve spaces on the street. Recommendation to park personal vehicles on the street and leave their driveways open for guests. Also, residents are allowed to paint up to 3' of the curb yellow on either side of their driveway to discourage people from blocking their driveways.
 - iii. Bylaws Update – no update provided.
 - iv. Quarterly chairs meeting June 29th and the agenda has not yet been provided. Deanna RSVP'd that two from NOLA will attend, with the recommendation that Dennis be there to represent land use.
 - v. Photo opportunity – Those interested in participating in Neighborhood Association marketing campaign by being photographed with family, friends and fur babies at favorite neighborhood parks, email Deanna.
 - vi. National Night Out Event Planning (Weds – Aug 2nd 6-8pm at McKay Park)
 - 1. Summary of meeting notes sent to the board. Event to be formatted like a resource fair. Deanna to arrange for a bigger tent and PA system if possible and will be prepared to discuss funding needs next month.
 - 2. Looking for someone to coordinate community food trucks.
 - 3. Recommendations for entertainment?
 - 4. We will have a raffle that can be entered by joining our email list or following NOLA on social media. Deanna to provide a solicitation letter.
 - 5. An event flier to be updated and will include information about the raffle.
 - 6. Deanna to ask Doug to update social media regarding the event.
 - 7. Volunteers are needed to help with setup, tear down and for support during the event. Patty, Christine, Kim, Denise, Claudine and Roger tentatively agreed to help.
 - 8. Patty and Deanna have tables and canopies available.
6. Open Forum for any discussion
- a. Northgate prepared a letter to Mayor Hoy, the City Manager and City Councilors requesting the city modify proposed Ordinance Bill 9-23 (letter attached) to specify camping ban hours and address unattended personal property. MOTION from Kim Currey that NOLA sign on to the ordinance on public camping requested update and include language about drug use. The motion was seconded by Pamela Blake and received unanimous approval from the NOLA board.
 - b. McKay Park porta potty was burned to the ground. Some general discussion regarding emergency call statistics followed. Deanna to schedule a fire department representative to speak with us at a future meeting.
 - c. Discussion regarding potential meeting locations. We require AV/Internet.

- d. US Government class project – a student is preparing a letter to state representative Kim Thatcher and asked our neighborhood if we had any questions for our representative. Homelessness is a topic for her message. Neighbors asked how state budget money is allocated and how those decisions are made, and where is the funding for substance abuse per Measure 110 and how will that be tracked?
- 7. Close of Meeting / Adjournment
There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.



June 5, 2023

Mayor Hoy, City Manager, Deputy City Manager &
Salem City Councilors
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citycouncil@cityofsalem.net

Dear Mayor Hoy, City Manager and Councilors:

We are writing to you to have Salem's present proposed Ordinance Bill 9-23 modified in careful wording similar to Portland's proposal, as follows:

Time: Prohibit all camping between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Place: A complete ban on camping in specific places, including parks, docks, and sidewalk areas intended for pedestrians, as well as areas near construction sites, schools, daycares, existing shelters, high crash corridors and environmental overlay zones.

Manner: Camps may not obstruct access to private property or businesses, individuals cannot start or use gas heaters in or around a site, set up permanent structures, accumulate garbage or hazardous materials, assemble or offer to sell multiple bicycles, cars, or other parts.

Can you appeal to the State regarding 95-730, so that it does not allow leaving all unattended personal property on public sidewalks, parks, building entrances, and other places listed? It is important to do so. Should their properties be scattered on the sidewalks left unattended, a wheelchair bound person may have difficulty passing through. This may very well happen in due course of time. In addition, what kind of chaos are we all going to cause in our neighborhood, to our businesses? Please appeal to the state not to allow leaving any personal property in said places at all. Otherwise, Oregon's capital will look extremely unattractive to both visitors from abroad and other states as well as be an inconvenience to our community. We will no longer be able to have pride in our capital.

We also encourage the hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. to be implemented into Salem's OB 9-23. This is after careful consideration of the same which does not include any hours and we can foresee the Salem

community in a shattered state should there be no hourly restrictions. This will also give the unsheltered people the hours of rest they need without being interfered with by the authorities. We therefore request this addition to be inserted into Salem's OB-93 at your earliest opportunity.

The above two points have a deadline to meet of June 22nd, 2023. We would like you to carefully consider applying the above into effect at your earliest opportunity.

We believe that the City has a lot to figure out and you have been put in an awkward position of doing the best for everyone including our unsheltered neighbors. We understand their need is important, however, it is also yours and our responsibility to position our Salem in a place where it can reflect pride and dignity to our citizens and visitors in any way we can. In fact, if we are to have a commercial airport, that would make it even more important. It is a lot the state is asking of us, and we understand that. But let's be fair to ourselves and where we feel the state might have possibly overstepped, we must ask for an appeal or two.

Thank you.

Northgate Neighborhood Association