

**East Lancaster Neighborhood Association**  
**November 3, 2022**  
**Minutes**

Attendance: Sue Fowler, Mary Sarabia, Pat Mick, Bev Quiring, Chuck Westbrook, Mayor Chris Hoy, Julie Warnke (City Public Works) Via Zoom: Susann Kaltwasser, Clark Hazlett, Officer Mark Jantzen, Josh Booking, and Steve Dickey (Cherriots)

Sue Opened the meeting at 7:09 p.m. with introductions. She passed around copies of the minutes for September and October to be approved at the end of the meeting.

**Police Officer Report:** Officer Jantzen spoke about recent issues. Susann asked about the shootings on Ocean and Shores. He will check to see what is known and report back. He announced the Halloween Dress Rehearsal had about 1500 people that attended. He gave some reminders about winter driving and said that they had had several pedestrian accidents with fatalities. Snow tires are legal now and are good in winter. Bicyclists should always wear reflective clothing as well as having flashing lights. Shoppers should always keep packages out of sight, but even in the trunk is not safe, so take them home as soon as possible. Clark Hazlett mentioned a motor home at Clay and Weathers. It has been there for over two weeks.

**Councilor's Report:** Julie Hoy was sworn in early as the Councilor for Ward 6, because Chris Hoy has been installed as mayor after Mayor Bennet resigned early to move to Ohio. However, Councilor Julie Hoy was in training and not able to attend. Mayor Hoy gave a report on current issues. Councilor Virginia Stapleton was elected Council president. November 5th is the Big Dig of ivy at Deepwood. November 19 is the Fall Leaf haul and then again in December. The Friends of Trees is offering low-cost trees for yards and free for street right of ways. CDBG funds are open for applications to urban development. Please vote for the bond. Council will return to in-person meetings in January. There will still be a zoom option for testimony. Although Mayor Hoy was sworn in over Zoom there will be a formal ceremony in January.

**Neighborhood Traffic Plan:** - Julie Warnke of Salem Public Works went over a handout regarding how the City will be dealing with traffic issues through Neighborhood Associations. The department is working on a process review to make the decision making more clear and fair. The process w Questions: Stop signs are need to be studied first, but they are looking at increasing their use. They also plan to get more speed feedback signs so that they can work on driver awareness. There will be no speed bumps allowed on collector streets like 45th, or Market. So the signs might help. They did get \$500,000 from the last budget to put in speed bumps. Fisher Road is already approved for them because it was in the works already. Clark asked about Tierra by the park. This was requested to have speed bumps and paint the curb for less parking near the intersection with Tierra. She will put these on the list. Susann mentioned problems turning on to Lancaster from Weathers. Ms Warnke said a flashing light for pedestrians had just been approved for that location, but they would need to look into whether a light is warranted.

Julie said that they are working on a process to track the suggestions because up to now it has all be knowledge of individual traffic department members. It will soon be a database. They hope to have the plan done by the end of January and then applied to the GIS system in June.

**Proposed changes - Walker Rd bus stop:** Josh Booking introduced Steve Dickey from Cherriots to explain that due to some route changes they were going to be adding a bus stop on Walker Road. It requires new cement platform and the removal of some on-street parking. Mary

asked about a crosswalk at Clay Street on Market where people must cross to get to the bus stop. This is part of a bus stop improvement campaign and will add 25 new stops (5 in ELNA). They also will be addressing ADA needs. Walker and Future also needs some upgrades later.

### **Committee Reports:**

a. Land Use - Susann reported that there were no new applications and the Panda Express application had not yet been deemed complete. She said there were multiple issues pending and once the application was complete, staff would send her an e-mail indicating the next steps in the process.

She reminded the group that the 4900 State Street project was finally through LUBA and they had prevailed. This means that the apartments will be approved to move forward. However, the commercial area near Greencrest is still needing to go through a separate process. During that process ELNA will bring up concerns about the entrance to the area. In the original application it was proposed to be a joint entrance for the apartments and the commercial area without clear walking paths from cars.

b. Traffic - Susann gave some information about a study being conducted by Marion County regarding plans for Cordon Road from Kuebler to Hayesville They are holding an Open House on November 10 or people can take a survey on line.

c. Parks - No report.

**Should ELNA consider producing a newsletter?** Due to trouble with the sound in the meeting room, Sue asked if the group would like to postpone the discussion. All agreed to put it on the December agenda.

**Comments on items not on the agenda:** NOLA is merging with Lansing. The lights at Blanchet seem to have been moved since last year and now they shine right in the eyes of cars traveling west on Market Street. The traffic light timing at Lancaster and Market is still bothersome. It is sometimes that only one or two cars can make it through the light. Also, at times the traffic is backed up all the way from the freeway to Lancaster and no one can get through. Julie Warnke said that she would check into these matters with staff.

**Minutes :** Mary had some corrections to the minutes for September 1, 2022. Chuck moved approval and the Board voted approval. Mary also had corrections to the October 3, 2022 minutes. Chuck moved approval and all voted their approval.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.