

East Lancaster Neighborhood Association Minutes

April 4, 2024

Attendance: Sue Fowler, Mary Sarabia, Pastor Terry Mott, Chuck Westbrook, Rep. Kevin Mannix, Dana North, Logan Lor, Officer Mark Jantz, Pat Mick, Bev Quiring, Rick Dibala and Alayna Amrein. Zoom: Clark Hazlett, Susann Kaltwasser

Sue opened the meeting with introductions. The minutes were distributed and will be voted on at the end of the meeting.

Officer's Report:

Officer Mark Jantz summarized the recent community meeting on Community Violence Reduction. He said that the comment cards were being summarized. There will be an Hispanic version on April 19 at Chemeketa Community College, building 2 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Four new officers were sworn in recently. This makes 9 new officers in 2024. There are now less than 10 vacancies. There is a plan to hire 20 more officers.

Regarding Neighborhood Watch he would like to work with ELNA to host a meeting to invite people to form local groups. He asked if we could find a location and work out a date.

Clark Hazlett had asked about an RV fire on Weathers or Clay street, but he could not find any information.

Speeding on Market and 45th continues to be a problem. Susann said that we need to have a special effort to catch people. Officer Jantz said that he would need more data and specific times and days of the week. There was discussion about how to get it.

Councilor Report: Councilor Julie Hoy was absent.

ESCC Soccer Field: Kevin Mannix and Diana North gave an overview of the proposal to put two soccer fields north of the main building. They are working with the city to address all the conditions for permits. Currently they are fulfilling the requirements to look for artifacts on the site. A question was asked about impact on the creek and how it would be protected from errant balls. Lighting was discussed. So far they are planning for low level lights that meet current city codes. Terry was concerned about the lights and noise disturbing the residents of The Springs Retirement Apartments. Mr. Mannix said that they are talking with them.

Susann brought up the problems with the field lights at Blanchet. He suggested contacting Bob Webber at the school.

Proposed Changes to Public Hearings: Susann said that the City was proposing to change the hearing process for some land use cases. In some situations the City Council will no longer allow a case to be brought before the Council. The process is complex and evolving, but there is an opportunity to make comments later this month. She would like permission from the board to

submit comments that reflect our concerns about these changes. Terry Mott made a motion to authorize Susann to submit comments to the City Council objecting to the proposed changes. Chuck Westbrook seconded the motion and all voted approval.

By-Laws Review: Everyone had been sent a copy of the bylaws to review. Susann asked if anyone saw anything that might need changed. No one had any recommendations for change. So by consensus the bylaws were sustained.

Committee Reports

a) Land use - Susann reported that there is a request to annex two properties on Auburn Road. Both are small individual lots. She explained that traditionally ELNA had a policy to support these small annexations. Most are people desiring to get city water because their wells have gone bad. All agreed she should submit comments of support.

b) Traffic-Susann has spoken with staff regarding speeding on Greencrest and drivers not stopping at the stop sign at Auburn. Staff suggested that we work with them on a survey of residents to identify problems that might be addressed. It is part of ELNA but likely most don't even know we exist. The survey might be a way to connect.

c) Parks - SPIF grants are available again. Susann asked for possible project for either Royal Oaks or Weathers Parks. Logan Lor said that the basketball court in Royal Oaks was in need to repair. At Weathers Park perhaps an information kiosk would be helpful. We have until the end of May to submit a grant application.

d) Newsletter - Pastor Terry asked about the ELNA email. Sue said she had asked Irma about giving him access and perhaps changing the address to ELNAnews@salemneighbors.org

e) Mural - Susann shared that she got some good information from other neighborhood chairs who have done murals. She will contact Irma about securing the funds. We need a design and artist next. Our hope is to paint in July. A suggestion was to contact the high schools for help.

Cottages United is now taking applications. We hope to have a tour in either May or June.

Annual Meeting: It was agreed that our annual meeting would be on June 6th. We will discuss topics at the next meeting.

Neighbor Concerns: Mary Sarabia said there was garbage and a recliner in the creek next to Salem Manor. Susann said she should call the city SOS Team.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Planning a community event in a park this summer. Annual meeting agenda ideas.
Mary said her ADA housing issues were still not resolved.

Minutes: Change Clark from Chuck. Mary Sarabia moved approval of the March minutes. Chuck seconded the motion and all voted their approval.
Adjourned 8:50 p.m.