

East Lancaster Neighborhood Association
Minutes
May 2, 2024

Attendance: Sue Fowler, Mary Sarabia, Rick Dibala, Logan Lor, Bev Quiring, Clark Hazlitt, Terry Mott, Roger Hoy, Officer Mark Jantz, Pat Mick and Rich M. .

Zoom: Susann Kaltwasser

Sue Fowler opened the meeting at 7:08 with introductions. Minutes for April 4 were distributed. Pastor Terry moved approval. Mary Sarabia seconded the motion. All voted approval.

Officer Report:

Officer Mark Jantz said that he will need more specific information about speeding or car racing on Market and 45th before he can ask for a more specific enforcement effort. Neighbors should call the non-emergency Police number at the time although if there is dangerous activity call 911. Susann suggested talking to the adjacent neighbors who have reported the problem previously. (Name omitted)

Officer Jantz said that the Police recently had a very successful take-back event for expired medications. He reminded us that there is a drop off box in the police station lobby open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for disposal.

Pastor Terry said that the church security cameras picked up activity and he called the police. It took 20 minutes for a response. He felt that there needs to be more officers to improve response times.

Clark Hazlett asked about squatters. Officer Jantz said that it's not that common but he is currently working on a case. Logan Lor asked why the City lets people get utilities if they have no proof of being a renter or owner of a property. Officer Jantz referred him to the Public Works department. A question was asked about Pulse Point. Apparently the fire department uses it, but the police don't.

Councilor Report: Councilor Julie Hoy was absent.

Roger made some comments about the Revenue Task Force. Susann said that she would send out by email the proposal by Russ Beaton for an income tax proposal that is being discussed. She reiterated that while the Task Force would make proposals by the end of May, the Budget Committee would be doing their usual job of recommending a budget for 2024-25. The City Council will make the final decision in June after a public hearing. The Revenue Task Force is focused on long term solutions.

Annual Meeting:

The annual meeting is on June 6. There was discussion about refreshments. Terry Mott moved that we spend up to \$100.00. Mary Sarabia seconded the motion and all voted approval.

Topics suggested were personal safety; update on Revenue Task Force; election of board members and Honey Stix.

Committee Reports:

a) Land Use - Susann said the annexations on Auburn were approved by City Council. The reason for the request was to get city water. The one owner plans to build two houses on his parcel in the future. The other owner has no plans to build.

Susann said there was a hearing on changes to the hearings process and Council voted to move forward with the concepts authorizing staff to draft language for further discussion.

Clark asked about the proposal to build a new structure at Honey Stix. He is opposed because he understood that no new structures would be built and the owner has not been honoring his agreement to keep the tall grass and blackberries under control. After some discussion the Board expressed a desire to have the owner come back to ELNA for more discussion. Susann was asked to review the previous land use case to see if it authorized more buildings.

b) Traffic

c) Parks

d) Mural - Susann has secured the funding but we need an approved design to move forward. Several suggestions were made for flowers, bees and lady bugs. Something colorful.

e) Newsletter

Communication Funds: We must use some of the funds before June 30. We currently have \$1335. Sue and Susann have some outstanding expenses to claim, but Sue plans to bring forward a proposal to purchase promotional items at the next meeting.

Neighbor Concerns:

Paster Terry said that there will be a clothing give away on June 14 and 15 at the church.

Terry moved election of Rick Dibala to the ELNA board. Mary Sarabia seconded the motion and all voted approval.

It was decided by consensus that we will NOT meet in July unless an urgent matter comes before us.

Pastor Terry shared that the clothing give away will be this month on June 14th and 15th from 9 am to noon each of the two days.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm