

East Lancaster Neighborhood Association Minutes -April 5, 2018, 7:00 pm
 Swegle Elementary School, 1751 Aguilas Ct NE, Salem

	Board Chairs/Members Present		Representatives Present
x	Susann Kaltwasser, Chair	x	Doug Rodgers, Salem Transit Board/Cherriots
x	Sue Fowler, Co-Chair	x	Chris Hoy, Ward 6 City Councilor
	Dale Basl, Vice Chair	x	Rick Day, Oldcastle Precast, Salem School Board
x	Chesta Bauer, Secretary	x	Kenny Larson, City of Salem, Communications & Community Engagement Manager,
x	Dave Steiner, Member-at-large	x	Sadie K. Carney
x	Clark Hazlett, Member-at-large	x	Anthony "The Bear" Behrens
	Mary Sarabia, Member-at-large		
	Mike Sim, Member-at-large		
Neighbors Present:			

March 2018 Minutes: Clark motioned and Dave seconded the approval of the minutes of the March 2018 meeting.

Susann announced that Dale Basl has resigned from the board due to health issues.

Police Officer Report: No police report.

YES for Schools: Rick Day reported on the Salem/Keizer School District Bond measure that will be on the ballot on May 15. S/KSD is the second largest school district in Oregon and the schools are in great need of repair and added capacity in order to meet expanding growth and assure the safety of our children. He outlined the many important projects included in the bond measure such as: constructing new vocational/technical classrooms; making seismic upgrades at schools rated very high for collapse in an earthquake; maintaining investments in preventative maintenance; constructing additional space to prevent overcrowding & planning for the future; making safety & security improvements for all schools; and, making technology infrastructure upgrades to expand wireless networks & relocating the data center. He explained that in order to maximize the use of the funds included in the bond measure, the schools will have additions made to them in order to accommodate the growing student population instead of building any new schools. The bond measure will allow S/KSD to issue \$619,700,000 in general obligation bonds, which amounts to \$1.24 per \$1,000 of the assessed value of all eligible property.

City Councilor Report: Chris Hoy reported that the house on the corner of Future and Plateau that has had a hot tub in the front yard for a long time will be cleaned up. Nelson Morales, City of Salem Compliance Officer, wants to help the homeowner to clean by getting volunteers from the neighborhood to assist him in this project.

- Saturday, at 9:00 am, the trees donated by Friends of Trees for Weathers Park will be planted. He has several volunteers coming but everyone is welcome to come and help.
- The Fisher Road extension to Market Street is being held up by a property owner that doesn't want to sell. The city will initiate eminent domain if there is no progress on the sale. There will be stop signs installed on Fisher Road at Beverly & Devonshire.
- Riverfront park planning meeting will be held on April 24 at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.
- The Winter-Maple Family Friendly Bikeway project has been initiated by the City. Information on it can be accessed at <https://www.cityofsalem.net/winter-maple-family-friendly-bikeway>.
- The City is putting priority on fixing sidewalks & putting up street lamps in the historical districts and in accordance with ADA priorities.

Marion County Commissioner Candidate: Sadie Carney made a presentation on her candidacy for Marion County Commissioner. Sadie told us about her education and occupational experience and how it related to doing

the job of a Marion County Commissioner. She also explained her priorities that she will concentrate on if elected. This information can be accessed at <https://www.carneyfororegon.org/> and in the Marion County Voter Pamphlet.

Marion County Circuit Court Judge Position 5: Anthony "The Bear" Behrens made a presentation on his candidacy for Marion County Circuit Court Judge. He explained his educational background and his experience as a Marion County Circuit Court Pro-Tem Judge and he mentioned that he is the only candidate for judge who is not accepting any campaign donations. His background and experience can be accessed at <https://www.behrens4judge.com/> and in the Marion County Voter Pamphlet.

ELNA Communication Funds: Susann presented information on our website and the decisions to be made about whether to keep our website with Yahoo at a cost of \$129/year or to access a free website which would be financed by carrying advertisements on the website. The City has a very generic website that includes ELNA and just includes agendas, minutes and by-laws.

Kenny Larson gave a presentation on the importance of social media for governmental organizations to communicate with the public and to promote priorities and projects, and give people information on their programs and needs. He explained how a Facebook account could benefit ELNA and what kind of content we could put on a Facebook account, including posting schedules, pictures, videos, discussions on issues, etc. There was discussion on the pros and cons of having a Facebook account and the activities that would need to be performed to administer the site. Susann will send Board Members an email with the website addresses for the Salem neighborhood associations that have Facebook accounts so we can see how they are being used. We will discuss the Facebook account and the website decision at the next meeting.

Susann explained that there is about \$250 left in the communication fund that can be rolled over to next year but we need to tell the City how the money will be spent. She mentioned that the media company that has the free website that includes ads also can provide a website without ads for \$8.99 a month. Dave motioned and Susann seconded that we cancel the Yahoo webpage at this time. It was approved by the Board. They also wanted Susann to explore the cost of removing ads from Wordpress.

Committee Reports:

Land Use: Susann reported that the Willamette Town Center (formerly Lancaster Mall) is requesting a sign variance in order to put up a larger sign at the entrance on Lancaster Drive.

Traffic: None

Parks: None

Transportation: Doug Rodgers said that nine members have been selected for the Cherriots Citizen Advisory Board. Mary Sarabia is one of these members.

Other Business: The May meeting will include discussion on the topics and speakers for the annual meeting in June. Some topics suggested were: earthquake preparedness; the new police facility; library remodel.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.