

**East Lancaster Neighborhood Association**

Minutes - December 2, 2021 - 7:00 pm - Combination In-person & Zoom Meeting  
 First Free Will Baptist Church, 1390 45th Avenue NE, Salem OR

	<b>Board Chairs/Members Present</b>		<b>Board Chairs/Members Present (Cont'd)</b>
x	Susann Kaltwasser, Chair	x	Patricia Mick, Member-at-large
x	Sue Fowler, Co-Chair	x	Terry Motte, Member-at-large
	Mary Sarabia, Vice Chair - Absent	x	Mike Sim, Member-at-large
	Chesta Bauer, Member-at-large - Absent	x	Beverly Quiring, Member-at-large - Absent
x	Vern Golden, Member-at-large	x	Broc Thorad, Member-at-large
	Clark Hazlett, Member-at-large - Absent	x	Chuck Westbrook, Member-at-large
	Lynette Horton, Member-at-large - Absent		
	<b>Presenters: (All on Zoom)</b>		<b>Presenters (Cont'd):</b>
x	Chris Hoy, Ward 6 City Councilor - Zoom	x	Ray Quisenberry, Grant NA
x	Karma Kruse, Salem-Keizer School District	x	Ian Davidson, Cherriot Board President - Zoom
x	Joel Smallwood, Salem-Keizer School District	x	Sgt. Grant Davis, Salem Police Dept

Sue Fowler opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with introductions. The minutes from November 3, 2021 were distributed. Mike Sim moved approval and ?? second the motion. All voted approval.

**Police Officer Report**

Sgt. Grant Davis spoke about local police actions. He also spoke briefly about the recommendation by the Police Chief for additional sworn officers. Susann asked about how these officers would be recruited and trained. He said that they do hire retired police officers to do some non-patrol tasks. Also, it does take about 18 months to train a new officer. Many do not complete the rigorous program. Broc mentioned the problems on Shores with a particular house that seems to have disturbances involving shootings. It is very upsetting not to have a police update.

**City Councilor Report, Chris Hoy**

Homelessness - he is continuing to work with county commissioners to get mental health services at Redwood Crossing and at the Navigation Center. The City now has a form on the

city's webpage for reporting homeless issues. <https://form.cityofsalem.net/s3/Homeless-Camping-Complaint>

City crews removed all the garbage from the entrance to Claggett Creek Natural Area on Wednesday, November 17. Posting notices to vehicle and camp areas. Deeper, more complete cleanings of the area are planned for December 9 and 16. Given the terrain, it is a multi-week process.

Our nonprofit partners and Salem Housing Authority navigators regularly work to engage and connect people living in the Claggett Creek Natural Area to services and temporary emergency shelter when available. Our ability to require movement from public property is limited and at this time the space is not adequate to meet all demand, particularly for women or people needing lower-barrier temporary shelter services.

City grant funding provides for site stipends, staff coordination and other costs to address the life-saving work of providing warmth during cold nights. The Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency leads [the Salem Warming Network in Salem](#) and are at work to recruit volunteers to keep this vital service going. Two locations will activate based upon temperature. Locations include Salem First Presbyterian and one at South Salem Friends Church; 25 beds at the City-funded indoor warming duration shelter at 2640 Portland Road NE opened last month; and about 60 beds at the City-funded indoor warming shelter at 3737 Portland Road NE open this month. Both are operated by Church @ the Park.

- **Redistricting**

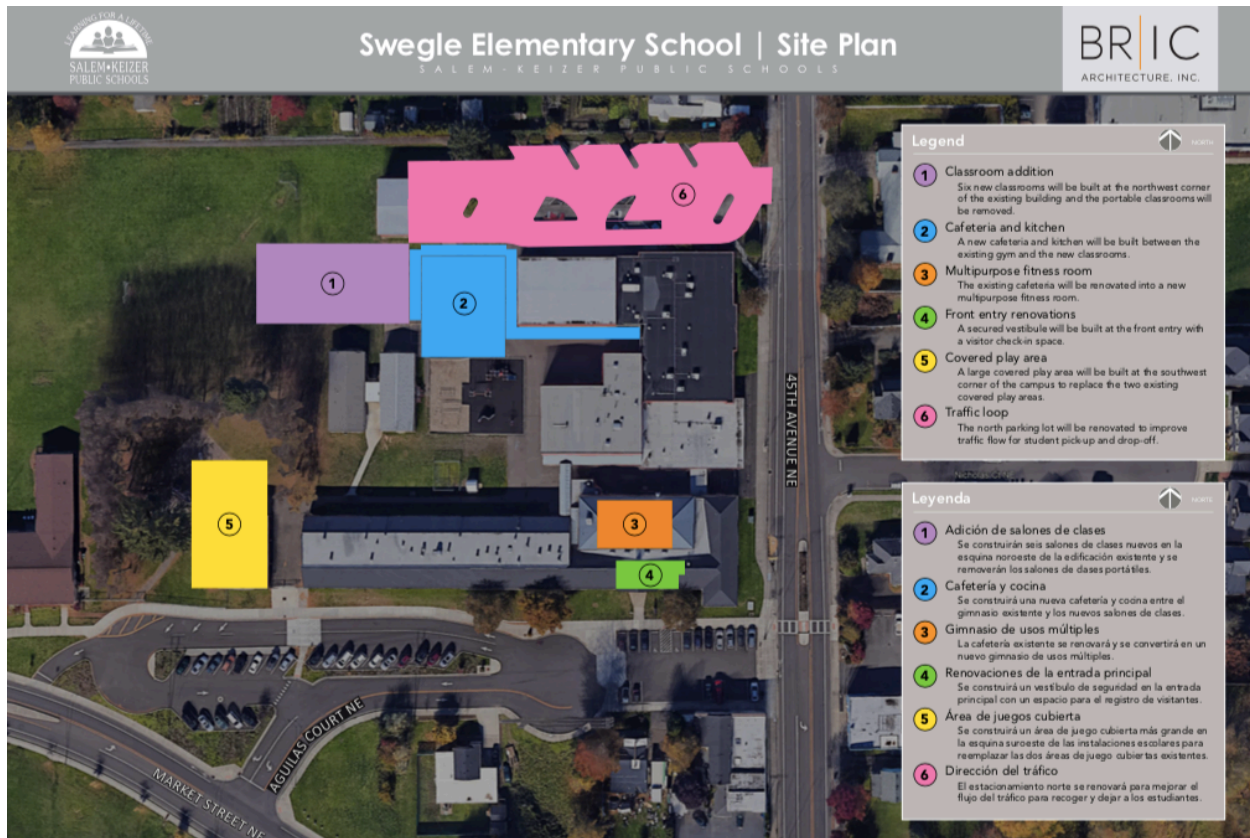
The Legislature has finished the process. There were several options and they picked Option 3 and adopted it on 11/22. To see the boundaries go here: <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/tell-us-what-you-think-about-ward-map-options.aspx>

- Our Salem is coming to council in December and will be moving through the final review, public hearing and approval process beginning in January 2022.
- Climate Action Plan had an information report before Council in December, but the final vote will be some time next year.
- The Holiday Tree lighting event is planned for December 10 at Riverfront Park. Details will be available next week.
- City Hall was damaged on November 14 when a man broke 10 windows on the first floor of the Civic Center and one window at the Library. Police and Facilities responded to the alarm. The suspect was taken into custody and admitted to the damage. Damage is estimated at over \$50,000.
- Utility Accounts get shut off for non-payment and remain shut off, but only 97 accounts had to be shut off last month due to our utility assistance programs. Since May 2020, \$309,845 in assistance has been provided to eligible residential account holders. The City's Emergency Utility Assistance Program has an available balance of \$363,494.

### **Swegle School construction**

Karma Krause & Joel Smallwood presented the plans for how Swegle School will be remodeled in the coming summer. Highlights of work to be completed: Six additional classrooms, removal

of portable classrooms, new cafeteria and kitchen, multipurpose fitness room, relocate covered play area, heating/ventilation improvements, intercom system upgrades, roofing replacement, seismic improvements, electronic badge access system upgrades, expanded wireless capacity, library-media center improvements, safety and security improvements at the front entrance, and music room improvements. The total budget for the project, including bond funds and grants, is about \$9.1 million. Construction is scheduled to begin in summer of 2022 and is expected to be complete by the fall of 2023. A conceptual site plan is attached.



## 20 MPH Residential Speed Limit

Ray Quisenberry of Grant Neighborhood Association spoke to the movement by several groups to ask the City Council to reduce the speed limit within all residential areas to 20 miles per hour. He pointed out that at the lower speed if a person were struck by a car, their injuries would be far less severe. Also, a lower speed helps people see an oncoming vehicle and to get out of the way. He urged ELNA board to send a letter to the Council. Enforcement was a concern, but he said that there is no real enforcement now, so it would be similar. It was decided to discuss the issue later in the meeting and perhaps bring something forward at a future meeting for action.

## Committee Reports

- a. Land Use

Susann had several updates on land use cases.

- 1) There is a public hearing on a proposed driveway into the apartment complex associated with the East Park Estates development. The driveway would be on State Street at approximately 4900 block. This would put the driveway less than 300 feet from Cordon Road and a few hundred feet from Greencrest where there will be a traffic light. Susann said that she had seen the staff report, but not had a chance to read it completely. She had spoken with the land use chairpersons for East Salem Suburban Neighborhood Association about the case. He indicated that staff did not like the proposal. Due to the fact the driveway would not meet the City transportation code that requires 300 feet between streets on major arterials, Susann recommended that ELNA submit testimony opposing the application. All agreed by consensus.
- 2) Unified Development Code will have some minor changes and will be coming back to the City Council for more discussion in January. Susann is waiting to see the next version of the recommendations. Primary concern has to do with parking requirements for apartments and for small multi-unit houses. The Planning Commission is recommending no parking requirement while staff is recommending one per unit. The Board has authorized Susann to make appropriate comments based on previous discussions.
- 3) The developer of 4697 Center has contacted Susann about the acquisition of land on Hile Lane that they want to develop as a part of their complex. She said that this is significant enough that ELNA should have a meeting in January to listen to the proposal and ask questions. This case will require an annexation of the property.

b. Traffic

Susann mentioned that there is a proposal to put in a crosswalks on Sunnyview at Hollywood, but she does not know the timeline for this construction. There is also a plan to build a crosswalk with flashing lights on Lancaster Drive. There are two proposed locations and as of this time, she is not aware of a final decision on the location. It might be near Oak Park Church or further down closer to Walmart.

c. Parks

There is no news about a bench at Royal Oaks Park. Mike said he checked twice and saw nothing. Susann needs to send an email to staff to inquire as to the status.

**Meeting in January**

The Board decided to meet in January, 2022.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.**