

Lansing Neighborhood Association Minutes June 26, 2018 Board Meeting

Capital Baptist Church Hall, 3000 Lansing Ave NE

15 present: Virginia Barker-(Chairing in Patty Tipton's absence), Dorothy Pedersen-Secretary, Mary Dodson, Frank Pack, Jeanne Pack, Terry Pratt, Karen Rice, Claudine Shaw, Juanita Stewart, Tony Fultz (City of Salem Police Dept., Mischa O'Reilly (Cherriots), Jessica Preis (City of Salem), Irma Dowd (City of Salem Neighborhood Services Coordinator), Steve Powers (City of Salem City Manager), Matt Ausec (City Councilor, Ward 5).

Executive Board member, Virginia Barker called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

Terry moved to approve minutes of the April meeting; seconded by Claudine and carried.

POLICE REPORT: Officer Tony Fultz

Officer Fultz clarified that Salem does not limit fireworks to particular dates, however, only fireworks that do not shoot into the air are allowed. If illegal airborne fireworks are observed, report them to the Police Dept. A member of the Hobz Gang shot at a person in the Wal-Mart parking lot on 6/25/18. Fortunately the injured person was not killed. Lansing Street has been experiencing speeding cars (like a race track). Officer Fultz will have the traffic team look into it, but residents should continue to report speeding when they see it, so that this problem will receive adequate attention.

CITY MANAGER: Steve Powers

Salem's water comes from snowmelt on Mt. Jefferson, flowing into the North Santiam River, and then is piped to a reservoir near Turner. This is the first year cyanotoxins have been detected from algae blooms in Detroit Reservoir at levels above the EPA threshold. EPA does not require testing for cyanotoxins. The water treatment plant now has the capability to make screening tests for cyanotoxin levels, using the ELISA assay method. Results can then be confirmed and provided with more detail by the Ohio lab. The City is testing the use of activated carbon to remove toxins from water before it goes into the treatment plant for existing treatment processing. When the proper ratios of carbon to water are found using a small quantity of water, the quantity of carbon will be upscaled to treat the full volume of water flowing through the treatment plant. Once test results are satisfactory, activated carbon pre-treatment will be added to the City's treatment process. Soda ash will also be added to keep the pH in the proper range to prevent leaching in lead pipes. Test results in the last two weeks have shown levels of toxins mostly below the EPA threshold for vulnerable populations, so hopefully the water advisory will be lifted soon.

For water to be delivered to the homebound, call 503-588-6311. Go to www.cityofsalem.net to check for latest information on the water advisory. City tap water is considered safe to use for watering vegetable gardens.

Brochures about the City of Salem Alert System were handed out.

CITY COUNCILOR: Matt Ausec

The homeless task force recognizes that the long-term need is more places for people to stay, and is working to provide more places through rental assistance, and by building additional housing and connecting people with services to allow them to successfully live in housing. Short-term projects to help the situation include creating places for homeless people to securely store their property, and providing additional rest rooms and places where they can clean up.

OREGONIAN CROSSING CAMPAIGN: Mischa O'Reilly, Trip Choice Program Assistant

The Oregonian Crossing Campaign is a pedestrian safety campaign. EVERY intersection is a crosswalk, whether or not it is marked! Signs were available for residents to post at intersections in the Lansing neighborhood.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

We will sponsor a celebration August 7th at Livingston Park from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM. We will have ½ sheet leaflets and other giveaways such as refrigerator magnets, which have been produced with help of the City. Patty will sign up for the celebrations and plans to organize a basketball game. Terry moved that we use \$100 of neighborhood association funds for food (otter pops) and giveaways. Juanita seconded the motion, and it carried.

CaPES: Jessica Preis, City of Salem

CaPES had a bike safety rodeo and an 8th Annual Day of Play at Swegel Elementary is upcoming. CaPES meetings are the 3rd Thursday at Goodwill on Lancaster from 11-12:30 (next is July 19th.) There is also a new Thursday West Salem Farmers Market starting July through September along Edgewater between Kingwood and Gerth Sts. Decision on the number of backpacks and bookmarks to purchase for the giveaway was tabled till next month's meeting.

UPDATE OF CONTACT NUMBERS

New refrigerator magnets with updated contact numbers have been made, and were available at the meeting. Update of the contacts on the website was not addressed.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:

- Brenna and Byram—drivers are running the stop sign. This was reported to Officer Fultz.
- 2425 Lansing abandoned property may have someone living there. Officer Fultz will try to get permission from Nation Star Mortgage Co. to go in and lock it up.
- 2603 Sunnyview Road NE sidewalk has been completed by the City!
- Would a landowner be liable if a person was hurt by a homeless person's cart that happened to be on the landowner's property? Matt Ausec suggested probably not.
- More volunteers are needed to deliver water through Meals on Wheels.
- Silverton Road apartment complex apparently has not yet been issued a building permit.
- Hawthorne street lights—best estimate for when these can be installed is 2020 or 2021.
- Republic Services voice message needs to be revised to reflect the new recycling regulations—we understand this will be done.
- Lansing Ave. speed signs—a speed trailer has been requested to be posted on Lansing.
- Homeless camp on Hawthorne Ave.—this was posted, but homeless are camping there again.
- ODOT fence at Sunnyview Rd. and I-5 overpass has not been replaced—Virginia and others will call to report.
- Grocery carts full of "stuff"—City says that the materials in the cart are private property, and the cart will not be picked up by calling 1-888-552-2787 or 503-899-2475 or Code Compliance at 503-588-6471 unless the cart is empty.

CHAIR'S REPORT: Virginia Barker (in absence of Patty Tipton)

- Lansing Neighborhood Association meetings can be held at Waldo Middle School next school year, but will be a Capital Baptist Church during the summer. We have new signs for posting at the meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Land Use: A property on Park Ave. has been partitioned into 3 parts.

Traffic: None

Neighborhood Watch: None

Salem Parks: None

State Fair: None

Partnership Update: None

Agenda Items for August Meeting:

- CAPES—we will decide how many backpacks and school supplies to purchase for needy children.

Juanita moved the meeting be adjourned. Mary seconded and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Pedersen, Secretary