

Lansing Neighborhood Association Minutes July 24, 2018 Board Meeting

Capital Baptist Church Hall, 3000 Lansing Ave NE

9 present: Patty Tipton-Chair, Dorothy Pedersen-Secretary, Terry Pratt, Debbie Langley, Gary Bogstad, Sharon Bogstad, Dirk Dunning, Matt Ausec (City Councilor, Ward 5), Michael Gay (Salem Health).

Chair Patty Tipton called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

Terry moved to approve minutes of the June meeting; seconded by Gary and carried.

POLICE REPORT: No officer present

CITY COUNCILOR: Matt Ausec

- Brady Rogers, of Community Development, is developing policy ideas to speed up dealing with derelict properties.
- The Homeless Rental Assistance Project now has 121 of the most-difficult-to-house persons receiving needed services. 70 of this group have been placed in housing, with the rest receiving services while they wait for availability of housing. The City has purchased 39 additional housing units that are projected to be available in January.
- The Homelessness Task Force will soon propose to the City Council some near-term actions that can help relieve the problems due to the presence of homeless people in the downtown core.
- The new police station is planned to be built by 2020. A public showing of the plans for the facility will be held the evening of July 25th at South Salem High School. The plans have had to be downsized somewhat, to keep the project within budget, due to rising costs. Wherever possible, space for vital programs is maintained, with reductions in aesthetic touches or areas that do not support required services.
- Plans for re-zoning on State Street from 13th to 17th Streets, and from 17th to 25th Streets aim to encourage mixed use re-development. The goal is to revitalize that area and make it attractive to new businesses and residents.

HEALTH CARE NEEDS IN SALEM: Michael Gay (Salem Health)

Michael Gay reported that Salem Health is seeking input from Salem residents regarding future needs for health care in the Salem area, in view of the growth of the older demographic within the overall growth of the population. He offered to come back and talk with us at the August meeting, since the agenda for this meeting was quite full.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

We will sponsor a celebration August 7th at Livingston Park from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Things to celebrate include 2 new lights, resurfaced walkways and basketball court. This will be an opportunity for neighbors to get to know each other. Plans include basketball (Patty will ask someone to teach some basketball skills), give away items for kids and adults (flashlights, toys, refrigerator magnets with contact phone numbers, etc.), other pops and water. It was reported that we currently have approximately \$1,100 in Communication Funds. **Terry moved that Patty be reimbursed \$178.00 from Communication Funds for expenses for give-away items.** Gary seconded, and motion passed. **\$100 of Communication Funds had previously been approved at the June 26th meeting for refreshments.** Capital Baptist Church is donating water. **Terry moved that we authorize \$66.34 for reimbursement for photo copies of the flyers about the Neighborhood Night Out.** Debbie seconded and the motion carried. **Terry moved that we approve printing 200 copies of the flyers from neighborhood funds.** Patty will ask the Parks Department if we can have 5-6 extra tables and trash cans at Livingston Park for this event. Thank you notes should be sent to Jessica for help with the flyers, and to Capital Baptist Church for their donation of water for the event. The first flyers were given out at the meeting to attendees, to take around to their neighbors. Patty will take later flyers to residents living near Livingston Park. It was suggested to distribute flyers 4-5 days before the event.

CaPES:

Terry moved that we authorize \$550 in Communication Funds for purchase 30 backpacks and school supplies to be given to Washington Elementary School August, for needy students. Gary seconded and the motion passed. Debbie will purchase the backpacks and supplies, and will be reimbursed. We will put school supplies and Lansing Neighborhood Association flyers into plastic bags to tuck into each backpack.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:

- Hammel Street—complaint that there are too many cars parked along the street, also problems at a house at Lansing and Hammel.
- Street lights—LED lights are a health concern. Can the street lights be replaced with some kind of light other than LED? PGE owns the street lights, but can the City advocate on behalf of residents who have to live travel on the streets?
- Speeding southbound on Park Avenue—apparently speeding occurs commonly southbound, and the road is not fully as wide as City code requires. Large trees make it not likely that the street would be widened. A speed reader would only help while it was in place. A four-way stop at Park and Sunnyview might exacerbate back up of traffic. Could the City consider making Park only one-way going northbound? Possibly we could have someone from the City come to a future neighborhood meeting to discuss traffic concerns and options.
- Partially-built house on Market Street—the house at 2445 Market Street has been in partially-built shape and unoccupied for about 10 years. Can it be either finished or torn down?
- Fireworks—complaints this year have been less than in previous years, but some streets and blocks have problematic levels of fireworks activity. Report to police if illegal fireworks (those that go up in the air) are in use, or there are other concerns.

CHAIR’S REPORT: See National Night Out and CaPES

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Land Use: None

Traffic: None

Neighborhood Watch: None

Salem Parks: There is now a cricket team, and pickle ball is available. Improvements are planned for Fairview, McKay and Front Street Parks.

State Fair: Need to watch speed. The bands are to quit playing at 10:00 PM.

Partnership Update: None

Possible Agenda Items for August Meeting:

- Future health care needs (Michael Gay of Salem Health)
- Traffic solutions for speeding on Park Street (City of Salem Traffic)

Terry moved the meeting be adjourned. Gary seconded and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Pedersen, Secretary