

Lansing Neighborhood Association Minutes September 25, 2018 Board Meeting

Waldo Middle School, 2805 Lansing Ave NE

14 present: Patty Tipton-Chair, Dorothy Pedersen-Secretary, Gary Bogstad, Sharon Bogstad, Wesley Cruickshank, Mary Dodson, Ben Marlin Hoist, Frank Pack, Jeanne Pack, Terry Pratt, Claudine Shaw, Sarah Shepherd, Adam Bello (Salem Police Department), Nelson Morales, (City of Salem Code Compliance).

Chair Patty Tipton called the meeting to order, and introductions were made. We met outside the school, since the doors were locked.

Terry moved to approve minutes of the August 28, 2018 meeting; seconded by Frank and carried.

POLICE REPORT: Officer Adam Bello

- 2425 Lansing—the house was cleared of occupants, and one person was arrested. Unfortunately, the bank owner is not following through to post it for trespassing. The situation is now similar to what it was before, but there seems to be somewhat less traffic. If neighbors call the police, they can come by and check on it, but without it being posted, they have no legal authority to enter the premises.
- Vacant houses often take a long time to track down owners in order to gain permission to enter or post the premises and issue citations. Keep watching and calling to report what is observed.
- Different officers are assigned to visit neighborhood meetings each month, due to rotation of duties. Each officer coming to the meeting will be someone who is currently patrolling the neighborhood, so they will be up-to-date with what is happening in our area.
- The new police station project has now completed the archeological investigation, so it can move ahead to the next phase.

COMPLIANCE OFFICER REPORT: Nelson Morales

- Vacant houses—One bank owner has been contacted and one person has been convicted. The house was cleaned out. However, that bank sold the house to another bank, and the police no longer have legal authority to enter the property. The City is working to find someone who manages the property on behalf of the bank owner, who can give authority to the City to prosecute trespassers. Action can only be taken if the owner gives authority to prosecute for trespassing.
- A house at Hammel and Lansing has less junk now in the yard.
- City Code Compliance will take no more grass and weed complaints for this season, but will take complaints about growth of blackberries.
- Dogs running on sidewalks—call Animal Control to report.
- Code Compliance Productivity Report for the last 4 months:
 - 82 cases were dealt with (mostly trash, junk, vehicles parked in front yards).
 - 16 cases of grass and weeds (however this total seems inaccurate; likely closer to 1,000).
 - 5 vehicles were towed.
 - 0 vehicles were stolen!!

CITY COUNCILOR: Matt Ausec—not present

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:

- 2320 Park—Jeep and a black Honda are speeding. An officer called on a family member and informed them about speeding and licensing laws. This seems to have helped some. Call Traffic Control to report incidents.
- House on Market St.—Nelson issued citations and a person has been sentenced to jail.
- Pile of junk on 2500 block of Claxter Ct.
- Coral Avenue motor homes—call Code Compliance to request clean up.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

- Patty plans to attend the Chairs Meeting next Tuesday.
- Washington Back to School night was September 4th. Patty was there to talk with parents and she handed out Lansing Neighborhood Association flyers.
- September 28th is Swegle School's Day of Play. Patty will set up and attend a table to talk with parents and give out information about Lansing Neighborhood Association.
- Everyone is invited to have coffee with Mayor Chuck Bennett Oct. 19th, 8:30-9:30 AM at Fresh Start , 3020 Center St. NE.
- Beginning July 1, 2018, Lansing Neighborhood Association had \$1,024.99 in our "communication fund", which can be used for projects such as advertising, printed materials, training, banners and other special projects to help engage the community. Some of this has already been authorized for spending (\$178 for giveaway items for Neighborhood Night Out (NNO), \$66.34 for flyers for NNO, up to \$550 for Washington School giveaway backpacks and school supplies, \$30 for snacks and flyers for Swegle Day of Play, so there is ~\$200 left for allocation). Additionally, up to \$500 can be earned by reporting volunteer hours for attendance and activity credits. Everyone was reminded to send in reports of volunteer hours to Irma Dowd at City Hall.

HOMELESSNESS ISSUES IN SALEM: Police Officer Adam Bello reporting

- Homeless people are again at the Hawthorne and Sunnyview I-5 overpass, after the area was cleaned up and 13 shopping carts were removed. ODOT has now given the OK for Salem Police to take enforcement action. The area is being checked weekly. Reports of activity can be called in to ODOT Dispatch at 503-362-0457.

SIGN ORDINANCE: No report

LANSING/SILVERTON ROAD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Land Use: None

Traffic: None

Neighborhood Watch: None

Salem Parks: None

State Fair: None

Partnership Update: None

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

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Pedersen, Secretary