

## Lansing Neighborhood Association Minutes March 26, 2019 Board Meeting

Capital Baptist Church, 3000 Lansing Ave NE

14 present: Patty Tipton-Chair, Dorothy Pedersen-Secretary, Virginia Barker, Mary Dodson, Dirk Dunning, Marty Heyen, Frank Pack, Jeanne Pack, Terry Pratt, Carmen Rojas, Claudine Shaw, Michelle Underwood, Officer E. Whitney (City of Salem Police), Phil DeLong (U.S. Census)

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

Terry moved to approve minutes of the February 26, 2019 meeting; seconded by Virginia and carried.

### **POLICE REPORT: Officer E. Whitney**

- Officer Whitney explained that parked vehicles will not be towed except where there is an egregious violation. Police can have RVs that are illegally parked, or abandoned vehicles removed. It is not allowable for such vehicles to remain parked in the same spot for more than 5 days.
- If we have questions we may call Officer Whitney on his work cell phone number 503-932-4715, but any incidents should be reported to either the police non-emergency number (if not time-sensitive), or to the emergency police number or 911, if they are needing immediate attention.
- The P.O.P. team is Salem Police and ODOT working together to target homeless camping on ODOT properties.
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- Salem Police endeavor to keep the community informed through website Crimereports.com, and a Facebook page. Citizen reporting, however, should still go to the Police numbers.

### **CITY COUNCILOR: A report from Matt Ausec was read**

- The City is beginning plans for filling the first floor of City Hall after the Police Department moves out to their new building.
- Over 3000+ visits were made to the emergency warming shelters this winter season.
- City council is considering revisions to parking codes for new developments, and working on providing continuum of care to better meet the needs of homeless people.

### **2020 U.S. CENSUS: Phil DeLong**

Office and field workers will be needed for the 2020 U.S. Census. The Salem office on Portland Road will serve this area. The census officially begins April 1, 2020, but some jobs will be starting up this summer in preparation. You may apply online at: [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs). For information, call 1-855-562-2020.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:**

Concerns were expressed regarding:

- Parking codes—for information and answers to questions call Parking Enforcement. Reports of violations should go to Code Compliance for follow-up. It is important for everyone to be involved in the Neighborhood Association, to help make our neighborhood better.
- A squatter who has been hanging out under the “Welcome to Salem” sign—Officer Whitney will follow up on this.
- Two turkeys that have been roaming on Park Ave. They appear to be wild birds, not lost pets.
- A homeless camp at Hawthorne and Hyacinth—reported to police.
- Bushes on the median at the Market St. I-5 exit extend too far out, so drivers don’t have a good view before making a turn. Officer Whitney made note of this.
- 2425 Lansing now has windows boarded up, but looks more unattractive than before.

- Hammel & Lansing property has a tree over the sidewalk and the boat has returned.
- LED blue lighting has dangerous impacts on human population. Exposure to it lowers melatonin production and makes it hard for the eye to focus. This can lead to problems paying attention, learning problems and other behavior problems in children. As a result of environmental concerns and energy-saving, governmental goals have been set for replacing streetlights and other lights with LED lights. Citizens are encouraged to be informed and to contact policy-makers about the potential consequences.

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT:**

- 135 shopping bags with Lansing NE logo have been ordered, using \$299.45 of communication funds. 20 magnets with neighborhood info contact numbers were ordered for \$30.36 of communication funds. This leaves a current balance of \$646.76. These will be available by the Annual Meeting and can be handed out then and at other upcoming events.
- Patty will donate 3 bikes to the May 29<sup>th</sup> Bikeathon at Adam Stephens School.

#### **ANNUAL MEETING, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- Finger food potluck.
- Lynn Takata, who had been instrumental in spearheading a successful clean-up effort that two adjoining neighborhoods had done, will speak about that effort.
- Election of board members.
- Election of board officers, including Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer.
- Service awards: Donna Dickson for 30 years of service, Brian and Karen Rice for Neighborhood Watch, and Juanita Stewart.

#### **POTENTIAL GOALS for 2019 (further discussion of ideas originally suggested at the January meeting)**

- Clean up the neighborhood—Michele was not present at this meeting, but there is interest in this idea.
- Shelters or ½ court basketball in parks—a shelter would cost about \$40,000; the cost for a basketball ½ court is unknown. Marty moved, and Dirk seconded the motion, to apply for funding for a grant to help install a basketball ½ court in one of the neighborhood parks. Discussion involved whether a shelter or a basketball ½ court would be more beneficially used, considering limited funds. Since we did not know the cost for a basketball court, Marty withdrew the motion pending more information about the relative cost of a basketball ½ court versus a shelter. Patty will research and report at a later meeting.
- Outreach with schools
- National Night Out
- Get a better representation of neighborhood demographics involved in Neighborhood Association

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Land Use: 2425 Market Street lot is proposed to have a 3-plex townhouse built on it.

Traffic: None

Neighborhood Watch: None

Salem Parks: None

State Fair: Permits for two concerts lasting until 10:00 PM have been issued.

Partnership Update: None

Terry moved the meeting be adjourned. Frank seconded and motion carried. **The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Waldo Middle School.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy Pedersen, Secretary