

Lansing Neighborhood Association Minutes April 23, 2019 Annual Meeting

Waldo Middle School Library, 2805 Lansing Avenue NE

15 present: Patty Tipton-Chair, Dorothy Pedersen-Secretary, Virginia Barker, Mary Dodson, Sandi Hinshaw, Frank Pack, Jeanne Pack, Terry Pratt, Karen Rice, Claudine Shaw, Faith Gerber (City of Salem Police Chaplain), Brady Rogers (City of Salem Community Development), Rich Rowe (Aluminum Screen & Window Company), Officer J. Scott (City of Salem Police), Lynn Takata (Guest Speaker from NEN Association)

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

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

POLICE REPORT: Officer J. Scott

- Officer Scott explained a new voluntary program called SCRAM, whereby residents with home surveillance devices can register them with the Police Department through the City of Salem website. In case of an incident that needs to be investigated, records from the registered nearby home surveillance devices may be voluntarily shared with law enforcement to increase the available evidence of a crime.
- During the summer there is usually increased gang activity. Report this to the gang enforcement or the graffiti abatement teams.
- Don't tempt criminals by leaving car or garage doors open or by leaving tools out in our yards.

CITY COUNCILOR: Matt Ausec was absent

GUEST SPEAKER: Lynn Takata

Lynn told us about the once-a-year cleanup effort that NEN neighborhood and Grant NA have done to rid their neighborhoods of large junk (too big to fit in ordinary trash pickup bins), old tires, etc. What was required was to have the use of a parking lot near the center of the neighborhood area, large dumpsters, about 14 volunteers, food, a recycling area and a swap area, traffic cones and signs from Public Works. Some neighbors with pickup trucks volunteered to transport junk for neighbors who did not have a way to take things to the parking lot. Elderly folks could put their junk at the curb, for others to pick up. Total cost was about \$1,450, including a grant from N² (which is similar to CAPES), and donations. People bringing trash to the event were asked to give a suggested donation of \$5 per car/\$10 per pickup truck/\$15 per trailer load. Liability insurance was secured through the City of Salem. This year's cleanup day will be Saturday, May 4, 9:00-noon at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1550 Market St. We were encouraged to stop by and observe. Possibly we may team up with an adjacent neighborhood to do something similar.

CODE COMPLIANCE: Brady Rogers

- Tall grass that is 10" in height or taller can be reported. Code Enforcement will notify the property resident of the need to keep grass cut.
- Code Enforcement works with the P.O.P. team on some problem properties.
- 2425 Lansing has been secured, graffiti removed, and a no trespass agreement has been signed by the owner.
- 2469 Evergreen has been approved for demolition.
- 2445 Market owner is in contempt of court, has \$30,000 in liens, and has a court date in June.
- 3012 Hammel has a new tenant, but still has junk in the yard, so a new case has been opened.
- 2693 Sunnyview landlord rented to new tenants without cleaning or fixing roof leaks after previous tenants moved out. Under Chapter 90 of the law, a landlord is required to prepare a clean and healthy place for a new tenant to move into. The new tenant should contact the landlord about deficiencies, and if the landlord does not respond, then report the problems to Code Enforcement.

SERVICE AWARDS:

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Karen Rice (in person) and Brian Rice, Donna Dickson and Juanita Stewart (in absentia) for service to the neighborhood.

ANNUAL ELECTION:

The following members will serve on the Board for this year: Virginia Barker, Mary Dodson, Frank Pack, Jeanne Pack, Dorothy Pedersen, Terry Pratt, Claudine Shaw, and Patty Tipton.

Terry nominated Patty Tipton for Chair, seconded by Mary, and she was elected.

Claudine nominated Terry Pratt for Vice Chair, seconded by Mary, and he was elected.

Terry nominated Dorothy for Secretary, seconded by Virginia, and she was elected.

Virginia Barker was appointed to serve as Land Use chair.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:

Concerns were expressed regarding:

- Package thefts—cameras deter some people, but not all; some do not care. Some people are caught due to surveillance.
- Hawthorne and Sunnyview has a tent and cart. ODOT and the State Police are working on clearing these out.
- If one's surveillance camera that is registered with SCRAM records someone who goes to court for a crime, will the camera's owner potentially be called to court, or will their name be mentioned? Need to follow up on this question.
- Cars parked for days at a time—a car may only remain parked on a public street for 5 days without being moved. Cars remaining longer than 5 days at a time may be reported.
- Parking on Evergreen Ave. near Aluminum Screen and Window business—Richard Rowe reported that visitors to the apartments at the east side of Evergreen and Silverton Rd. sometimes park for long times on the west side of Evergreen adjacent to his business during business hours. This causes a safety hazard for his customers, sometimes carrying glass or awkward windows, to cross the street near the busy intersection. He asked the Neighborhood Association to write a letter of support to the City for his proposal to place a 2-hr. limit on three parking spaces adjacent to his business, M-F during business hours 8-5. Terry moved to send a letter of support for his proposal. Virginia seconded the motion and it passed. Dorothy will draft a letter to Kevin Hottman, Traffic Engineer, and run it by Patty and Virginia before sending it.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

- A tri-plex will be built on the lot at 23rd and Market St. The proposed large apartment complex at Silverton Rd. and Lansing may possibly not be built due to drainage issues.
- CAPES reported a resource fair at Holman Elementary. There is a May 29th Bikeathon at Adam Stephens School.
- The basketball court at Waldo Middle School will be replaced with an expansion of the building. Patty is looking into the cost of installing a basketball ½ court in one of our parks.
- July 23-26 there will be World Changer youth in our area to help out neighbors.

POTENTIAL GOALS for 2019 (may revisit at a future 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. Patty is researching cost and will 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: None

Traffic: None

Neighborhood Watch: None

Salem Parks: None

State Fair: None

Partnership Update: None

Frank moved the meeting be adjourned. Virginia seconded and motion carried. The next meeting will be May 28th at Waldo Middle School.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Pedersen, Secretary