

Lansing Neighborhood Association Minutes September 24, 2019 Board Meeting

Waldo Middle School Library, 2805 Lansing Avenue NE

11 present: Patty Tipton-Chair, Dorothy Pedersen-Secretary, Gary Bogstad, Sharon Bogstad, Mary Dodson, Sandi Hinshaw, John Kalb, Kayla Kalb, Terry Pratt, Claudine Shaw, Nelson Morales (City of Salem Code Compliance)

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

Terry moved to approve minutes of the August 27, 2019 meeting; seconded by Gary and carried.

POLICE REPORT: None

CITY COUNCILOR: Matt Ausec--Absent

CODE COMPLIANCE: Nelson Morales

Nelson has a new supervisor, Suzanne Reynolds. He has been busy this last year, with the force being short parking and grass & weed control officers due to budget cuts.

Lately he has noticed more furniture being abandoned curbside. If we see this being done we should call in and report it. He needs proof of who the responsible party is, in order to be able to issue a citation.

Each house is required to have a house number posted on it in a color that contrasts with the color of the house.

This year 7 houses have been torn down at owner's expense due to substandard conditions. Thankfully, most owners bring their properties into compliance when notified of violations.

In the last 5 months Code Compliance has handled 119 cases, mostly parking issues and junk. 9 vehicles have been towed for parking violations.

Reports on problem houses:

- 2425 Lansing now has a maintenance program and an agreement to allow enforcement of no trespassing.
- 2445 Market St. owner is probably going to jail due to ~\$40,000 fines for non-compliance.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:

- House at Hammel and Lansing that is owned by a hoarder is now being managed by the owner's sister, who is working on cleaning it out and fixing it up. The renters are helping to do some of the work.
- Big dogs in a house behind Patty's back yard that had been jumping over the fence into neighbor's yards are now being restrained.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

- Patty attended a City Council meeting and reported that the Council passed a utilities fee increase of \$8.00 per month. In May the voters will decide whether to approve an income tax to close the budget gap for City services.
- Patty will have an information booth at the Swegle Day of Play on September 27th.
- October 3rd there is Coffee with a Cop at Broadway Commons.
- October 14th City Council meeting will discuss regulations for owners of floodplain property. Patty will ask Glenn Davis to come to a Lansing NA meeting to inform us about floodplain issues.

AUTHORIZATION OF USE OF PROJECT FUNDS:

- **Terry moved to authorize collection and use of Project Account funds for purchasing a tree and a bench for Lansing Park in memory of Virginia Barker. Claudine seconded the motion and it carried.**
 - The tree will be an Aesculus x carnea 'O'Neill Red' (horse chestnut), estimated to cost \$150-\$180. It is to be planted at Location #3 identified by Noe Marquez on an aerial photo of the park. We want to plant it on Make a Difference Day, October 26th.
 - The bench is estimated to cost \$2,500. We propose that it be located along the path between the light pole and the drinking fountain. The plaque should say: "In memory of Virginia Barker, 2019". We will

- Contributions of \$55.00 were collected at the meeting, which will be deposited into our Project Account with the City. Additional contributions have been promised to bring the total up to the amount needed for the tree, with remaining funds to build up for the bench. Patty has asked for funds from CaPES and N2 to supplement what Lansing NA will raise, and Capital Baptist Church has also indicated interest in contributing toward the bench.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY, October 26th

We plan to have the tree planting, beginning at 10:00 AM. Dorothy will notify the person at the City who has been working with the family that plans to also 3 plant trees at Lansing Park in memory of girls who were killed. If there are enough people available and the weather cooperates, we may also scrape and repaint picnic tables. Patty will bring refreshments. Kayla volunteered to design a flyer that we can take around to invite neighbors to participate in Make a Difference Day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Land Use: A 2-unit apartment complex along Hawthorne north of Livingston Park is due to be replaced by a 4-unit apartment building.

Traffic: None

Salem Parks: See above.

Partnership Update: None

Neighborhood Watch: None

State Fair: None

Claudine moved the meeting be adjourned. Sandi seconded and motion carried. **The next meeting will be October 22nd at Waldo Middle School.**

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Pedersen, Secretary