

Lansing Neighborhood Association Minutes November 26, 2019 Board Meeting

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1998 Lansing Avenue NE

10 present: Patty Tipton-Chair, Dorothy Pedersen-Secretary, Gary Bogstad, Sharon Bogstad, Frank Pack, Jeanne Pack, Claudine Shaw, Officer J. Scott (City of Salem Police Department), Cadet Alvarez (City of Salem Police Department), Jessica Blakely (Salem Housing Authority)

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

Frank moved to approve minutes of the October 22nd, 2019 meeting; seconded by Gary and carried.

POLICE REPORT: Officer Joe Scott and Cadet David Alvarez

A modified "sit-lie" ordinance was passed that will apply to the downtown area. There will be a revote next winter.

Gang activity is staying hot this year, rather than calming down as is usual, and involves some shooting.

Remember to lock up cars and watch for packages delivered to porches, to remove temptation for those looking to steal.

Report any holiday decorations that have been stolen or damaged, and let neighbors know if you will be away, so they can watch your property.

CITY COUNCILOR: Matt Ausec—Absent

JESSICA BLAKELY—Salem Housing Authority

2900 Hawthorne (Livingston Village) apartments were built in 1971 and will be renovated for noise abatement, windows and roof repairs/replacement, ADA upgrades, etc. Dead trees will be replaced with smaller suitable trees and bushes. The \$20 million dollars for this work is coming from HUD funding and partnerships. Two additional apartments will be created within the existing space by reducing the size of some apartments. There is a current trend toward smaller families, and the city has determined that 5-bedroom dwellings in the city are in over-supply, while more 1- and 2-bedroom units are needed. 3500 Hawthorne (Northgate Village) will have similar renovations.

During the renovation, Salem Housing Authority temporarily relocates families who are living in the affected apartments. These are Section 8 apartments, where rent is based on a percent of tenants' income.

Salem Housing Authority is working to open additional low income housing linked with social services to ease homelessness, based on the success of Lincoln Place in Vancouver. 37 units on Fisher Road are estimated to be available spring 2020 by retrofitting existing buildings. 30 of the units will consist of 2 rooms with shared baths and a community kitchen and dining area. One unit will be an ADA 1-bedroom apartment, and 6 units will be transitional care with services on site for those who have special needs as they are waiting for permanent housing.

Yaquina Hall is currently waiting on funding, but will eventually create 52 new 1-bedroom affordable units.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:

- The fence around ODOT property at I-5 and Sunnyview and Market Streets has been cut again, allowing entry. These should be reported to Oregon State Police or ODOT.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

- Patty attended N2 and CaPES meetings.
- Parks will have a meeting December 10th at Pringle Hall, 11:30-1:30.

- Patty will have a table at Washington School January 23rd, to hand out Lansing NA flyers and bags, and treats for kids. **Jeanne moved to allocate \$30.00 of communication funds for treats for this event. Frank seconded and the motion was approved.**
- Information
 - December 6th—tree lighting 6:00 PM at Riverfront Park
 - December 13, 14 & 15th—Police Toy Drive. Donate or wrap toys at Oak Park Church, 2990 Lancaster Dr. NE.
 - December 16th--Walk and Lights at 14th & Marigold.
 - United Way (4080 Reed Rd. SE) wants coats, pajamas and hygiene products.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY, October 26th

About 65 people came to the event at Lansing Park. Mayor Chuck Bennett spoke about Virginia Barker. The families of Trinity Watt, Makayla Tryon and Madison Capobianco talked about the girls, and Pastor John Lipton of Capital Baptist Church offered a prayer. Then four memorial trees were planted, and all participants enjoyed hot coffee, tea and hot chocolate, and donuts and cookies. Patty asked to be reimbursed for her expenses. **Frank**

moved that the communication funds be taken out to reimburse Patty:

\$159.00 for the tree for Virginia Barker

\$102.00 for food and supplies

\$68.00 to rent a van to transport supplies and canopy

\$329.00 total

Gary seconded the motion and it was approved.

FUND RAISING FOR MEMORIAL BENCH

Patty has filed the form for "Intent" with the Parks Department. Next summer we may plan to hold a fund-raising dinner, possibly at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, since it may be a couple of years before Capital Baptist has rebuilt their fellowship hall.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Gary moved that we not meet in December, since the 4th Tuesday is Christmas Eve. Frank seconded the motion and it passed. We may have a speaker on the homelessness situation at the January meeting, and a speaker on Emergency Preparedness at the February meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Land Use: None

Traffic: None

Salem Parks: See above.

Partnership Update: None

Neighborhood Watch: None

State Fair: None

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

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Pedersen, Secretary