

Lansing

Neighborhood Association

555 Liberty Street SE Room 305 Salem, Oregon 97301 503-588-6207

April 27, 2021 meeting minutes, 7 pm – 8 pm.

Attendees: Patty Tipot, Chair, Terry Pratt, Vice-Chair, John Lipton, neighbor, Irma Dowd, City of Salem, NA Coordinator, Jose Gonzalez, City of Salem Councilor, Lt. Jason VanMeter.

Guest Speakers: Lt. Jason VanMeter, Councilor Jose Gonzalez, John Lipton, Capital Baptist Church

Lt. VanMeter took neighborhood questions and listened to concerns about community policing. VanMeter is the day shift supervisor and attends most Neighborhood Association monthly meetings to listen to neighbors' concerns and report on local issues. Salem PD expects large crowds at River Front Park and the State Capitol on May Day and will be available to help support state patrol during these events. Patty asked police officers wear body cameras, Lt. VanMeter said Salem PD Officers do not wear body cameras. Councilor Gonzalez offered his support to SPD as he has experienced business vandalism and theft.

Councilor Gonzalez introduced himself to the group and shared on his history in Salem and Lansing. He is a local business owner with a lot of experience working in the community for the community, his passion is helping his community thrive, he is the first Latino Councilor in Ward 5 and speaks Spanish which he hopes will encourage the Hispanic community to attend Lansing meetings. He expressed his goal of helping Lansing NA clean its streets and spoke about his experience in picking up 760 lbs. of garbage along Hawthorne Ave. Patty and Irma offered their support in continuing the clean-up efforts. Tentative plans were made amongst the board, Councilor Gonzalez and Irma to expand the efforts in the neighborhood and encourage neighbors and youth to help. More to come on these plans.

John Lipton presented the latest plans for the rebuilding of the church building that burned and was destroyed two years ago. The new building will have a kitchen and a community room for the community to use and the two church groups to meet in that were previously using it. Groundbreaking will be on May 23rd and Councilor Gonzalez was invited to attend as Lansing's representative. Project should be completed by December 2021.

Irma brought one of the new Chromebooks that she ordered for the use by board members if they don't have access to a computer to do NA business like attend a Zoom meeting.

Chair report: Virginia's bench should be delivered by the end of May, plaque with Virginia's name has been ordered. Patty hopes to host another National Night Out in August. The 2020 pandemic didn't allow for the annual event throughout the City.