

NORTH LANCASTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, January 3, 2018 – Scott Elementary School, 4700 Arizona Ave NE

Chair Steve called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes: Doug Rodgers made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2017 meeting. Kim Currey seconded. Motion carried.

Officer McDermott shared the following:

- Construction of the new police facility is scheduled to take three years. Traffic lights in the area of the new police facility have been installed.
- The skate park at Marion Park will not be maintained.
- Address vehicles spending the night in Brown Road Park by calling the non-emergency police number. If they are parked during hours that the park is closed, they are trespassing. Doug Rodgers volunteered to manage a chain to close the park after hours. This will require further discussion with Parks Staff.

Officer Morales shared the following:

- Irma Dowd can help Raul Martinez with needed translation for publicizing the McKay Community Breakfast.
- An Open House Public Meeting highlighting Brown Road NE Sidewalks and Bike Lanes Improvements Project will be held Wednesday, January 17, 2018 from 6:30 -8:30 pm at Scott Elementary School.
- A problem vacant house on Coral Avenue has been secured by the bank that owns it. No fines were issued. No Parking signs on Coral may help.
- Council is considering a penalty for vacant homes left vacant for a period of time.
- NOLA currently has 44 open compliance cases, mostly related to junk. There have been no stolen vehicles.
- Denise Currey reported garbage on the north side of Kuebler between Aumsville Road and Turner Road. Officer Morales will create a compliance case.

Councilor Chris Hoy shared the following:

- Councilor Hoy also mentioned the open house for Brown Road sidewalks.
- Safety measures are coming to Fisher Road. A stop sign will be installed at the three-way with Devonshire. Two solar speed reader boards will be installed.

Youth Spotlight

- No youth were in attendance.

Salem Public Library Foundation

- Judy Martin shared information about Salem Reads, One Book, One Community. The current book for this program is *Outcasts United*. There are two versions, one abridged and one

unabridged. There is a party February 6 from 5:30 -7:30 in celebration of reading this book. There will be a free book give away.

NOLA/Northgate Boundaries

- There was discussion as to whether NOLA should expand its boundaries to the urban growth boundary. There was also discussion as to how boundaries between Northgate and NOLA should be extended.
- Shirlene Gonzalez made a motion to *not* expand the NOLA boundaries at this time and to follow up with Northgate that NOLA recommends setting the boundary between NOLA and Northgate at Silverton Road. Kim Currey seconded. Motion carried.
- Steve will communicate the decision to Northgate.

Parks Business

- **Salem Parks Improvement Fund Grant**
 - NOLA's letter of intent to install park benches (estimate still pending) at McKay Park was approved. The grant application will be completed sometime in January.
 - Parks staff inquired as to whether NOLA is interested in installing a bike rack (estimated at \$3100) and/or drinking fountain with pet bowl (estimated at \$3900) at McKay Park.
 - The board had interest in all projects. Shirlene Gonzalez will write the grant application to include all three installations.
- **McKay Park Equipment**
 - The City will host a public meeting to get feedback from the community on what playground equipment to install at McKay Park. Meeting is scheduled for February 6 from 5:30 – 7:30 at Scott Elementary School
- **Goals for Brown Road Park Master Planning**
 - Shirlene Gonzalez distributed draft goals (appended to these minutes) for guiding the Master Planning process for Brown Road Park. (At the December meeting, Park staff recommended NOLA provide some guiding goals and objectives to help the City with the outreach and master planning process.)
 - Doug Rodgers identified a typo in the sub-bullet of Goal #1. ("rake" should be "rack")
 - Dennis Will asked if we would keep the parking lot given the restrictions of Goal #2. The board agreed that a parking lot is needed at Brown Road Park, especially to meet the needs of garden maintenance.
 - Shirlene Gonzalez made a motion to accept the goals with the amendment to goal #2 to include the parking lot and to submit the goals to the city. Doug Rodgers seconded. Motion carried.
- **NOLA 2017-2018 Annual Goals**
 - Shirlene Gonzalez distributed information related to NOLA's 2017-2018 Annual Goals (appended to these minutes).
 - Shirlene Gonzalez made a motion to update NOLA 2017-2018 Annual Goal #3 to state *"Continue work with Parks Operations to develop Brown Road and McKay Parks, **specifically to support the development of the playground at McKay Park as proposed**"*

by the Salem Parks Foundation.” (Adjustment identified in bold/underline.) Doug Rodgers seconded. Motion carried.

- **Flexible Communication Funds**

- The balance in NOLA’s Flexible Communication Funds (before reimbursing Barbara Moore for annual meeting expenses) is \$1,128.00.
- Shirlene Gonzalez asked members to give her any information regarding volunteer hours to provide match for the fund.

Committees

- **Transit**

- There are three meetings scheduled in January.
- Should know a year from now if there will be enough funding for Saturday service.
- Randy Morgan recommended that service be restored on four holidays, including July 4th and Labor Day.

- **CaPES**

- 726 local children were served with the toy drive
- McKay Community Breakfast is in February

Other NOLA Business

- Barbara Moore, Vice-Chair resigned from the board.
- Arlyn Moore also resigned from the board.
- Doug Rodgers offered to fill the vacancy of Vice-Chair. Kim Currey moved to elect Doug Rodgers as Vice-Chair. Denise Currey seconded. Motion carried.
- The social committee was still not established with a majority vote of the board.

Chair Steve adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

DRAFT Goals for Brown Road Park Master Planning v2

Goal 1: Park design and equipment should showcase unique attributes to distinguish the character and diversity of the NOLA neighborhood.

- NOLA has met this goal to date with a custom made sign at the garden entrance and a custom ordered bike rack to be installed in 2018.

Goal 2: Park design shall incorporate amenities and facility attributes as identified for a neighborhood park in the [Comprehensive Park System] Master Plan with a focus on health and family.

- This goal would prevent park green space being allocated for use as a dog park. NOLA would like space prioritized for youth and youth activities.
- Good playground equipment would be a prioritized amenity.

Goal 3: Park design should enhance visibility into the park space from adjacent local streets and residences.

- By enhancing visibility, the park may see additional use.
- Enhanced visibility and additional use, in turn may enhance the safety of the park. Vacant parks are more vulnerable to vandalism. NOLA wants Brown Road Park actively used by the people it is meant for.
- Enhanced visibility allows for more effective police patrol during and after park hours.

Goal 4: Park design should enhance safety of the users of the park.

- NOLA wants the users of Brown Road Park to be safe.
- In addition to enhanced visibility, enhanced safety may come from the type of equipment installed. Visibility will not compromise a buffer needed to protect children from traffic Brown Road.
- Safety may also be enhanced with features such as a covered area for protection from the sun and a drinking fountain for hydration.

Goal 5: Promote tree planting to increase the urban tree canopy of the North Lancaster Neighborhood and extend the community garden of the park.

- Trees have many values which Brown Road Park may benefit from.
- Trees provide canopy for shade.
- Trees enhance the eco-system.
- NOLA plans to work with the City to explore tree options that have not been traditionally planted at parks. Many cities are planting trees that may be harvested for food. This would be a natural extension of the community garden.

Topic: NOLA 2017-2018 Annual Goals

Minutes of the NOLA Executive Board meeting of August 24, 2017 indicate:

4. UPDATE GOALS – YOUTH FOCUS

** The following topics were discussed at length:*

- *Continue NOLA participation in at least four community involvement events*
- *Maintain an outreach to invite at least one business, non-profit, church, etc. to attend monthly NOLA meetings*
- *Continue to pursue Brown Road project with City*
- *Focus on the creation of an effective Land Use Program. Dennis expressed his desire to work with the development and initiation/direction*
- *Engage youth participation in NOLA to include a spot as a Board Member*

** Jose will give the update on the 2016-2017 goals/programs at the Annual*

** Jose made a motion to agenda these goals for the upcoming year*

** Cecelia seconded the motion*

** Motion carried/approved*

2016-2017 annual goals were reviewed during the September 2017 general meeting. New goals for the 2017-2018 year were not officially set during the September, 2017 meeting.

The following goals were submitted to the City for 2017-2018.

1. *Continue NOLA participation in at least 4 community involvement events.*
2. *Outreach to at least 1 business, non-profit, church or service provider to our neighbors.*
3. *Continue work with Park Operations to develop Brown Road and McKay Parks.*
4. *Support local efforts to make public transport more user targeted and accessible for and by Salem residents.*

I recommend discussing whether goals submitted to City should be updated to include goals recommended on August 24, 2017.

I also recommend updating goal 2 to state “Continue work with Parks Operations to develop Brown Road and McKay Parks, **specifically to support the development of the playground at McKay Park as proposed by the Salem Parks Foundation.**”

The Salem Parks Foundation has made a significant commitment to develop the playground at McKay Park. There is great value in publically documenting NOLA’s support toward this effort and communicating that to the City.