

NORTH LANCASTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, May 2, 2018 – Scott Elementary School, 4700 Arizona Ave NE

Chair Walsh called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Introductions were made.

Minutes for April were approved.

Code Compliance (Officer Morales):

- Call code compliance to report tall grass and weeds.
- Training session relating to planning and code violations is offered for board members May 24 from 5:30 - 7:00, location to be announced.
- Noise complaints should be reported to the police non-emergency
- Parking on front yard is against code
- Parking that blocks the sidewalk is against code
- Productivity Report for the last 4 months
 - 62 cases with most complaints coming from citizen calls
 - Cases involved parking, solid waste, junk, parking in front yard, rooster
 - 5 vehicles were towed
 - No stolen vehicles were found in NOLA
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Councilor Hoy's report was shared by Chair Walsh:

- Fisher Road Update: In early May 2018, the City of Salem will begin making Fisher Road NE safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers. The city will first install stop signs at the Devonshire Avenue NE and Beverly Avenue NE intersections, making both intersections all-way stops. In July, the City will further improve safety on Fisher Road NE by installing radar signs between Sunnyview Road NE and Beverly Avenue NE. These signs will flash and alert drivers if they exceed the speed limit. All improvements are anticipated to be completed by the end of August 2018.
- Parks: Parks planners and operations staff will be visiting each neighborhood association between April and August. Topics will be recent and upcoming parks improvements, Salem Park Foundation park improvements (SPIF) grants, and any other park-related questions attendees wish to discuss.
- Library: Sarah Strahl has accepted the opportunity to be Salem's City Librarian. Ms. Strahl will be coming from Hillsboro where she is currently the Library Manager for the Hillsboro Public Library. Ms. Strahl has a Masters degree in Library Science from Indiana University, Bloomington, IN and a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology & Criminal Justice from Indiana University. Ms. Strahl will start May 29. Among Ms. Strahl's contributions while with Hillsboro are process improvements that resulted in patrons receiving requested materials 92 percent

faster and being part of an intergovernmental grant team to provide early literacy and STEM tools to underserved children from ages 0-6.

For the bond-funded upgrades to the Salem Public Library, there is no project page on the city website for updates. Type in Salem Public Library Seismic and Safety Upgrade Project into the search bar on the website.

- April 23rd City Council Meeting Highlights:
 - A public hearing was held on the cleanup of the West Salem zone code.
 - A public hearing was held (and is continuing) on an appeal of a conditional use permit allowing the Union Gospel Mission to relocate 3 blocks north of its current location. This remains a quasi-judicial matter.
- April 16th City Council work session held:
 - Council received a briefing and information on the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT)
- April 9th City Council Meeting Summary
 - Amended and approved the proposed Winter Maple Bikeway plan
 - Received an information update report of the sidewalk rehabilitation program

McKay Project Grad:

- Have raised \$10,000 for a venue, 3 buses and 150 students
- Saturday, May 5, Cinco de McKayo
 - 11 am - 2 pm
 - 3 street tacos for \$5
 - Bingo \$5
- May 19, serving Olive Garden for \$5/plate from 4-7 pm; Buffy the Vampire Slayer at 7 pm \$5
- Turf is getting a lot of community use. Having a problem with gum.

Police Report:

- Be careful about leaving house and car windows open with the warm weather

Clean Stream Initiative

- Capital Canine Club has 500 member who agree to pick up after their pet
- Volunteers place "Dump No Waste - Drains to Creek" Storm Drain Markers during the summer
- Car wash waste - wash your car on your lawn to filter the waste water or visit an environmentally friendly car wash
- Other ways to get involved include Riparian Plantings, Watershed Preservation and Protection Grant, Watershed Enhancement Pledge, Adopt a Stream Program, Rain Garden

Police Department Construction

- Bond passed May 2017
- Contractors include CB2 Architects and JB Duncan Construction (Portland)
- Property has been purchase and existing building have been demolished; much of it was recycled

- Schematic designs are completed with three stories.
- Crime lab, bomb squad, mobile response team and evidence storage will be located at the police department. Community services will be on the first floor.
- Hope to break ground July/August with site work through fall; foundation by the end of the year, building 2019, move in 2020.
- Final open house of the project will be 6/26 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at South Salem High School
- Can sign up for emails at buildingbuzz@cityofsalem.net
- Traffic modifications will occur in 2019

Parks

- Tuesday, May 22, 6:30 - 8:00 at McKay Commons is the second of three workshops for the Master Planning for Brown Road Park.
- The third workshop is July 14 at Brown Road Park from 10:30 am to noon.
- Submitted the grant request of \$1,819 to the Salem Parks Foundation for partial funding of four park benches and three bike racks.
- Salem Parks Foundation is fund raising and applying for grants for playground equipment for McKay Park. They have raised \$13,000 of \$93,000. All money is needed before they can break ground. Donations may be made online with the Salem Parks Foundation at www.salemparksfoundation.org or checks may be mailed to P.O. Box 5764 Salem OR 97304
- Lemonade with the Mayor at McKay Park, Thursday, July 26, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Transit

- Cherriots Board Meetings are on Facebook
- Summer Youth Passes are on sale for \$40

Candidate Forum

- Jon Weiner for Marion County Circuit Court Judge

Chair Steve adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.