

NORTH LANCASTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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

- **Vice-Chair Rodgers called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM**
- **Introductions were made around the room**
- **No minutes were available for September's meeting, so approval of them was postponed until November's meeting.**
- **Councilor Hoy gave his report:**
 - Plastic bag ban issue still being discussed.
 - The stop signs on Fisher Road have been installed and street lights will be installed a well. On November 5, there will be a special work session of the Congestion Relief Task Force. They will be discussing peak hour issues in downtown and West Salem. They will hear suggested solutions and some easy things that can be implemented soon. The city is working on having longer signal lights at peak times; delaying pedestrians a bit; and, restricting left hand turns on Wallace Road during some hours. - A Town Hall to be held on October 24 at the Broadway Commons to get public input on the budget.
 - On Tuesday, November 13, the City Council will discuss a garbage collection fee increase. Haulers are losing money because of the new restrictions on recycling and the recycling contamination issues.
 - On October 8, the City Council will discuss increasing and/or decreasing water rates. The rates will be a reflection of the actual cost of providing water service. The staff report is on the City's website. Rates are going up because the system needs replacing. Some of the pipes were installed in the 1930's & the 1960's.
- **Officer Nelson Morales from code Compliance gave his report**
 - One additional officer was added to the force to help with the work-load
 - NOLA does not have an issue at this time with abandoned cars or derelict homes or other structures.
- **Brown Road Park Follow up discussion:**
 - Rob Romanek from the City told us that the park is not scheduled to have a parking lot. Instead, the city is planning on having a few spots of street parking.
 - The NOLA board voted to tell the city to go ahead with the plans
 - A follow up letter was written asking the city to reconsider the parking lot issue and to have a pull-out on the street for city busses.
- **Police Report: Nothing major to report (yea)**
 - Keeping outside lights ON is important! Thieves like it dark.
 - Cutting back on hedges/bushes around the house is smart.
 - Keep your car/truck doors locked.
 - People are still texting/talking on phone and driving. Pull over if you need to use the phone.
 - 13th annual "Halloween Dress Rehearsal on Oct 27th from 4-6 PM at the Salem Police Department.
 - Face-painting, games and more
 - Teaching kids traffic safety and costume safety
- **Volunteer spotlight Friendship Brigade (Heidi Wold Miller)**
 - Friendship Brigade: "No one should feel forgotten or alone"

- Based at Center 50+
- They train /connect volunteers with isolated seniors living in care/nursing facilities. One encounter, one friend at a time
- 17% of US adults >64 yrs of age are living in social and/or geographical isolation
- Friendship Brigade is planning on recruiting, training >100 volunteers and connecting them to area residents who are lonely.
- Contact Heidi Miller at 503-588-6303 to be part of this program.
- Election of officers
 - Doug Rodgers elected Chair
 - Daniel Benjamin elected vice-chair
 - Pamela Blake elected Secretary/Treasurer
- **Committee Report highlights/Other**
 - The by-laws were emailed out to the board and hand delivered to the meeting to each member would have a current copy to look over.
 - Free leaf drop off at Brown's Island Demolition Landfill on Sat Nov, 17 and Sat Dec 8th from 9 AM to 3 PM. Volunteers needed.
 - Salem Town Hall Wed, Oct 24th 2018 at Broadway commons from 6-8 PM
 - There will be a City parks workshop on October 25, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at Pringle Hall, 606 Church Street SE.
 - Drive Less Challenge: From October 1 to the 15th, people are being encouraged to try alternatives to driving through taking the bus, carpooling, biking, walking, etc., and logging the trips on the DriveLessConnect.com website. This will enter the person into a pool from which daily and grand prizes will be drawn.

Chair Rodgers adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.