

NORTH LANCASTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, November 7th, 2018- Scott Elementary School-4700 Arizona Ave. NE

Chair Rodgers called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM

Introductions were made around the room

The minutes from October's meeting were accepted

Police report: Officer Nunez

Drive-by shootings of a gang nature have been reported 3 or 4 times in the Lancaster/Sunnyview area in the few days prior to the meeting. Homes are being hit; the officer says they aren't good shots, fortunately.

With the time change it is getting darker earlier, so keeping outside lights on is important to deterring crime. Criminals like it dark. The groundbreaking for the new police station will be at noon on Friday, November 9th. The public is welcome to attend.

City Councilor report: Chris Hoy

The Brown Rd park master plan was approved on 10-22. The council passed the single-use grocery bag ban, with the final reading to occur later this month.

A bill mandating all public televisions (bars, doctor's offices, etc.) have closed captioning was also passed.

A measure revising an ordinance to deal with "problem" houses was passed. This will give code enforcement more tools to deal with houses that present troubles for the city or residents. The meeting between the city and Cheriotts went well. In the past, the relationship has been strained.

There was a work session Monday on how to deal with peak hour congestion traffic in the downtown core and into West Salem. Many ideas were heard, some at a greater cost than others. He mentioned the police station groundbreaking on Friday. The next council meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 13th because Monday is Veteran's Day. On the agenda is the garbage haulers, whose profit margin disappeared when China stopped taking our small plastic recyclables. More garbage and less recycling equals more cost. The city sets the rates, allowing the haulers to have an agreed upon profit margin. It's pretty small. The request will likely be granted. We have the second highest garbage rates in the state.

The former mushroom plant at the intersection of Cordon Rd. and State has been approved for "workforce" housing. Single family homes will be integrated with townhomes and will not have an entrance on Cordon Rd. The number of homes is still undetermined. 100 to 775 units could be built.

The north campus of the hospital has also been approved for "workforce" housing.

Chris will be travelling for business on December 5th, the date of NOLA's next meeting.

Volunteer Spotlight: Stephanie Hull, Moms Demand Action For Gun Control In America

Stephanie is a teacher, a mother, and a gun owner. Tonight she told us about the SMART program.

Secure guns in homes and cars, locked, unloaded, with ammunition stored separately

Model responsible behavior; treat every gun as if it's loaded

Ask about unsecured guns in the homes of your children's friends

Recognize the risks of teen suicide

Tell your peers to be smart

4.6 million children live with unsecured guns.

CaPES: Jessica Preis

The Day of Play was a huge success, with over 650 attendees. Such a great way to strengthen the neighborhood.

The 32nd annual toy drive starts soon, with toy donations being accepted until December 12th.

Parks: Dennis Will

Lighting in the northeast corner of McKay park should be addressed. Residents report witnessing vagrants sleeping in the park. Some residents are afraid to leave their houses after dark.

Transportation: Doug Rodgers

On Wednesday November 14th, an open house for the Streetscape Plan Update.

Chair Rodgers adjourned the meeting at 8:01