

# **NORTH LANCASTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**Wednesday, December 5th, 2018 Scott Elementary School-4700 Arizona Ave. NE**

**Chair Rodgers called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM  
Introductions were made around the room**

## **Police Report: Officer Collins (?)**

- No specific neighborhood crime to report. Board member Benjamin mentioned how helpful this is.
- At this time of year, people are shopping online more and more packages are being delivered. Residents are frequently having packages stolen, so if you have a neighbor where your packages can be delivered, so much the better. The Officer also pointed out that you can make arrangements with the shipper to place packages in areas around the door that aren't too obvious. Behind a planter, for example.
- Never leave your car warming unattended in the driveway. This is an easy way to lose your car.
- Keep items out of view when parking. Better yet, take everything out of your car and be sure to lock it.
- No update on the shootings from last month around Sunnyview and Big Lots; it was likely gang-related. Graffiti continues to be an ongoing problem as the gangs compete for territory. The city has a graffiti abatement team, and it's worth calling even if you live in the city. Sometimes the county works with the city to solve graffiti issues.

## **Approval of September's minutes**

## **Approval of October's minutes**

## **Business Spotlight: Reed Carlson, Marketing Coordinator for Mid-Valley Garbage and Recycling**

- A demonstration on how to recycle properly, including handouts.
- China is no longer accepting material from around the world due to contamination. Currently the world is at a 9-10% contamination level when we need to be at .5%.
- Top contaminants include diapers, ropes, plastic film, Styrofoam, clamshells of the restaurant variety, and plastic grocery bags.
- No longer recyclable are tubs and plastic jars, shredded paper or frozen meal packages (like Eggo waffles).
- All cans and bottles must be clean and dry. Can lids can be placed in the cans, and then the cans crushed so as to keep the lids inside.
- All recycling trucks have had cameras for about 2 years. This means the driver is watching as he empties the recycling can, and can pinpoint customers who are contaminating.

- This drastic reduction in recycling means increased garbage costs. Hence the rate increase approved by the City last month.

**Councilor Report- Councilor Hoy was unable to attend the meeting, but emailed his report:**

- Chris is monitoring the situation at the library as it works to maintain a dynamic collection. Collection maintenance helps create a vibrant, appealing collection that meets the community's needs and it frees up shelf space for the constant arrival of the new materials.
- The Mayor appointed a Task Force to address additional revenue sources. The Task Force recommendation included advice to consider phasing or timing one or more of the following revenue options: an operating fee, an employee-paid payroll tax, and a local gas tax. A full report of the Task Force's recommendations will be presented to the City in January 2019.
- Pringle Parkade will have meters reinstalled
- A committee has been looking at System Development Charges (the fee developers must pay to develop in the city) They will be making a recommendation to Council on a change to this system. Chris doesn't have an opinion either way, since he has not seen it.

The City of Salem is proposing revisions to the System Development Charge methodologies for Parks, Transportation, Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater. Systems Development Charges (SDCs) are a financing mechanism for funding of Parks, Transportation, Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater systems that are needed to serve new developments. SDCs are collected from developers at the time of building permit issuance based on the relative impacts of each project and are used to pay for construction of new public infrastructure. An SDC methodology determines the relative impacts of each project so that SDCs are collected equitably for all development projects.

- Free leaf haul December 8<sup>th</sup> at Brown's Island Demolition Landfill.
- Chris was unable to attend the City Council meeting of 12/3, but had Danielle Meyer as guest council. Danielle has done a lot of great work on the Human Rights and Relations Commission for the City.
- Next Council meeting is December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Capes: Jessica Preis**

- Toys For Tots is accepting donations until December 12<sup>th</sup> for the toy drive. Gifts for teens are always in short supply.

**Parks: Shirlene Gonzales**

- Letter of intent to fund playground equipment at McKay Park was approved, so now an application will be submitted. We are looking at \$32,000 for equipment. There was a motion passed that the final application might change, and that we leave it to Shirlene's judgment.

**Chair Rodgers adjourned the meeting at 8:04**