

# **NORTH LANCASTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 Scott Elementary School-4700 Arizona Ave. NE**

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

Minutes for November and December could not be approved due to the fact we did not have enough board members in attendance.

## **Police Report: Officer Tangney**

- Never leave valuables in your car; keep your cars locked, and never leave them running unattended. Officers see many residents warming their cars in their driveways; this is an easy target for thieves.
- There was a stolen truck in the neighborhood that had security uniforms and a handgun in it.
- There was an armed burglary near Swegle Rd.
- A resident asked about the rules for bicycles and we were told they must go with the flow of traffic on the same side, and must follow the other rules of the road such as keeping both hands on the handle bars

## **Code Enforcement: Officer Morales**

- Logged 66 hours over the last four months on 51 cases. Mostly parking issues.
- 1 stolen vehicle found
- 10 cars towed from the neighborhood
- 59 non-code issues reported, mainly regarding the homeless camps
- Morales mentioned he is seeing the same homeless people he saw when he started this job 15 years ago. Some people simply want to live on the fringe.
- The homeless camps adjacent to the freeway between Market and Hyacinth are the worst. They fall under ODOT's jurisdiction. 503-362-0457 is the number to call for complaints. They are doing as much as they can to keep the garbage to a minimum. They'll get a camp cleaned up, and the transients will simply move on to a new location.
- We now have 2 multi-family building inspectors. There was a bit of a backlog with the addition of all the new apartment buildings in Salem.

- Salem has its' own graffiti abatement team. Removing graffiti is the residents responsibility, unless the offenders are caught. Often the graffiti is linked to a particular gang or person, so reporting it is important as records are closely kept.
- He stressed the importance of working together as neighbors to help one another as he told us the story of a disabled resident with an old hot tub on their property. Rather than simply cite them, he is working with a spa company to come and remove it. We could all learn from this example.

### **Councilor Report: Chris Hoy**

- There was a hearing December 17<sup>th</sup> with Marion county solid waste to explore why garbage rates keep increasing. This is a county issue, but the city keeps getting the blame.
- Fire station 7 re-opens on January 12<sup>th</sup>
- New city councilor will be sworn in on January 14<sup>th</sup>
- Salem River Advisory Board meets January 30<sup>th</sup>
- The Library Advisory Board is holding a special meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup> to determine the best course of action regarding old books
- There are many openings on a variety of different advisory boards. The city website has all the listings.

### **Business Spotlight: Salem Reporter Rachel Alexander, reporter**

- The Salem Reporter is an online-only news site founded in August. They went online in September for the first time.
- Started by a former reporter from the Oregonian
- Running 4-6 stories daily and has 3 fulltime reporters.
- Subscription only
- A free trial is available, otherwise \$10 a month

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Transit:**

- Cherriots Saturday service and extended hours starts in September
- Sunday service starts in May 2020

#### **Parks:**

- We didn't specify the equipment we wanted for McKay park. A swing set was unanimously approved

- **Chair Rodgers adjourned the meeting at 7:42**

