

# **NORTH LANCASTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**Wednesday, February 6th, 2019 Scott Elementary School -4700 Arizona Ave. NE**

**Chair Rodgers called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM**

**Introductions were made around the room**

**January's minutes were approved**

## **Police report: Officer Horton**

- A high volume of calls are coming regarding auto theft, locking car doors and beefing up exterior lighting helps.
- Still reporting large numbers of people leaving their cars to warm in the driveway. He encouraged us to call no matter how trivial we might think the issue is, sometimes these reports lead to arrests.
- There's been an uptick in gang activity. Please continue to call the graffiti abatement team with the Salem PD. ELNA recently reported a lot of gang-related graffiti.
- A concerned neighbor mentioned people parking in McKay park all day; officially the park closes at sunset, and people are supposed to leave. This rule is not enforced, however due to manpower shortages.
- No problem houses in NOLA

## **Salem Parks Foundation: Carol Snyder**

- The application for a neighborhood grant is coming up in the spring. Shirlene Gonzalez will be working on that.
- Right now all bottle donations to SPF go directly to the McKay park improvement fund.
- You can also get pre-labeled bags for SPF which makes it easier to donate to the cause.
- You can get bags by emailing [info@salemparksfoundation.org](mailto:info@salemparksfoundation.org)
- A recent city grant was approved for McKay park for \$20,000

## **Councilor Report: Chris Hoy**

- A lot of progress has been made on that problem house on Coral Ave. The city finally received a Trespass Letter of Consent (TLC) so any loitering/squatting on the property becomes a criminal offense.
- The city will have a presentation on the Brown Rd. construction on February 14<sup>th</sup> at Scott school.

- Street improvements coming : Lancaster and Sunnyview intersections, as well as those at Market and Lancaster, and Lancaster and D. A pedestrian refuge island to be built at Sunnyview at Scotsmans Lane.
- Councilor Hoy has heard nothing that makes him change his mind on the Third Bridge. He plans to vote against it. He feels it is a regional issue rather than a city concern.
- Ward 6 has a budget committee vacancy. Applications can be found on the city's website.
- Chris is now on the library retrofit committee, the police facility committee, and was elected council president.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Transit: Cherriotts Saturday service starts in September
- Transit fare increase, but youth fare will decrease
- Other: Heart and History walk Saturday 2-16 at Broadway Commons 10 AM
- Community Breakfast at McKay Saturday 2-23 8-10:30 AM

Close of regular meeting at 7:43

### **Executive Board Meeting:**

- Goals for the year include attracting more neighbors to the meetings
- A concern of board members repeatedly not showing for meetings was discussed, and it was agreed that 3 no-shows indicates a lack of interest as a board member.
- Changed the board member requirements from 7 to 5 members
- Reach out to other NA's for larger projects
- Get the NOLA name out there with flyers and re-usable grocery bags.
- Try for an average of 20 people per meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:10