

North Lancaster Neighborhood Association

Wednesday May 1st, 2019 Scott Elementary School -4700 Arizona Ave. NE

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

Introductions were made around the room

April's minutes could not be approved since we did not have a quorum

Police report: Officer Slivkoff

- With the warmer weather comes more incidents with the transient population. Be mindful of this and keep a close eye on your possessions. Keep your car doors locked and don't leave items in your car that attract thieves. Beef up your exterior lighting and consider cameras.
- The neighborhood "problem" house is at 4115 Sunnyview Rd. This is an abandoned property which has been taken over by squatters. A list of derelict/abandoned houses can be found on the city's website.
- The shopping cart/homeless situation has gotten worse. The stores don't want to prosecute the offenders, so the carts continue to be stolen. The police are unable to remove any "personal property" from the carts when they confront the homeless person.
- The police are told to stand down as far as petty thievery is involved.

Code Compliance: Officer Morales

- Officer Morales is in receipt of 10 emails and several phone calls regarding the shopping carts and transients on Sunnyview Rd. 503-427-1013 is the number to call for cart removal. The company is Northwest Cart Retrieval.
- The underpasses at I-5 and Market and I-5 and Silverton were recently cleared of transients.
- A recent altercation between transients over the possessions in a cart had to have police involvement.
- Keep calling the non-emergency police line when you see unsafe/criminal behavior.
- Code enforcement must always have the police present to enforce the law. They do not have the power to enforce the law.
- Code enforcement had 42 cases last month and devoted 43 hours to the following: R.V.'s with expired tags, solid waste, junk, and they towed 7 vehicles for parking violations.
- Code enforcement has lost an officer to retirement, and they are short an office assistant, so they will get busier.
- Complainant information is never revealed.
- A motion was made by Co-chair Benjamin to develop a form letter to send to area businesses to invite them to our meetings.

Councilor report: Chris Hoy via email

- Budget meeting tonight, hence Chris's absence
- A council work session was held on 4-22 (prior to council meeting) to hear information regarding the Continuum of Care structure. This is the mechanization by which the city receives federal money for housing. For many years, we were in a local continuum of care, but for some reason (still a mystery to me why) local authorities decided to join an organization that encompasses virtually all but the largest cities in the state. This decision has not served us well.
- Library collection policy review occurred at the 4/22 meeting. Council continued the pause of weeding books in adult fiction. We will review after more data is collected during the month of May. I have received a lot of community input on all sides of this issue.
- Update on Salem's drinking water is available online: <https://www.cityofsalem.net/pages/salem-prepares-for-2019-algal-season.aspx>
- Homelessness Food and Sundries Task Force has completed its work. Report is available here: <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages?food-and-sundries-Distribution-to-the-Homeless-Community-Task-Force.aspx>
- You're invited to the second public workshop on the Our Salem Project Wednesday May 8th at the Court Street Christian Church, 1699 Court Street NE. The meeting will be from 6-8 PM. You will have the opportunity to hear results from an analysis of the city's existing conditions and future scenarios for how Salem could grow. The results will be presented in a draft report card that looks at how Salem performs against 20 top indicators. You will also hear results from Salem's first greenhouse gas emissions inventory. A draft inventory will be available at the May 8th meeting. The public workshop is part of the first phase of the Our Salem project, which is a multi-year project to update the Salem Area Comprehensive Plan. This work will inform critical discussions and decisions about future growth in the Salem area.
- Budget committee process underway. The budget is tight and will require cuts. The budget committee is hearing a lot of input from community members on priorities.
- Planning Commission hearing on North Campus occurred recently.
- Homeless situation on Sunnyview- police and public works staff have addressed the situation again. I am meeting with the homeless outreach coordinator from Arches on Friday to try to get a longer term resolution in place.

School Board Candidate Marty Heyen: Jeff Heyen in Marty's place

- Marty has been active in the Lansing Neighborhood Association for 25 years.
- She and Jeff have an adopted son from Cambodia who attended Salem schools. She has been a strong advocate for parents to navigate the school bureaucracy.

- Board members have a lot of influence over school budgets, and Marty is a strong fiscal conservative.
- Marty wants to build upon CTEC and the arts in the hope of keeping students engaged and on track to graduate.
- Marty advocated for the recent school bond which passed last year.
- Jeff and Marty endorse Danielle Bethell who is running against Chuck Lee. Danielle is President of the Keizer Chamber of Commerce, and was instrumental in getting the turf at McKay field. She has 3 kids in the district and loves the community. She's a huge advocate for parents, and has a big heart.
- Marty was elected in 2015 and is defending her position in Zone 2 against Raul Marquez

Committee Reports:

Transit:

- 130 days until Saturday service.
- Budget meetings 3 Thursdays in a row.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM