

NORTH LANCASTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Wednesday October 2nd, 2019 Scott Elementary School – 4700 Arizona Ave. NE

**Chair Rodgers called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM
Introductions were made around the room**

Councilor Report: Chris Hoy

- Some street improvements that have already been funded include Sierra street south of Blanchet getting 2 new street lights, a pedestrian-refuge crosswalk at Scotsmans Lane, signal enhancements at the intersections of D and Lancaster, Market and Lancaster, and Sunnyview and Lancaster. All are getting left hand turn signal enhancements.
- 45th Ave. between Ward and Silverton Rd. will get sidewalks and bike lanes.
- Left turn lanes will be installed on Cordon Rd. at Herrin and Kale.
- Hollywood Dr. will get sidewalks and bike lanes north of Hollyridge.
- Center St. between Lancaster and 45th will get a center turn lane and sidewalks on the north side of the street.
- Lancaster and Cordon will get better signals.
- Improvements that are coming but are not yet funded include pedestrian-refuge crosswalks at Lancaster and Weathers and Lancaster and Wolverine, and sidewalks on the south side of Center between Lancaster and 45th.
- The Fisher Rd. connection between Sunnyview and Market should be open mid-October.
- Flooding is an issue on Walker Rd. by Chavez elementary during hard rain. The city is equipped to take online complaints of flooding issues.
- “Our Salem” is a way to get involved in the city’s update of its’ comprehensive plan. Sessions are planned at Pringle Hall on Oct. 16th from 6-8 PM, and at Crossler middle school on Oct. 17th from 6-8 PM. A session for Spanish speakers is planned for Oct. 25th at Chemeketa Community College from 6-8 PM.
- The Sunnyview driveway of Blanchet has been in existence for 40 years and they recently decided to re-open it.
- Will not be in attendance in November.

Code Enforcement: Nelson Morales

- Recent retirements of code enforcement and parking officers means fewer people are working to correct behavior in the compliance area. Complaints are citizen initiated.
- Code enforcement doesn’t go around looking for issues due to budget restraints.
- The grass/weed officer position is inactive for the winter.

- Has had 1,000 calls this year. Always closes his cases.
- No derelict buildings in NOLA boundaries.
- It took 4 years to get one derelict building demolished during which time many squatters were arrested.
- No stolen vehicles found in NOLA.

Police Report: Officer Horton

- Auto thefts are up.
- A 1990 Honda was stolen in broad daylight. These remain the most popular cars for thieves.
- Homeless camps are being cleared from McKay park.
- Gang activity and burglaries are both down.
- If you see unsafe driving behavior you can report the license plate number to the police and they can have an unofficial “chat” with the driver about their behavior.

Parks:

- The new playground equipment at McKay park has been installed. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will follow soon.

Transit:

- The four new appointed transit members want Cherriots to be free.
- Doug is resigning from the board which will create a vacancy for any interested parties.

Roundhouse Discussion:

- Neighbors are outraged at the behavior of students and parents of McKay and want something done about it. There is too much traffic and illegal parking on the side streets surrounding the school. Neighbors want parking enforcement and a crosswalk at Hollywood and the school’s back parking lot.
- A letter to the school board was also suggested regarding the behavior of their students.
- School board involvement was also suggested.

Annual Election of Board:

Chair: Doug Rodgers

Vice-Chair: Mike Pfenning

Secretary/Treasurer: Pamela Blake

Board Members: Denise Curry, Kim Curry, Dennis Will

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM