

# **NORTH LANCASTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**Wednesday August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Chair Pfenning's backyard and virtual**

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

**Introductions were made around the yard and online**

**No quorum to approve prior minutes**

## **City of Salem Public Works: Anthony Gamallo**

- Safe route to school is behind the new crosswalk on Sunnyview at Scotsmans Drive and 4 other locations in the city. This has been in the works for over 2 years after applying for the federal grant.
- Roundtable discussion was in agreement that the location would further disrupt traffic patterns, as it would make westbound traffic on Sunnyview unable to turn left into Brook Hollow apartments.
- Construction will begin soon.

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

- The situation regarding the schools charging for NA meetings is under review.
- City offices are closed to the public again due to the uptick in coronavirus cases
- For the first time in years, Salem is getting a new business park. Pacific NW Properties from Portland has received Planning approval to site the South Salem Business Park, a seven-acre office/light warehouse development at the corner of Fairview Industrial Drive SE and Cascadia Industrial Drive SE.
- The downtown dining has become more focused on parking spaces rather than street closures. Staff are drafting a policy for the program. We are getting requests to extend the program to Liberty Street, and we are also getting requests for large swathes of parking. The goal of the policy is having consistent procedures moving forward to communicate with businesses. The policy will be shared with councilors, the Downtown Advisory Board, the Main Street Association, and downtown businesses. Based on feedback from restaurants, the need for expanded dining areas will extend well beyond the summer.
- A request for proposals to conduct a performance audit of the police department has been issued. Proposals are due August 10. Per the City's purchasing policies, a selection committee using objective criteria will select the firm most responsive to the request. The audit will review the Police Department's policies, procedures and programs, with focus on interactions with unsheltered individuals, interactions with individuals experiencing behavioral health crisis, engagement with our community with attention to black, indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC), response to assemblies and crowds, department capacity and structure, use of force, and officer accountability. The selection committee is Deputy Police Chief George Burke; Deputy City Attorney, Natasha Zimmerman; Casey Kopcho,

- Secretary of State Audit Division; Courtney Knox-Busch, Strategic Initiatives Manager; and a representative from the Community Police Review Board.
- An advisory group or steering committee will support the work of the audit. Participation will be from:
    - Community Police Review Board (accountability function in our current structure)
    - Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council (behavioral health expertise)
    - Secretary of State Audits Division (audit expertise)
    - Salem Health (on service delivery spectrum, data)
    - Willamette University (public policy)
    - Salem Police Department
    - BIPOC individuals or organizations
  - This group and the project work would be supported by a staff team from Police, Human Resources, City Attorney, and City Manager's Office.
    - Staff are working on information for the work session requested by City Council on the Police Department's response to non-criminal matters. Information will include the number and types of calls for assistance with non-criminal activities, specifically unsheltered individuals, individuals in mental health crisis, or individuals publicly intoxicated; officer time spent on calls; and department resources available to assist individuals. The work session is tentatively scheduled for September 21.
    - Salem's Census response rate is at 65.3% as of June 15, 2020. As of May 21st Oregon, was ranked 17th in the country for best response rate. People can complete the census online or by phone or request a paper copy. The census bureau will coordinate a specific outreach to count people experiencing homelessness on September 22, 23 & 24. A community led effort, entitled We Count Oregon, provides tool kits, some information translated in several languages, and other information to help encourage everyone in Oregon to participate.

City annexed land adjacent from Fisher Rd. park thanks to the parks department  
 The city has approved a grant for \$238,000 to help small businesses.  
 ODOT is currently not enforcing the no camping rule under the over passes to the freeway.

Roundtable discussion:

We need more board members

Where are we going to meet, if the schools don't open soon

Meeting adjourned at 7:38