

NORTH LANCASTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Wednesday March 3rd, 2021 Blanchet Catholic School 4373 Market St. NE

Chair Pfenning called the meeting to order at 6:32

Introductions were made around the room and on Zoom

Minutes for January and February were approved

Police Report: Lt. Van Meter

- The police department has been very busy helping public works restore some normalcy after February's historic ice storm.
- One of the ways to make yourself less vulnerable to property crime is to permanently affix your number to the item, making it easier to trace if stolen.
- Join SCRAM, the surveillance camera registration and mapping program. This makes it easier to track criminals.
- A question was asked as to the speed limit on Hollywood Dr. He will report back.

City of Salem Public Works: Tammi Starrs- 5 year capital improvement program

- The plan will guide the improvements on large infrastructure and other capital assets in the city.
- The main categories of projects are transportation, parks, utilities, and other city facilities, and are prioritized through a variety of processes including need and available funding. There are 147 projects to be completed with \$261,000,000 in funding. Funding sources include federal grants, rate payments, urban renewal, etc.
- Examples of projects that were being undertaken are improving the city water treatment processes and plant, new wastewater and storm water projects at the Willow Lake treatment plant, a variety of transportation issues to improve streets and bridges, replacing the Public Works Building on 22nd Avenue.
- She will send a draft copy of the plan that includes the projects that will occur in each of the NA areas.
- The website for the Capital Improvement Plan is <https://www.cityofsalem.net/CityDocuments/adopted-cip-fy-2021-throughfy-2025.pdf>.

Councilor Report: Chris Hoy

- There will be a proclamation to recognize Women's History Month at the next council meeting.
- Discussion of general fund money for providing for security and cleaning of City parkades.
- Review of the requested speed limits on 17th Street from Mission Street to Silverton Road and 45th Street from Center Street to Sunnyview. It was recommended that the speed limit on 17th Street to be decreased to 25 mpg but ODOT recommended keeping the 30 mph speed limit and increasing the speed

limit on the section between Center and State to 30 mph from the current 25 mpg. The 45th Street speed limit was requested to be reduced to 30 mph from 35 mph. If anyone wants to comment on these issues they should testify at a meeting or write to the City Council.

- Our Salem Vision was discussed. It will be voted on at the next City Council meeting.
- Water shut-offs that were implemented during the ice storm are starting again. Chris reminded us that the City has set aside emergency funds that are available for eligible households. Information is at: <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/apply-for-low-income-utility-assistance.aspx>.
- The apartment building being constructed at Trade and Commercial will be open in March and almost all units have been leased.
- The Reed Opera House basement is being renovated and there will be eight spaces available.
- The Toys-R-Us building is being renovated for the Willamette Career Institute which will offer training in health occupations, diesel mechanics, cosmetology and other types of careers.
- Brady Rogers is retiring.
- The ice storm brought out city crews that worked 24/7 to clean up debris, address safety issues, and assist those needing help.

Committee Reports:

Land Use: Dennis Will

- Repaving permit for the parking lot at Kaiser Permanente

Parks: Shirlene Gonzalez through Dennis Will

- A request to the city will be made to get a gravel path to the community garden at Brown Rd. park. And a soft trail around the pollinator garden.

Roundtable Discussion:

Is it possible to get red light cameras installed at the intersections of Lancaster and Market and Lancaster and Sunnyview? Chris will research this.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15