

# **NORTH LANCASTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Blanchet Catholic School 4373 Market St. NE  
Chair Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM  
Introductions were made around the room and on Zoom**

## **No Councilor Report: Chris Hoy is at a budget meeting**

### **Police Report: Lt. Van Meter**

- Lt. Van Meter will provide NOLA with his email address and phone number to contact him directly
- The protest at Riverfront Park last weekend was not accurately reported on by social media.
- The month of June will be very busy with organized protests at the State Capitol
- Follow the department's announcements regarding any road closures.
- Lt Van Meter said that he was present at the event. Thirty officers were available for supervision at the event.
- Some were in plain clothes and others in uniform. Bike Officers were also on duty and working the area.
- He said that there was some frustration with people calling 911 for assistance, but when officers were deployed they could not find any real problems. He was aware that some people felt harassed, but there were no arrests.
- He felt that they did a good job, but had to respond to what he described as "false complaints" so that officers were pulled away from certain locations. He mentioned an auto accident where a child was involved, but it apparently was outside of the event.
- Lt. Van Meter favors body cameras and mentioned his frustration with "lies" on social media. He feels the cameras can help reveal what actually happened in many situations.
- He also supports the Mobile Crisis Response Unit, because many times the police are responding to non emergency issues where medical attention is needed.

### **School Board Candidate Linda Farrington:**

- Zone 3 candidate has put 6 kids through the Salem-Keizer school district.
- Blended her 3 children with her husband's 3 from prior marriages.
- Wants parents to have a say in the curriculum.
- Grew up in primitive villages in Thailand, the daughter of Missionaries and experienced many different cultures.
- Doesn't think a person's worth is determined by their skin color or culture.
- Worked for many years as an emergency room and recovery room nurse.
- Believes there's a lack of critical thinking being taught in our schools.
- Served on both the school budget and school bond committees.
- Supports a return to full time school in the fall.

- Believes the damage done by closing schools is greater than the risk of COVID.
- Wants to find common ground with opposing viewpoints.
- Believes SRO's were a wonderful asset and supports their return to schools.

### **Traffic:**

- Construction will soon begin on the section of Hollywood Dr. from Silverton Rd. south to San Francisco.
- Bike lanes and sidewalks will be installed.

### **Land Use: Dennis Will**

- Construction continues at McKay High School.
- Kaiser Permanente is still repaving their lot.

### **Parks: Shirlene Gonzalez**

- Shirlene submitted grant requests in March for a gravel walk and a soft trail around the pollinator garden.
- This is the start of the Salem Parks Foundation grant cycle.

### **Roundtable Discussion:**

- We need to signs to reflect the new meeting locations.
- We need people to host the signs.
- Motion passed to start working on sign design.
- Deanna has offered to design the sign and email the Board so that we can get started immediately.
- Ron, from Blanchet, has graciously offered us the use of the school for as long as we wish.
- Dissatisfaction was expressed over the decision by Salem-Keizer schools to charge NA's for the use of the schools we already pay for.

### **Meeting Adjourned at 7:41**