

East Lancaster Neighborhood Association
 Minutes - February 7, 2019, 7:00 pm
 Swegle Elementary School, 1751 Aguilas Ct NE, Salem

	Board Chairs/Members Present		Others Present
x	Susann Kaltwasser, Co-Chair	x	Chris Hoy, Ward 6 City Councilor
x	Sue Fowler, Co-Chair	x	Doug Rodgers, Salem Transit Board/Cherriots
x	Mary Sarabia, Vice-Chair	x	Linda Bierly, Salem Parks Foundation
x	Chesta Bauer, Secretary	x	Irma Dowd, City of Salem, Neighborhood Assoc. Coord.
x	Dave Steiner, Member-at-large	x	Nelson Morales, City of Salem, Compliance Officer
	Clark Hazlett, Member-at-large	x	Michael Johnson, Chair, NESSA
	Mike Sim, Member-at-large	x	Katya Goloviznina, Salem Chamber of Commerce
x	Others Present: Robert Weber, Principal, Blanchet Catholic School	x	Natalie Janney, Brandie Daltan, Mark Grenz - Multi-Tech Engineering
x	Beth Vargas Duncan, Blanchet Catholic School Officer	x	Sam Thomas, Lee Gwyn, Max Plukchi - Lenity Architecture
x	Neighbors Present: Chuck Westbrook, Mahogany Ct. NE; Glenn Peters, 45th Ave NE; Carl Engstrom, El Cedro Loop NE; Merian & Brian Maas, 49th Ave SE; Joyce Rustad, Ochoco Ct SE; LeeAnn Reece, Ochoco Ct SE; Aaron Miranda, Acts Way NE; Teresa Miranda, Allendale Way NE, Keizer; Pastor Jerry Miranda, Tabernaculo de Salem, Acts Way NE; Valerie Heinrichs, 70th Ave. SE; Linda Arp, 45th Ave. NE.		

Introductions/Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the December 6, 2018, meeting were approved with the following changes: Mary Sarabia clarified that the apartment complex she lives in has an on-site manager and the overall manager is based in Portland. Also, Mary should be shown as Vice-Chair rather than member-at-large. Mary moved and Sue Fowler seconded a motion to approve the minutes with the noted changes. The motion was passed.

Police Officer Report: Once again, we were warned about not leaving unattended cars with the motor running in the driveway. This leaves these cars as easy prey for car thieves and there has been an increase in this type of car theft. He reported that lately there were three auto thefts due to this reason. He also said that the Salem Police Department does not have access or does not monitor neighborhood websites where there are discussions of prowlers or thefts. He said that these things should be reported to the Salem police non-emergency line. A patrol officer will be sent out to investigate the circumstances. The timing of the investigation will depend on the current priorities of the police; there may not be anybody available until other priorities are finished, however, if there is an active break-in being reported, there will be a patrol car sent out immediately. There have been several car break-ins; thieves look for things in plain sight such as phones, purses, change, etc. The officer reminded us to keep valuables out of sight and, in fact, we should keep everything in the trunk of the car, even things like water bottles, because people will break a car window for just about anything. He noted that burglaries are down in Salem. In response to a question, he defined burglaries as thefts that do not involve force & robberies involve theft with use of force. Mary mentioned that her grandson's car was broken into at the bowling alley and he hadn't heard anything since it was reported. It was noted that the bowling alley is in Marion County so would be under the Sheriff's purview. Chris Hoy mentioned that he had a package stolen at his home. He had a video of the theft which he sent to the police department. Someone recognized the individual in the video and an arrest was made; Chris thanked the police for the fast response. A comment was made about hearing what is thought to be shots being fired - should that be called in to the police. The officer said yes this should be called in. If several people call in with a similar location, the police can narrow down where to look. There was a question about finding crime statistics for Salem; it was noted that the web address is on the ELNA agenda: www.CrimeReports.com. There is a feeling by a lot of people that crime has increased in Salem, but the officer said that the statistics show that the crime rate is holding steady. Mary mentioned that the black Dodge car that had been parked on Market Street near Blanchet High School was back again and it hadn't moved in several days. Nelson Morales said he would look into it again.

Compliance Officer Report: Nelson Morales mentioned that cars parked on City streets need to be moved at least once every five consecutive days and moving it just across the street or down the block a little ways is not enough. People who have a car parked in front of their residence and the car is used on a consistent basis are OK to park their car on the street in front of their home. There was a comment about the homeless situation in our area. The officer said that if there are homeless people on private property, this needs to be reported. These people will be removed if they are trespassing. If they are on a city street or state property, Salem Police cannot remove them and can't take their property. To report homeless on State highway property, call ODOT, 503-378-3387. Nelson mentioned there had been several cases where the clean-up of a homeless camp cost several thousand dollars. The Toys-R-Us property has been the site of several trash dumps. The man-

agement company was contacted and the trash was cleaned up. A question was asked about people going through trash cans that have been put out for collection. Nelson said they need to be reported to the police so they can be caught. Another question concerned resources for homeless people. Nelson said that the Union Gospel Mission and the Arches Project on Commercial Street are two resources as well as various churches. There are warming centers when the temperature gets cold and there is free transportation from the Yellow Cab Company for people needing to go to a warming center and Cherris will provide a free ride if the person tells the driver they need to go to a warming center. People can call 211 to get referral to services. His report of services provided in our area in the last four months is: completed 63 hours of service in ELNA; 49 cases - lower than most other areas. Six cases were called in by agencies; 20 by citizen calls; 12 reported through the website; 11 officer initiated. The cases usually involved junk, trash, parking in the front yard, people living in a garage, illegal additions. Three vehicles were stolen and one stolen vehicle was recovered in our area. An RV parked in the front yard of a house on Market Street was mentioned. Nelson said this was against City ordinances. RVs can be parked in a driveway or next to a driveway if on a solid area but not in a front yard. Mary mentioned a sidewalk on 45th Street NE that needed repair; Nelson said to report the issue to the City Public Works Department. For compliance cases, new cases can be reported to his office at 503-588-6421. If there is a question on an existing case or something Nelson is working on, he can be reached at 503-589-2070.

Multi/Tech Engineering, Pictsweet Property: Brandi Dalton and Natalie Janney reported on the development of the Pictsweet Property. A permit application has been submitted to the City but it still needs additional information before it is complete. A schematic plan of the property was shown with the building lots, greens spaces, walking trails, commercial areas, etc., delineated in different colors. They are planning on building 874 homes - some single detached homes, some attached row houses in 2, 3, or 4 attached house configurations and about 20 apartments. The row houses will be in 2 or 3 story configurations. There will be alleys behind the homes where the garages will be located. The lots will be fairly small but there are plans to have parks with play areas and walking trails in the development. The streets will be standard width and parking will be allowed on both sides of the main streets. Bike lanes are also planned for the main streets. There was concern that there would not be enough parking for all the cars that would be associated with the homes. There is expected to be one developer that will build the majority of the houses. It is expected that the house prices are expected to be in the mid and upper \$200,000 dollar range. There will be no access to the development from Cordon Road and no improvements made to Cordon Road. State Street will be widened and Auburn Road and all boundary streets need to be improved. A question was asked about how the schools will be affected. The presenters said that the school district has been advised of the plans and they will have to work out where to place the children that will be added to the school population. The school district will be able to make their comments on the permit. The development will take 5 to 7 years to complete and there will be 7 or 8 phases of houses being completed during that time. At this time, the development company plans to have about 60 to 100 lots completed by the end of 2019. The streets and the infrastructure improvements needed will be completed before development. The permit application will contain the house elevations and floor plans. The permit application is waiting on the completion of the traffic study before the City starts their 30 day review period and then issues it for public review. There will be 14 days for public comment and then a public hearing will be set up to discuss the permit. The traffic study will estimate the number of cars and trips made and will look at the intersections, traffic signals, left lanes, stop lights, etc., that will need to be added or modified. There was a question about the soil and how flooding will be mitigated. The presenters said this had been evaluated and there were considerations made for this such as making the foundations bigger. The culvert on Auburn Road will be replaced. Water will be brought in to the development through 24" pipes along Rickey Street, Auburn Road and State Street. The City sets out the requirements for grading and drains.

Blanchet Catholic School: Bob Weber, Principal of Blanchet reported on the improvements being made to Blanchet's football field, the first of several improvements that are being planned for this school. The school serves 320 students in grades 6 through 12. Their students work with the Boys & Girls Club, Swegle Elementary students and also volunteer for activities at Lancaster Village. The current soccer field on the Market Street side of the school will be torn out and replaced with synthetic turf. There will be a rubberized track around the football field which can be used by their track team and the new field will be used by both the soccer team and the football team. Bleachers will be built beside the field. The school has not had a track for their track teams to practice on and yet their girls track team won a State title in 2018. A question was asked about the noise from the activities on the field. Mr. Weber said he didn't anticipate the noise level to be any different than it is now, and most of the activities will be conducted during the afternoon. The City requires permits but does not require a public hearing for the permit. A question was asked about the water situation under the track. It was explained that they put in a lot of sand and a new water retention area will be part of the design.

City Councilor Report: Chris Hoy reported that he had been elected Council President of the City Council. Chris's committee assignments are the Library Committee to oversee the library bond to retrofit the library for earthquake requirements, Police Facility Committee, Legislative Committee. He will be retiring from his current job at the end of the month.

- A pedestrian crossing will be put on Sunnyview Road NE at Scotsman Way. Green lanes for bicycles will be put on Lancaster Drive NE and Market Street NE, Lancaster and Sunnyview, and Lancaster and D Street NE. The south end of the Brown Road NE street improvements are starting soon. A meeting will be held to discuss the work to be done and the completion schedule will be held on February 14, 6 to 8 pm. at Scott Elementary School.
- There is a vacancy from Ward 6 on the City Budget Committee due to the resignation of Clark Hazlitt. The Committee is accepting applications now and will make an appointment by Friday, February 15. Eligible individuals must be 18 or over and a resident of Ward 6. The Committee consists of 9 citizen members and 7 councilors. They meet 5 or 6 times a year in the spring and have one meeting in December. Information about the Budget Committee is available on the City of Salem website.
- The McKay Park improvements are close to being funded. The Salem Parks Foundation is about \$3,000 away from getting the \$92,000 needed to upgrade the park and the playground equipment.

- The Northgate Neighborhood Association with the assistance of Irma Dowd is experimenting with putting their meeting agendas and minutes in Spanish and conducting part of the meeting in Spanish. They hope to attract more of the Spanish-speaking families in the area to their meetings. We discussed having Northgate Co-chairperson, Amador Alazar, observe our meetings to see what it would look like to invite Spanish-speaking families to our meetings. Swegle school has about 70% Hispanic students and the ELNA area consists of about 40% Hispanic residents.
- Land use applications have increased. There were 365 applications for family home lots and there are 500 lots under review.
- The Downtown Streetscape/Homeless Solutions Task Forces will meet on February 19 at City Hall. Susann mentioned that she would like to see the Homeless Solutions Task Force look at the homeless situation on the east side of Salem.
- The System Development Committee with Tom Anderson will be discussing system development charges which are assessed on new developments for purchase of parks and needed infrastructure such as water lines, etc.
- There was a question about whether the library will move its collection during the renovation. Chris said that this hasn't been decided yet and will depend on if the library can remain open while the work is going on. If needed, he likes the idea of moving the collection to the site of the former Book Bin store on Lancaster Drive NE. Susann said that ELNA would support this move.
- Mary mentioned that the Cherriot Transit Authority has not been responsive to her complaints about the sidewalks that don't accommodate wheelchair access from and to the bus door. Her issue was referred to Doug Rodgers. Mary also said that she would like to volunteer at the warming center but there is no transportation available. Doug suggested that Mary take a Cherriot bus to a warming station. If a person says that they would like a ride to a warming center, the ride is free. This could involve transferring buses. Mary mentioned that the return trip may be after the buses stop running.

Committee Reports:

Land Use: Irma Dowd handed out flyers on a public workshop to be held at 6:00 to 7:30 pm on February 27 at the Salem Public Library on the Multifamily Housing Design Project. The City wants public input on ways to improve their housing design standards. So far 10 or 11 Neighborhood Association and land use people working on this project. Susann will go to the meeting. Some of the issues raised concern more flexibility in the rules, NAs want to tighten the rules for multi-family projects, developing rules for small apartment complexes that are different than the ones for larger complexes. This could be a precursor to allowing multi-family units mixed within single family residential zones. A new rule is being proposed that would require every developer to take their plans to the NA before submitting an application to the City.

Traffic: The manager at the College of Hair Design on the corner of Market and Clay Street wants ELNA to send comments to the City about the number of cars running red lights at the Market and Lancaster intersection. Several people said that this is a big problem. One person said they saw a Cherriot bus go through a red light at that intersection. Doug Rodgers said if anyone sees a bus doing something wrong, they should write down the date, time, and place where the observation was made and report the incident to Cherriots. This includes buses going through red lights or speeding.

Parks: Linda Bierly of the Salem Parks Foundation gave us information on the Neighborhood Park Grant Program. NAs can apply for funds from the Salem Parks Foundation to improve the City parks in their area. An example of one project that was funded was the replacement of the roof on a structure in Royal Oaks Park. A couple of things that she heard that people were interested in was a chess table suggested by a chess club and a bicycle repair station. We should look at our parks and submit a grant for what we need to improve them. The website can be accessed at: http://salemparksfoundation.org/park_projects.htm

Transportation: Doug Rodgers reported that the Cherriot busses would start Saturday service and extended hours on September 7, 2019. Starting on July 1, 2019, there will be new fares for youth.

Neighborhood Concerns:

- Glenn Peters reported on the proposed zoning change for his property on 45th Street. It is currently zoned residential/agricultural and the City is proposing to change it to a commercial/industrial zone. He thought that maybe this came to the City's attention when he applied for a permit to put a cover over his pole barn. The permit was approved but the City also said they were going to change the zoning classification. Glenn is concerned that this zoning change will increase his property taxes. He was also concerned that this could adversely affect his neighbors if he ever moved off the property since other types of activities not welcome in the neighborhood could be approved. Glenn has been on his property for 32 years and runs a honey packaging operation there. He thought that ELNA should know what could go on this property if he moved away.
- Susann asked Irma Dowd a question about the volunteer hours reported for ELNA. The Communication Fund record shows that there is only two hours in the account, but it should be two hours for each volunteer at the CaPES event at Swegle School. That would be two hours each for Susann, Mary, Chris, and Dave. Each hour is worth \$14.40 to be put in the ELNA Communication Fund. Susann will submit a receipt for the candy handed out at the event. She is charging only one-half the cost since only one-half of the candy was used there. There is \$500 in the fund but \$90.00 should be subtracted for the ink purchased for printing.
- Mike Johnson mentioned that the fees that are being collected in the East County for 10 additional Deputy Sheriffs will also be used to put up street lights in areas that have poles available for putting lights on.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.