

East Lancaster Neighborhood Association Minutes - April 4, 2019, 7:00 pm
 Swegle Elementary School, 1751 Aguilas Ct NE, Salem

	Board Chairs/Members Present		Others Present
x	Susann Kaltwasser, Chair	x	Chris Hoy, Ward 6 City Councilor
x	Sue Fowler, Co-Chair	x	Officer Joe Scott, Salem Police Department
x	Mary Sarabia, Vice-Chair	x	Raul Marquez, candidate, Salem/Keizer School Board
x	Chesta Bauer, Secretary	x	David Salinas, candidate, Salem/Keizer School Board
x	Dave Steiner, Member-at-large	x	Enrique Ruiz, Campaign Manager for above candidates
	Clark Hazlett, Member-at-large	x	Doug Rodgers, Salem Transit Board/Cherriots
	Mike Sim, Member-at-large	x	Jim Scheppke, presenter for Salem Library "weeding"
	Neighbors Present		
x	Teri Daly, Jim Quinlan, Beth Street NE		
x	David Kelley, Vaughn Avenue NE		
x	Chuck Westbrook, Mahogany Ct NE		

Introductions/Approval of Minutes: The meeting was opened by Co-chair Sue Fowler at 7:00 pm. The minutes of the March 7, 2019, meeting were approved. Dave Steiner moved and Sue Fowler seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was passed unanimously.

Police Officer Report: Officer Scott reported on the new program that the Salem Police Department has developed which allows residents and business owners with security cameras to register their exterior surveillance systems with the Salem Police Department Registration and Mapping (SCRAM) program. This is a way for security camera owners to share their video recordings with the police if a crime occurs at or near their location. More information can be accessed at: <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/salem-police-launches-security-camera-registration-program.aspx>. The registration form is available at: <https://www.cityofsalem.net/CityDocuments/surveillance-camera-registration-mapping-program-registration-form.pdf>. He also said that people should be very diligent in locking doors and windows in their homes and storing any items that could be stolen behind fences or in their garages. The nicer weather has seen an increase in thefts and burglaries in Salem. Also, once again we were reminded to lock our cars and store anything that can be seen inside the car to the trunk.

David Kelly asked the officer about a complaint he had with the Salem Police Department. He said that he went to the Police Department to file a complaint about a police officer and he was turned away and they would not listen to his complaint. He also said that at one point he went back to the Police Department and he was threatened with arrest if he didn't leave. He also went to the State, Marion County and the FBI and did not receive any help. Officer Scott explained that they do not investigate complaints about officers; this investigation would be given over to an outside agency. Also there is a Citizens Advisory Review Board that can be accessed. Susann mentioned that this board was formed due to concerns expressed to the Salem Speaks Up for Human Rights effort about having a place to advocate for citizens' rights. Officer Scott said he would take Mr. Scott's name and phone number and would look into the situation.

School Board Candidates: Two candidates for the Salem/Keizer School Board gave presentations to the Neighborhood Association about their running for a seat on the school board. The candidates were Raul Marquez for Zone 2 and David Salinas for Zone 4. Raul Marquez Guerrero attended Salem schools, graduated from McKay High School, and is currently a student at Willamette University. More information on the candidate and his candidacy can be accessed on Facebook, "Raul Marquez Guerrero for Salem/Keizer School Board-Zone 2." Daniel Salinas has four children currently attending Salem schools and he works as an electrician. More information on the candidate and his candidacy can be accessed on Facebook, "David Salinas for Salem/Keizer School Board Zone 4."

Salem Library "Weeding": Jim Scheppke reported on the weeding project initiated by the Salem Librarian to remove books from the library's collection that are deemed to be in poor condition, excess copies, not circulating, containing outdated material, etc., in order to make room for more modern and popular books and to reduce the

collection before the library renovation starts. The weeding project was suspended in December due to concerns about the process that were brought by Chris Hoy to the City Manager. The Library Advisory Board, however, has recommended that the project be resumed. The Council will hear this recommendation at their meeting on April 22. Jim reported on the beginnings of this project which started with a report from the State Library that contained inaccurate information about the size of the book collection and, as a result, the number of books per capita held by the library. Apparently, the report erroneously counted the large magazine collection as books which inflated the number of books held by the library. When the number of the books in the collection is adjusted to the correct number, it shows that the Salem library contains less books per capita than other libraries in large cities in Oregon. Jim gave several examples of books that should be part of the library's core collection that have been culled from the collection and made available for sale at the Library Friends bookstore and the annual book sale. There was discussion about removing books and then not being able to replace them due to budget shortfalls. It was also mentioned that extra, unneeded copies of books could also be saved and used to start a much needed branch library in the northeast area of Salem. Chris mentioned that how we fund the library should be looked at, such as the how fees are assessed for non-residents. There will be meetings at the Salem Library, Anderson Room B, on April 9 and April 13 at 10:30 am to discuss the collection. Jim shared a resolution he developed for approval by the SCAN Neighborhood Association. There was discussion on the resolution and there was a recommendation that we use the core items from it and add our own comments to it for a letter to be sent to the City Council. A motion was made by Mary Sarabia to adopt the SCAN letter and to add ELNA comments; it was seconded by Susann. The motion was approved unanimously. Comments that we could include in the letter are: excess copies of books could be given to other libraries in the Chemeketa Regional Library System; ELNA supports the opening of a branch library to serve the northeast area of Salem; it doesn't make good fiscal sense to eliminate so many books when there may not be funds to replace them; Salem is the capitol of Oregon and we should be proud of having an excellent library.

City Councilor Report:

- There will be three new red light cameras installed in Salem: Commercial & Madrona; Commercial & Kuebler; and Center & Hawthorne. Crash data for these intersections was used to decide where to place red light cameras. Since the three current red light cameras were installed in 1998, there has been a 92% reduction in crashes at these intersections and a 20% reduction in citations. In addition, in the near future these red light cameras will also measure speed and speeding tickets will be issued for certain speeds over the speed limit.
- A check for the funds to buy new playground equipment for McKay Park was presented by the Salem Parks Foundation to the City Council.
- A motion was passed to implement the recommendations of the Congestion Relief Committee.
- Two houses located at 4075 & 4107 Fisher Road NE are being renovated to become facilities for housing difficult to house homeless individuals. This will be a group home situation and services needed to assist the occupants will be provided.
- The City issued a lease for a property on Portland Road in the North Gateway Urban Development area to a non-profit organization that will use it as a business incubator.
- The City will be purchasing property outside Stayton for waterline improvement.
- A derelict house off Coral Avenue NE on June Avenue & Vaughn Avenue NE is going to be bulldozed. There have been several arrests there and it has been determined to be a nuisance property.
- A City Council work session has been scheduled for April 15th to discuss the Sustainable Services Taskforce recommendations for finding additional resources to help the City budget gap. City Council work sessions have been moved to the Salem Library Anderson Room.
- There are safety improvements scheduled for several locations in our area: A refuge island for Sunnyview & Scotsman; and new "green box" markings for bikes at Lancaster & Sunnyside, and Lancaster & Market Street. A green arrow will be added to the traffic light on D Street at the intersection with Lancaster Drive.
- Work is continuing on the Fisher Road extension to Market Street. Electric and sewer work is going on now. Street lights will also be installed along Fisher Road.
- Chris mentioned that a parking situation came up in the NOLA area. There was a complaint about parking on both sides of a street. After a recommendation by NOLA, parking was removed from one side. Chris said that parking and speeding issues on streets should be discussed by the applicable Neighborhood Association and recommendations should go to the City. Also if a City recommendation on these issues has opposition, then the recommendation will go to a public hearing. A request for speed bumps was approved for Weathers and Tierra but so far there has been no money to implement.
- Susann brought up an issue about business signs blocking sidewalks and site lines along Wallace Road NW. She called the City to complain about these signs and Brady said that the City was no longer enforcing the City sign code for these types of signs because they do not have the staff to monitor them. Chris said he would check with Brady about the issue. Susann will send an e-mail to Chris.
- PacTrust has added two buildings with a total of 100,000 square feet capacity to the Mill Creek Corporate Center.
- The East Park Estates application is not yet completed. When it is completed and accepted by the City, Chris will no longer be able to sit in on our discussions about the application.

Committee Reports:

Land Use:

- Susann reported on the East Park Estates application. It still needs to be completed. We won't know what the drainage plans are until the application has been completed. There was a discussion of drainage issues around the Little Pudding River going through the site and a drainage ditch under Auburn Road that may cause flooding on the property. Also, apparently the title to the property is not clear yet; it was owned by Pictsweet and four other people and one of the parties has not signed off on the purchase yet. The transportation study was done but is inadequate. Susann e-mailed Board members a copy of the application that was submitted. She will mail a copy to Mary. The East Park Estates application will be on the May ELNA meeting agenda.
- There is a land use issue with a cell service company that wants to put in a driveway on Sunnyview Road behind the Sleepy Hollow homes.
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Transportation: Doug Rodgers reported that the American Public Transportation Association is sponsoring a Get on Board Day on April 25th between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm at the Cherriots Salem Downtown Transit Mall. This is a new national awareness and advocacy day to encourage people to support public transportation. It also showcases the benefits public transportation brings to communities. There will be giveaways and a guest appearance by Caesar the No Drama Llama. He also said that Cherriots will run a shuttle bus down Kuebler Road to the Amazon Distribution Center in order to shorten the amount of time it would take to ride the bus to that facility. Cherriots is a sponsor of the KeizerFest Iris Parade on May 18th.

Suggested agenda Items for the June 6th Annual Meeting:

- Emergency preparedness.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.