

East Lancaster Neighborhood Association  
August 2, 2018  
1751 Aguillas Ct NE, Salem  
Minutes

Present: Susann Kaltwasser, Sue Fowler, Dave Steiner, Clark Hazlett, Mary Sarabia, Chris Hoy, doug Rogers, Lorinda Peterson, Officer Fultz

Susann opened the meeting with introductions. The minutes for the June annual meeting were approved with Clark Hazlett moving approval and Mary Sarabia seconding the motion.

**Police Officer Report** - Officer Fultz opened his comments by asking if there were any local issues. Mary talked about some problems with parking on Royalty Dr saying that parking was impeding her ability to travel on the sidewalk with her wheelchair. Also, there are problems with vegetation and parking on Market St. She reported the problem but did the plants keep growing back. When she called police about the parking an officer did come but not before the person moved their car, so she was frustrated.

Sue mentioned the persistent rumor that the house at 4545 Swallow was dealing drugs. This has been going on for years and no one seems to be able to make a case against them. Someone mentioned the vandalism of cars on Market parked in front of Blanchet School. There was a car that appeared abandoned and full of junk too.

**Councilor Report** - Councilor Chris Hoy reported that the Brown Road Park master plan was almost done. Susann asked about off-street parking. That with Weathers this was important because the street is very busy. Especially a handicap space is needed. Brown Road is very busy and there is going to be no parking on the street so a few spaces are necessary.

Clark mentioned the need to get something done on Weathers to keep people from parking too close to the intersection with Tierra.

Councilor Hoy said that the McKay Park Master Plan was complete and they are no in a fundraising effort to get the play equipment purchased. The City will prepare the area, but they need donations for the play structure. They need \$65,000 more.

CaPES Day of Play is on September 28 from 5- 8 p.m. at Swegle School. This brought up comments about getting more social activities with the community like some neighborhood associations are doing. Chris said that they work with a group called 'ELACE'. Susann should contact NESCA chair, Eli Brody about their efforts.

National Night Out was a big success as normal. Councilor Hoy visited a number of block parties in Ward 6.

The State Street Corridor Plan is near completion. It is designed to make the area more pedestrian friendly. He also mentioned the burn ban, Homeless Task Force, Congestion Relief Task Force and the City Transit work group that is trying to coordinate more with the Salem-Keizer Transit Board.

Dave asked about the water situation. Councilor Hoy talked a bit about the new carbon treatment that is keeping the toxins well below the levels required to be safe. He said that Salem will be exploring a second source for water down the road as it is clear we need better back up to the Santiam River. He said that the carbon treatment is costing \$2 million a year, so the City is looking at buy an ionization equipment for better economy for treating the water.

A brief discussion followed about the homeless. We see camps all over the east part of town, but the emphasis seems to be just on the downtown. Part of the issue is that they are more visible downtown, but also Lancaster is both in county and the city, so it is hard to get coordination.

After more discussion Susann suggested that when the report comes before the City Council that ELNA submit testimony about desiring the City to look into ways to address homeless issue in our area too. The Board supported this action unanimously.

The 'hot tub' guy was brought up. Chris said that neighbors had helped clean up the person's property, but the hot tub was not dealt with yet. Sue brought up the 'garbage guy' and said that he was back in the area making trouble. She has a tape of him. He said that he would look into the matter with the police.

**Market Street Terrace Apartments** - Lorinda Peterson is the landscape architect for the project and she shared the plans for the apartment complex. They are going through the Design Review process. There are a few variances from the standards that they will be asking of the Planning Commission.

The complex is adding 28 new units to the existing 25 units. They will be renovating the existing apartments too. The complex will be three stories high instead of the 2 story units in the older section. The pool will be removed and a play ground added. The unit will be about 1000 square feet and rent for about \$1,000 a month. They will have washers and dryers in each unit. There will be two handicapped units. Also there will be a community garden area, a dog walk area, and a rain detention pond.

Comments were around whether there would be a lot of noise and dirt with the construction. Also it was recommended that the play area be visible to the units so that parents would feel comfortable using it. Susann mentioned the issue of the walkway from the businesses on Clay Street through to the apartments. In the past there have been issues with thieves using that path to escape the police. We would support closing that pathway.

### **Committee Reports**

Land Use - report on the Market Street Apartments

Parks - no report, but Susann will follow up regarding the parking on the street

Traffic - no report

Transit - Doug Rogers said that there will be some changes to a few routes of the Chariots. At Chemeketa Community College they will change the times so that it is easier for people to make a transfer there. Route 11 will now go out to Marion County Corrections, and Route 13 will have a few changes. He said that there is a project by a private party to buy an old bus to convert to showers and provide mobile laundry. Finally, the expanded weekend service will be coming in September 2019.

### **Goals for 2018-2019**

The Board voted to keep the goals from the previous year. Increase membership, promote Neighborhood Watch participation, contact with at least 100 new neighbors through events, and increase use of social media.

### **Election of ELNA Board Officers**

After some discussion about the pros and cons of waiting, it was decided to go ahead with elections. Mary nominated Sue Fowler and Susann Kaltwasser as co-presidents. David seconded the motion. Mary volunteered to be the Vice-president. Dave seconded the motion. Mary nominated Chesta Bauer as secretary and Dave seconded the motion. Sue moved that the nominations be closed and all agreed. Susann called for the vote to elect the slate of officers. All voted yes.

### **Announcements:**

Susann said that next month they would have a speaker from Salem Health. She would also have more information about the CaPES Day of Play and hoped everyone could volunteer to help with our activity and information table.

Susann also handed out the new forms for the Neighborhood from the City. We have an opportunity to earn funds through various activities. There is a report form that we will need to use.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.