

East Lancaster Neighborhood Association
 Minutes - May 1, 2018, 7:00 pm
 Swegle Elementary School, 1751 Aguilas Ct NE, Salem

Board Chairs/Members Present		Others Present	
x	Susann Kaltwasser, Chair	x	Officer Antonio Fultz, Salem Police Department
x	Sue Fowler, Co-Chair	x	Chris Hoy, Ward 6 City Councilor
x	Chesta Bauer, Secretary	x	Nelson Morales, City Compliance Officer
x	Dave Steiner, Member-at-large	x	Stacy Nelson, Clean Streams Outreach Team
x	Clark Hazlett, Member-at-large	x	Irma Dowd,
x	Mary Sarabia, Member-at-large		
	Mike Sim, Member-at-large		

Police Officer Report: Officer Fultz said there were no significant issues in our area at this time. He reminded people that windows should be shut and locked at night. With warmer weather here, he has noticed that people are leaving windows open. Also, make sure garage doors are shut when no one is around. Susann mentioned that she noticed teenagers driving up and down Lancaster Drive between Center Street and Rickey Street recently and there were about 100 teens at the Sonic drive-in . There used to be signs to prevent cruising on Lancaster Drive but they are gone now. Officer Fultz said that he would look into the situation.

Code Compliance Report: Nelson Morales reported that the City has hired a compliance officer that will be monitoring the grass and weeds reports. He will be sending out notices on properties that are not in compliance and following up to make sure the proper actions have been taken. He mentioned that grass or weeds more than 10 inches high are not in compliance as well as blackberries that are encroaching on public rights of way and other people's property. Susann mentioned that she noticed that there were business signs placed on sidewalks or other places that restricted movement on the sidewalk or blocked sightlines. Mary noted the same situation on Lancaster Drive by the new Popeye's. Susann will send the addresses of where signs are located so Norman can look into the situations. Norman discussed the property on Future Drive that was mentioned at the April meeting. Nelson has talked to the homeowner and he has agreed to have volunteers help him out in cleaning up his property, moving a hot tub that is in the front yard, and making some needed repairs. He said that Board members who volunteer to help can earn matching funds for the ELNA communication fund account. There may be other properties that can also use some volunteer help to clean up yards or make some repairs to bring the house into compliance. Norman will e-mail Susanne if he comes up with a property. A question was asked about a house on Tierra Drive NE near Market Street. Norman said that the owner is willing to sell the property and there have been several people interested in buying it. The house on the property would be a tear-down. A burned house on Market Street was mentioned. Norman said that the owner was issued a criminal citation and he has to clean up the area. Chris Hoy asked if Norman knew of people who would pick-up wood from a downed tree. Norman will let know Chris know who might take it. It was mentioned that homeowners do not need permission to take down trees on their own property unless it was a white oak. White oaks are protected trees.

Norman's report for the ELNA area: 80 cases involving 71 hours of time were processed in the ELNA area. Most were parking and trash or junk issues. Eight vehicles were towed in the past four months and there were no stolen vehicles found in the area.

City Councilor Report: Chris Hoy reported the Fisher Road project is progressing. There will be a 4-way stop at Devonshire Avenue and at Beverly Avenue. Radar speed readers will be installed in August.

- The City Manager and Parks planning personnel will visit NAs to discuss park improvements.
- The City has hired a new City Librarian, Sarah Strahl. She was formerly at the Hillsboro Public Library and has a Masters Degree in Library Science from Indiana University. She will start on May 29.
- The Maple-Winter Greenway/Bikeway was approved. It will extend from the Salem Parkway to Union Street.
- Sidewalk repairs generate the most complaints to the City Council. Once sidewalks are repaired by the city, they are then the responsibility of the homeowner. It was mentioned that a downtown sidewalk by Macy's was in bad shape & needed repairs.
- The City Council will hear appeals of the plan to move the Union Gospel Mission several blocks to a north downtown area.
- The Budget Committee has had two of three scheduled meetings. Next meeting is on Wednesday. The budget is now developed by project rather than by Department in accordance with the priorities of the City's strategic plan. Susann mentioned that the budget should be interpreted so that the general public can understand how the money is to be spent. There also needs to be understanding that there are dedicated funds in the budget that cannot be spent on other projects.
- Opening of Fire Station 11 in West Salem is in the budget and if approved, it will open. This impacts all of Salem since there are not enough firefighters to respond to two or more incidents happening at once.

Presentation on Clean Streams Programs: Stacey Nelson provided information on the City's program to inform Salem residents of the need to keep our streams and rivers clean. There are nearly 90 miles of streams that run through the City of Salem. She presented many different ways to prevent pollutants from getting to these streams and how citizens can help to assure that our streams are kept clean. Some of the things she mentioned were: not dumping household hazardous waste in gutters or drains; washing cars on the lawn rather than on hard surfaces, like driveways or streets; picking up dog waste immediately; using alternatives to pesticides; etc. More information can be found online at CityofSalem.net/Clean-Streams or on [Facebook.com/CleanStreamsClearChoices](https://www.facebook.com/CleanStreamsClearChoices). Susann mentioned that stream banks have not been properly maintained and that shrubs that have been planted to prevent erosion are often mowed down. Stacey asked Susann to email her about problem areas.

Discussion of ELNA on Facebook - rules: We discussed the issues that need to be resolved in order to have a Facebook site for ELNA. These include: someone needs to create the site; identifying an administrator; defining who can post on the site; defining rules for posting on the Facebook site. It was agreed that no politics should be discussed on the site. We need to look at the other NA Facebook sites that Susann sent to the Board. It was decided to discuss these issues more thoroughly at a future meeting.

Update on the ELNA website: Susann found out that Yahoo will continue to provide our website for \$52.35/year. This is only a few dollars more than the other website provider that Susann was looking at so a motion was made by Clark and seconded by Dave to keep the ELNA website on Yahoo. The motion was approved.

ELNA Communication Funds: Irma Dowd handed out an information sheet on how ELNA can access their communication funds allotted by the City for the next fiscal year starting on July 1. In the past NAs had an annual budget of \$500 for communication funds and they received \$250 upfront at the start of each fiscal year so that they could pay for immediate needs such as website costs and the rest of the \$250 was to be made up of "matching fund activities." It was determined that since all NAs have enough funds available in this fiscal year to roll-over to the next fiscal year to pay for immediate needs, the whole \$500 communication fund for the next fiscal year will have to be earned through matching funds determined by the type of activity that a board member or other NA volunteers participates in. An example is if a NA member participates in a City board or commission, that activity will earn \$50.00 towards the communication funds. The handout specifies the types of fundable activities and the amount of funds that can be earned by each activity.

Annual meeting topics:

- Storm Water Master Plan - Robert Chandler/Glen Davis. This has to be commented on at the June or August meetings because comments are due in August and we do not have a meeting in July.
- CERT (earthquake/emergency preparedness)
- New police facility
- Library bond

Committee Reports:

Land Use:

Traffic: None

Parks: None

Transportation: None

Neighborhood Concerns: A concern was raised about the intersection of Weathers Street and Tierra Drive which is the crossing area for Weathers park. Cars can be parked on both sides of Weathers St. which makes it almost impossible to see oncoming traffic and makes Weathers St. narrow enough for only one car to get through if cars are parked on both sides of the road.. There are a lot of people, especially children who use the park and this makes it dangerous during busy times. It was noted that Compliance Enforcement should get involved to resolve these issues.

Clark Hazlett mentioned that he and other neighbors have complained to the Salem Police several times about a house at the end of Weathers Street (a dead end street) that has many different cars coming and going for short periods of times during all times of the day and night. The police have responded that there isn't much they can do about it. It was suggested neighbors should get data about these cars such as dates, times, pictures, etc., and give the data to the police to see if that will help in resolving the issues. The police could declare the house to be a nuisance if there is sufficient evidence. Clark said neighbors have talked to the resident of this house and he has responded negatively and made no changes.

Other Business:

Sue Fowler brought up the issue of having business cards. Irma will email the template to Sue so she can have new cards made.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.