

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

Board Chairs/Members Present		Others Present	
x	Susann Kaltwasser, Chair	x	Officer Wilson, Salem Police Department
x	Sue Fowler, Co-Chair	x	Chris Hoy, Ward 6 City Councilor
x	Chesta Bauer, Secretary	x	Steve Bellshaw, Salem Police Department
x	Dave Steiner, Member-at-large	x	Luke Gurazel, City of Salem
x	Clark Hazlett, Member-at-large	x	Irma Dowd, Neighborhood Services, City of Salem
x	Mary Sarabia, Member-at-large	x	Greg Walsh, City of Salem
	Mike Sim, Member-at-large	x	Steve Powers, City of Salem
		x	Glenn Davis, City of Salem
	Neighbors Present:	x	Carol Snyder, Salem Parks Foundation
x	Fred Wright		

Police Officer Report: Officer Wilson said that there were no particular issues in the ELNA area to report on. He said that he had joined the Next Door App so he could get alerts about issues that people were experiencing. He reiterated how important it is to lock vehicles and doors and windows to prevent theft. Mary Sarabia spoke about a possible drug dealing operation at her apartment building. Officer Wilson said that this situation should be reported on the Salem Police non-emergency line, 503-588-6133. There was a complaint about parking in no parking zones and careless parking on Farrell Avenue NE. This should also be reported on the non-emergency line. Another complaint was about people parking in handicapped spaces. Mary reported that this happens at her apartment complex frequently, especially people who are parking there for temporary reasons. Mary was told to call the Salem Police traffic patrol team and alert them to the issue. There is a volunteer disabled parking watch team that patrols for these types of issues and her apartment can be put on their patrol list. Mary was also advised to talk to the apartment manager. There was mention of multiple complaints about a property at 4540 Bravo Court. Officer Wilson said he will contact the City of Salem Compliance Officer about the situation.

City Councilor Report: Chris has been involved with the Salem city water crisis as a member of the City Council. He discussed the current situation and the efforts that the City has been taking to solve the issue. Chris also emphasized that this water situation has been a wake-up call for preparing for real emergencies such as an earthquake. He explained that the City of Salem City Manager and Public Works staff would be reporting on this at this meeting.

Chris reported on the City Park Master Plan process. He said that the Brown Road Park and Riverfront Park master plans are being discussed. There have been two meetings on the master plan for Brown Road Park and there will be a third meeting at that park on Saturday, July 12, 10:30 am, to discuss the Master Plan. The Riverfront Park Master Plan will be updated to incorporate several changes made since the last plan was put in place. The City Council is discussing whether to approve serving hard alcohol in city parks.

There will be a public hearing on the downtown homeless situation on Wednesday, June 13th. The Downtown Homeless Solutions Task Force, co-chaired by Cara Kaser (Ward 1), has been very well attended. The goal is to gather input from the community and those involved with the homeless population, and present specific recommendations to the City Council. The next meeting is on June 13, 2018. It was mentioned at the end of the meeting that laws and ordinances that punish homelessness don't help much because people don't have the resources to pay fines. Provision of services to help the homeless should be addressed instead.

Salem Water Crisis: Steve Powers, City of Salem City Manager, Greg Walsh, City Emergency Manager, and Glenn Davis, Public Works Department, reported on the water crisis that occurred due to algae blooms in Detroit Lake that produced a poisonous toxin. A warning on drinking water came out on May 26, lifted on June 2, and reinstated on June 6. There was a lively discussion about the reason for the algae bloom (hot weather), how water testing discovered the presence of cyanotoxins in the water, and the decision to issue the warning about drinking the water. Glenn discussed the methods that are being tested to filter out toxins from the water and what long term solutions they were considering to address the problems of toxins in city water in the future. Higher temperatures at Detroit Lake will continue to create the algae blooms which produce the toxins and the city will need to have a long term solution to assure that we will have clean drinking water. The city water test for toxins has been voluntary but now the State will require this type of testing for all water supplies. There

was also discussion about the glitches in the initial communication programs the city had when notifying citizens of the water hazard. The City learned some lessons from that experience and has improved how communications like that are now being handled. The City also was able within a short time able to get water stations set up in the community and to deliver water to home health clients and others who are not mobile, and to medical facilities. The City Council will be discussing supplemental water sources, maybe wells, if the water problems continue.

Floodplain Master Plan: Glenn Davis, Floodplain Administrator, City of Salem Public Works Department, presented the City's Floodplain Management Plan which was released in April 2018. The purpose of the plan is to present strategies for mitigating floods and meeting the federal requirements for a plan in order to receive federal funds for local projects and for recalculating federal flood insurance. This plan will guide the City's actions in planning for a range of smaller and larger flooding events in order to mitigate the loss of lives and property due to those events, developing rules around flood plain management, updating flood maps, and improving the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System to reduce NFIP premiums. The Floodplain Master plan can be accessed online at <https://www.cityofsalem.net/CityDocuments/floodplain-management-plan.pdf>.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): Greg Walsh, Emergency Preparedness Manager, made a presentation on the City's CERT activities. The CERT program trains volunteers to assist their communities when a disastrous event overwhelms or delays the community's professional response. CERT training takes 20 hours. It will assist you in taking care of yourself, your family and the neighborhood when emergency situations occur. Susann mentioned a Portland program where people meet up and share information about their skills. Greg mentioned that this could be done through Neighborhood Watch programs and block parties such as National Night Out. Information on the City's CERT program can be accessed at: <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/get-community-alerts.aspx>.

Salem Police Dept. Building Update: Steve Bellshaw, Deputy Chief of Police, made a presentation on the progress being made in the new Police Department building. He mentioned that progress can be followed on an ongoing basis by going to the website at <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/salem-police-station.aspx>. The site has now been cleared and is flat. Salem Electric has been chosen as the electricity provider. They are in the process of developing the design of the building and are getting community input on the design. A town hall meeting to get community input will be held on July 25, 2018, 5:00 pm, at South Salem High School Library. The ultimate design decision will be made by the design team with the input from the community. The building will have places for community meetings. A more detailed floor plan will be available in early 2019. The general contractor is JE Dunn Construction. It is expected that by late July site work on tearing up the cement, etc., on the lot will be completed and by the end of August and September, RFPs for the mechanical, electrical, plumbing and cement work will be ready. Local contractors are being encouraged to participate in the construction. RFPs for other elements will be completed in early 2019. It is planned for move-in by September 2020.

Update on McKay Park: Carol Snyder discussed the playground equipment proposed for McKay Park. The Foundation is in the process of raising \$92,000 to purchase this equipment. The Foundation is planning a meeting in McKay Park for people to share their ideas for Salem's parks. This will be "Lemonade with the Mayor, Chuck Bennett," Thursday, July 26, 2018, 3:00 pm.

Committee Reports:

Land Use: None

Traffic: None

Parks: Susann noted that she submitted personal comments about allowing hard alcohol in parks. There was a question about whether ELNA should provide comments also. It was mentioned that, if allowed, hard alcohol may be available for activities such as World Beat or the Salem Art Fair. It was noted that the provision of hard alcohol would require a permit, licensed servers, and liability insurance. ELNA had no objections to the provision of hard alcohol under these circumstances.

Transportation: None

Election of Annual Board Nominations: There was discussion about whether Mike Sim should be included with the Board Members nominated to serve on the Board. Sussan proposed and Dave seconded a motion that all current members should be voted on except Mike Sim who will be reinstated when he begins reattending ELNA meetings. The motion was approved with one no vote.

Communication Funds: There was a motion made by Mary and seconded by Chesta that all remaining communication funds should be rolled over to next fiscal year. Motion was approved. There was another motion by Mary and seconded by Susann to authorize Sue Fowler to purchase an ink cartridge for a cost up to \$75.00. The motion was approved.

Approval of May 2018 ELNA meeting minutes: A motion was made by Mary and seconded by Dave to approve the May minutes with one correction: Correct the name of the City of Salem Compliance Officer from Norman to Nelson Morales. The motion was approved.

We will discuss another location for the ELNA meeting at our next meeting.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.