

East Lancaster Neighborhood Association Minutes - September 6, 2018, 7:00 pm
 Swegle Elementary School, 1751 Aguilas Ct NE, Salem

	Board Chairs/Members Present		Others Present
x	Susann Kaltwasser, Chair	x	Officer Brian Bidiman, Salem Police Department
x	Sue Fowler, Co-Chair	x	Officer Brian Hamlin, Salem Police Department
x	Chesta Bauer, Secretary	x	Chris Hoy, Ward 6 City Councilor
x	Dave Steiner, Member-at-large	x	Janet Carlson, Marion County Commissioner
	Clark Hazlett, Member-at-large	x	Brian May, Marion County, Environmental Services
x	Mary Sarabia, Member-at-large	x	Art Kuenzi, Suburban Garbage
x	Mike Sim, Member-at-large		
	Neighbors Present:		
x	Reed Carlson		
x	Laney Furr		
x	Lynette Horton		
x	Chuck Westbrook		

Police Officer Report: Officer Hamlin said there have been auto thefts lately and reminded people that they should not start their car in their driveway and then leave it unattended for any length of time. This situation has resulted in several recent car thefts. He mentioned putting in a security device to prevent this from happening. Also, keeping windows and doors closed and locked can prevent people from entering your home. Most thieves are lazy and are looking for an easy way to get in. In order to track stolen goods if a burglary does occur, the officer recommended that pictures be taken of the front and back of items likely to be stolen and make records of the ID or serial numbers, date purchased, model #, etc. This will also facilitate any insurance claims being made.

Mary Sarabia mentioned that the handicapped entry & exit point for wheelchairs and the handicapped parking space at her apartment complex have been blocked either by contractors doing work around her apartment building or by people parking in that space. The officer said that they can only warn and/or ticket people who are parked in an official handicapped space, i.e., marked with a city sign. Most of the time, officers will give a warning for first time offenders, but ticket people who are repeat offenders. The officer recommended that Mary call the City Parking Department with her complaint and they will come out to assess the problem and take action as necessary. Also, Mary should be talking to the manager of the apartment building or the owner to get other access issues resolved. Mary said she had brought her concerns to these people and had not gotten a satisfactory response. It was mentioned that since this apartment complex has subsidized rentals, the Housing and Urban Development Department should be notified of any ADA violations. Chris Hoy said he would give Mary the number to call and they may have information about who to call to report her concerns if she is unable to get them resolved with the manager.

There was a question about being in city parks during restricted times. This is in relation to walking dogs early in the morning before the posted time for people to be in the parks. The officer mentioned that each park has certain access hours but if he sees someone who is just walking their dogs before the posted time, he probably wouldn't stop them.

An issue about cars coming and going all the time at the end of Weathers Street was brought up. This situation has been discussed several times at our meetings. The officer said he will take the information and pass it on to area patrol officers, however, if they are busy they might not be able to respond regularly. There was also mention of a house on Swallow Drive that has been suspected of drug sales for about the last 10 years.

The officer mentioned that our neighborhood area is getting safer but the region is on the brink of becoming much larger which will affect the city. He said that including Keizer and West Salem area, there are now about 200,000 people. Marion County is adding additional officers to meet increasing needs. One reason for the drop in crime was the passage of the restrictions on buying the ingredients for making meth which eliminated meth labs in Salem and the surrounding area. Now meth is coming from Mexico.

New Recycling guidelines - Art Kuenzi, Suburban Garbage: Susann talked about the many concerns expressed by people in our area that have received contamination fees for non-recyclable items in their recycling cans. The concerns centered around: unawareness of the fines & being fined without warning; no proof of contamination; fraud; people didn't put the item in the blue can, somebody else must have put it in; confusion about what should go in the cans; and, who is allowing

these fines to be made. There are a lot of people saying they don't want to recycle anymore and feel like they have not been given enough information to comply with the recycling requirements. The feeling is that there has been little communication of requirements and clarification of recycling expectations. Art mentioned that a recycling flyer that all haulers are using has been mailed to their customers but he did say that there does need to be more information given to people. He mentioned that anyone who is a Suburban Garbage customer & received a fine and who attended the meeting tonight would receive a refund of \$15.00. He said that in the past the mill that received the recycling materials did not complain about items that were found in a load; however, since the restrictions that have been put on recycling by China and other places that received our recycled materials, they will not accept any materials that do not conform to the present requirements. Art mentioned that Suburban made \$91,000 from recycling from January 2017 to July 2017; however, in the same time period this year, January 2018 to July 2018, Suburban had to pay out \$19,000 to dump contaminated loads at the Marion County incinerator. Art demonstrated the types of materials that have been contaminating the recycling. He brought with him items that have been rejected such as a large plastic dog food bag with dog food still in it, styrofoam pieces and food containers, dirty plastic containers, plastic grocery bags, etc. He mentioned that they also cannot take any items that have been contaminated with food or oil. Plastic bottles of 12 oz. or more capacity can be recycled if they are cleaned before putting in the container. In regard to evidence of contamination, he said that the driver has a nonrecoverable camera feed of the items being dumped in his truck. When he sees an item that is unacceptable, he will make a note of the item & the home address and then call the home to let them know they will receive a fine. Art mentioned that the \$15 fine does not cover the cost of getting rid of the truck loads of contaminated materials. In addition, the \$15 fine is a City ordinance that has been in effect for the last 10 years but has not been utilized until the recycling situation changed and so many items were being rejected by the mill. Chris Hoy reported that the City Council debated whether to raise garbage rates to assess the fines already allowed under city rules.

The staff at Suburban Garbage has been working very hard and overtime to address the concerns of people calling in to complain about the contamination fee. There have been complaints about customers calling Suburban and who feel that they have been treated rudely. Art said he would look into that, but he said the recent volume of calls and work has caused some frayed nerves for his staff. Some suggestions to address communication issues were:

- Put more detailed information on the website to help people identify what is acceptable.
- Develop an educational program for the schools

Janet Carlson mentioned that a newly hired staff member has been tasked with going into schools to provide information about recycling. Also, the County is developing a website about recycling and is working with the haulers to develop a new pamphlet to explain the recycling situation more clearly.

Someone mentioned going back to the old way of separating recyclables but Art said that would be too expensive and would probably result in only allowing paper and cardboard to be recycled. Art also said that people who don't want to recycle anymore or want to have their blue can removed will not see a reduction of their garbage rate because this is based on the size of the grey garbage can the household has. The recycling box and the green box are included in the rate. He mentioned that there have been a lot of problems with the recycling bins at multi-family locations. A process is being started to assess fines if the problems continue. It was mentioned that there should be a notice put on these bins that explains what is and isn't acceptable for recycling. Susann thanked Art for coming to our meeting to explain the issues and for listening to our concerns and suggestions.

City Councilor Report:

- Chris reported on issues that the City Council is considering around traffic accidents at the intersection of Market and Park streets. There were 13 crashes there in 2014 and 2015. Speeding on Park Avenue is also an issue. Also they are looking at the intersection of 23rd Street and D Street where 9 crashes have occurred.
- The City Council approved a contract with the ice skating rink business to be set up in Riverfront Park and also approved adding a week to the beginning and to the end of the previous year's time period.
- There was a first reading on the plastic bag ban. The next Monday the Council will continue the discussion.
- The CaPES Day of Play at Swegle School will be on September 28th at 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Committee Reports:

- **Land Use:** No land use issues at this time. The city charter has a provision (#55) which says that the city is prohibited from making rules on large shopping malls such as the one being proposed on Kuebler where Costco will be relocating. There has been discussion of putting in a shopping mall that would be bigger than Keizer Station in that location which would impact the neighborhood and cause ODOT to have to redo the Kuebler/Interstate 5 interchange. Some Neighborhood Associations are saying that maybe this should be taken out of the charter.
- **Traffic:** NESCA has been discussing changing the neighborhood speed limit to 20 mph from the current 25 mph. Portland has made this change. Should we discuss also?
- **Parks:** No report.
- **Transportation:** No report. Doug Rodgers couldn't be at the meeting due to a health problem. The bus changes went into effect on Tuesday. Cherriots is working with United Way to convert a surplus bus to a portable shower/restroom facility to go around to homeless encampments.

Volunteer Recognition Nominations: The City of Salem is seeking nominations for deserving recipients of the volunteer recognition awards. Nominations are due to the Mayor/City Manager's Office by 5:00 p.m., Monday, September 24. Susann made a motion that NOLA be nominated for the Salem Spirit Award for working with the Parks Department on improving McKay Park. Mary seconded and the motion was approved by all board members. Awards will be made on October 29. The award categories can be found at:

CaPES Annual Community Party - September 28 from 5-7 pm: The annual Day of Play will be held at Swegle School on Friday, September 28. The volunteers for ELNA will be Susann, Chris, Sue and Mary and anybody else who wants to join in the fun. Susann said she would like to supply candy for the children as we have before. Mary made a motion to authorize Susann to spend \$20 of the communication funds for this purpose. Chesta seconded and the motion was approved by all board members.

Neighborhood Concerns: Anything not on the agenda.

- Nomination of Mike Sim to serve on the ELNA Board of Directors: This was discussed at the August meeting. Mike Sim was present at the meeting tonight and wishes to continue to serve on the ELNA Board. Sue made a motion to vote for Mike Sim to serve on the Board; Dave seconded and the motion was approved by all board members.

Approval of the August 2018 ELNA meeting minutes: A motion was made by Mary and seconded by Dave to approve the August minutes with spelling corrections discussed be made to the minutes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.