

## **Lansing Neighborhood Association Minutes August 28, 2018 Board Meeting**

Capital Baptist Church Hall, 3000 Lansing Ave NE

16 present: Patty Tipton-Chair, Dorothy Pedersen-Secretary, Virginia Barker, Josie Cruickshank, Mary Dodson, Bill Langley, Debbie Langley, Terry Pratt, Karen Rice, Sarah Shepherd, Gina Smitasin, Joy Stone, Vaughn Stone, Matt Ausec (City Councilor, Ward 5), Ben Ruddell (Salem Police Department), Katya Goloviznina (Salem Area Chamber of Commerce).

Chair Patty Tipton called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

Terry moved to approve minutes of the June meeting; seconded by Gina and carried.

### **POLICE REPORT: Ben Ruddell**

- Recent house fire at Evergreen Court and Evergreen Ave. may have been caused by a cigarette, but the cause has not been confirmed. Black smoke is usually toxic.
- Fair traffic is regulated by Oregon State Police.
- Vacant houses often take a long time to track down owners in order to gain permission to enter or post the premises and issue citations. We need to be patient—they are working on it.

### **CITY COUNCILOR: Matt Ausec**

- The City Council is considering a ban on plastic shopping bags. Customers would be encouraged to bring their own bags, and stores could charge 5¢ for paper bags. A hearing on the measure will be on Monday in two weeks.
- The Council has taken a position of opposition to Measure 105, which would rescind the sanctuary provision of current state law. The Council's position is merely indicative of its feeling. Measure 105 will be on the ballot for a public vote in November.
- The Homelessness Task Force is working on developing budget for implementing the highest ranked actions; setting behavior expectations in downtown; improving access to specific kinds of help by being able to make one call and be directed to the appropriate agency or group. Other suggested actions that may be implemented later include additional public restrooms, day center showers and secure storage for homeless person's belongings.
- The Council is working to make changes to rules in an effort to make it easier to declare vacant houses to be derelict and dangerous, based on trespassing and safety concerns.

### **HEALTH CARE NEEDS IN SALEM: Michael Gay (Salem Health)—not present**

### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

Due to extreme heat, only five families came to Livingston Park, but a good time was had by all. An officer, a cadet and a financial staff member from the Police Department came. La Casita (Little House) was represented, and had a table of books and other materials. Charlie Fox of KBZY also came. Those from the neighborhood who put on the event need to report volunteer hours to Irma Dowd to build up our Communications Funds.

### **SAFETY TIPS ON HOW TO KEEP YOUR PROPERTY SAFE: NICHOLE TARTER—not present**

### **WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BACKPACK GIVE AWAY—**

Debbie purchased 30 backpacks and put in each school supplies and a Lansing Neighborhood Association flyer. The backpacks were delivered to Washington School today. They will be given away next Tuesday. Debbie managed to purchase all this for \$300.00, saving \$200.00 from what had been budgeted!

### **STREET SPEEDING ISSUES—**

- A person speeds on Childs between Sunnyview and Market Street. This person has been warned by the police, but they will need to witness the speeding in order to take further action. It might be worth videotaping.

- 2023 Park has a black Honda, a Jeep and a red car that regularly speed. Neighbors should report incidents to “traffic control”. Officer Ruddell will send a notice of the neighbor reports to the appropriate officer.
- At Livingston and Park, visibility for turning onto Park is hampered due to big trucks parking near the intersection.

**CHAIR’S REPORT:**

- Thank you cards were passed around and signed for help with the National Night Out, addressed to Capital Baptist Church for donation of bottles of water, Maria of La Casita (Little House), Charlie Fox of KBZY, and the Police Department for visiting with participants at the event.
- An email from Irma Dowd regarding Washington Back to School night September 4<sup>th</sup>. Patty will be there to talk with parents and hand out Lansing Neighborhood Association flyers.
- September 28<sup>th</sup> is Swegle School’s Day of Play. Virginia moved that we have a table for Lansing Neighborhood Association. Terry seconded and motion carried. **Terry moved to authorize \$30.00 from communication funds to purchase snacks, and Virginia seconded. Motion carried.** Patty will set up and attend the table.
- Patty announced that Irma Dowd is seeking nominations for Volunteer of the Year recognition. Nominations are due by September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- A public presentation on the Master Plan for Riverfront Park will be held September 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00 PM at Pringle Hall.
- CaPES meetings are the third Thursdays at 11:00 at the building just south of the Goodwill on north Lancaster Drive. Everyone is welcome.

**NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:**

- Campers continue to be a problem on ODOT property at Market Street and the 1:-5 overpass.
- Police presence in Lansing neighborhood—Police patrol as time permits in between other calls, however these days the police officers are spread thin, so they don’t often have time between calls that they must respond to.
- 2425 Lansing—the abandoned house has people coming and going in. We need to keep calling in reports to Police as activity is spotted. This creates a record that will help build a case for future action.
- 1854 Park has a problem with loud music.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Land Use: No permit has yet been issued for a proposed apartment complex at Lansing and Silverton Road.

Traffic: None

Neighborhood Watch: None

Salem Parks: None

State Fair: None

Partnership Update: None

Terry moved the meeting be adjourned. Virginia seconded and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy Pedersen, Secretary