

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

	<b>Board Chairs/Members Present</b>		<b>Others Present</b>
x	Susann Kaltwasser, Chair	x	Officer Silvia Lawrence, Salem Police Department
x	Sue Fowler, Co-Chair	x	Chris Hoy, Ward 6 City Councilor
x	Chesta Bauer, Secretary	x	Doug Rodgers, Salem Transit Board/Cherriots
	Dave Steiner, Member-at-large	x	Brandon Klukis, City of Salem Public Works
	Clark Hazlett, Member-at-large	x	Margrethe Gregg - Habitat & Hope
x	Mary Sarabia, Member-at-large	x	John & Patty Davenport - Habitat & Hope
x	Mike Sim, Member-at-large	x	Bob & Cindy Francis - Habitat & Hope
		x	George Struble - Habitat & Hope
	<b>Neighbors Present:</b>		
x	Chuck Westbrook, Mahogany Ct. NE		

**Introductions/Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the November 1, 2018, meeting were approved with the following exception, Mary Sarabia clarified that the new oversight manager of her apartment complex is based in Portland and is not on site. Mike Sim motioned for the approval and Mary seconded the motion. It was approved.

**Police Officer Report:** Once again, we were warned about not leaving unattended cars with the motor running in the driveway. This leaves these cars as easy prey for car thieves and there has been an increase in this type of car theft. Officer Lawrence also mentioned that the crime rate in Salem is down. Susann said that the Department should get the word out to the public about the fact that crime is down. Could be done through the "Done in One" video put out by the Department.

- There have been reports of stolen Christmas decorations outside of homes. If this happens, the theft should be reported to the Salem Police non-emergency number, 503-588-6156. This helps the police to establish if there is a pattern of thefts in a certain location and they can assign extra patrols to the area.
- Warming centers are now open. Locations in Marion County are listed on the website: <http://211info.org/warmingcenters/>. The Yellow Cab company is offering free rides to a warming center for those in need. If someone can't find help they can call the Salem Police non-emergency number.
- Mary reported that she encountered a man lying on his face on the sidewalk. She called 911 but they were not helpful. Officer Lawrence said the call was recorded and she would check it out to see if the response was not appropriate for the situation. She also said that the police can check the situation but they can't put people with medical conditions in their cars because of liability issues. If necessary, they would call for an ambulance if there was a medical problem. If you call 911 and feel like you have not gotten an appropriate response, you can ask to speak to a supervisor.
- A question was asked about using GPS in the car. Officer Lawrence said that if the GPS was installed in the car, she thought it was OK to use it while driving if it is safe to do so. She will check that answer out and get back to us if the answer is different. You can't use GPS on your phone if it involves touching the phone while driving. Also it's OK to answer a phone call with Bluetooth while driving.

**City Councilor Report:** The fall leaf haul is scheduled for December 8, 9 am to 3 pm, at Brown's Island Demolition Landfill. The Budget Committee will meet before the City Council Meeting to review the proposed budget. The December 17th City Council meeting will be held with the Marion County Commissioners to discuss the garbage situation in Salem and Marion County. Public comments will be taken at the meeting. Susann mentioned that she was working with the League of Women Voters to put together a suggested list of questions for the City Council to be asked at that meeting. Chris said that would be OK.

**Sidewalk Maintenance Program:** Brandon Klukis is in charge of the sidewalk maintenance program for the City Public Works Department. His crews include three concrete teams that do replacement of sidewalks and a 2 man sidewalk mitigation repair team that patches sidewalks that do not need major repairs or replacement. Mitigation means patching

damaged areas and grinding off sidewalks that have a small lift of a section. Their priority for repairs are those sidewalks that impede mobility for people with disabilities and those that pose significant safety problems. The specific priority areas are determined by the City Council, committees, and ADA considerations. The repair crews have been working on finishing repairs in West Salem and the Salem Historic District. The response teams focus on Neighborhood Association and individual complaints. Priority is determined by the severity of the defect and is cross-referenced with determining if the defect is on a ADA critical route - does the defect constitute a barrier to getting somewhere. Cul-de-sac's have the least priority. The amount of funds allocated to repairing sidewalks is always limited and that explains the priority setting procedures and the length of time it takes to complete a repair after a complaint is made. A budget of \$1,000,000 a year hardly touches the repairs that need to be made. It would take 100s of millions of dollars to fix all of the repairs that need to be fixed. This is why there is such a large back-log of repairs to be made. Sidewalk complaints should be called into the Public Works Department and if it is determined that the defect creates a barrier that prevents people from getting to where they need to go, it will be fixed. In the ELNA area there are several areas that is expected there will need to be repairs in the future due to spalling which is a condition where the surface of the sidewalk is coming off earlier than expected. This is usually due to inferior materials or installation of the sidewalk and results in a gravel-like surface. This condition can be seen on Royalty Drive now. There are also improvements and repairs to be made on Lancaster north of D Street on the east side. Also, ADA concerns on both Lancaster and Sunnyview will need to be addressed. A question was asked about street trees that are causing a sidewalk to lift up. Brandon said that the City Forester, Tom Bradley, determines when a tree needs to be removed due to sidewalk lift. A question came up about who is responsible for sidewalk repair. He said that the City is responsible for sidewalks that were constructed prior to 1992 but when certified repairs have been completed on these sidewalks, the ownership transfers to the homeowner. An exception is when a City tree is causing the damage, then the City is responsible for the repairs. The rules can be accessed at <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/repair-sidewalks.aspx>. If a homeowner does the repairs themselves, they have to follow the City codes and standards. The same rules apply to sidewalks adjacent to businesses. There was a question about a bus stop on Walker Road that doesn't have any sidewalk in front of it and it gets muddy in the area around it when it rains. Brandon said that this issue should be referred to the Cherriots. They may put in a concrete pad for this stop.

**Habitat and Hope Project:** This project was initiated by a group of citizens concerned about the homeless situation in Salem & Marion County. After researching the problems and issues, they focused their efforts on developing plans for transitional housing consisting of a village of tiny homes to place homeless people until they are ready to move into permanent housing. The project would be coordinated with the ARCHES Project which will screen individuals for placement in the village based on serving those who will benefit from services coordinated with support agencies for medical assistance, job and health issues. The group brought to our meeting a small scale model of what the project would look like. It shows the placement of the houses and the community buildings on the site that they are proposing to place the village near the corner of Cordon Road and Center Street across from the Universal Unitarian Church. The property would be leased from the church. It is proposed to have 10 two people cabins on the property with a long central community building housing restrooms, showers, kitchens and meeting rooms and offices in the middle of site. Individual stays at the site would be open-ended in order to address the issues that they need to transition to permanent housing and employment. It is planned to serve adults only, no minors or families. They hope to break ground on the project in the fall of 2019 and are currently preparing to go through the permit process with Marion County where the site is located. More information on this project is available at: <http://habitatandhopevillage.org/>.

**Committee Reports:**

**Land Use:** The owner/developer of the housing project to be constructed on the mushroom plant site has changed Project Engineers so the permit application has not been submitted to the City yet. It is expected to be submitted soon. This is considered a Planned Unit Development and the lot sizes are less than standard lot sizes. Since ELNA will not have a January meeting, if Susann gets any additional information on the permit she will let the Board know. We may have to have a special meeting if we need to comment on the permit before our meeting in February,.

**Traffic:** No report.

**Parks:** No report.

**Transportation:**

**Neighborhood Concerns:**

- Compassionate Friends Candlelight vigil will be on December 9th on the Capitol steps.
- Human Rights Conference will be held on December 10.
- Tree planting activity with Friends of Trees in Cascade Gateway Park on Saturday, December 9, morning.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.