

## **Lansing Neighborhood Association Minutes January 22, 2019 Board Meeting**

Waldo Middle School, 2805 Lansing Ave NE

20 present: Patty Tipton-Chair, Dorothy Pedersen-Secretary, Virginia Barker, Walter Barnett, Gary Bogstad, Sharon Bogstad, Mary Dodson, Shannon Dyches, Sandi Hinshaw, Michelle McKinney, Terry Pratt, Dale Purcell, Claudine Shaw, Sara Shepherd, Matt Ausec (City Councilor), Irma Dowd (City of Salem Neighborhood Services), Nelson Morales (City of Salem Code Compliance), Nichole Tarter (Security on a Budget), Evan Whitney (City of Salem Police), Aubrey Wieber (Salem Reporter.com).

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

Terry moved to approve minutes of the November 28, 2018 meeting; seconded by Gary and carried.

### **POLICE REPORT: Officer Evan Whitney**

- There has been an uptick in stolen cars which had been left running unattended in driveways, also vehicles have been broken into and firearms stolen.
- Be on the lookout for package thefts—an option is to get a Post Office box for overflow packages.
- There was a recent pick pocket theft in a line at a grocery store.
- Keep records of your accounts up to date, and don't fall for IRS scams.
- Kids have been scoping out houses while supposedly selling items for fundraisers, so be cautious.

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

- The plastic bag ban is to go into effect April 1st.
- City Council is working on a policy agenda for 2019, which will guide budget allocations.
- The Mayor will give the State of the City address.
- The library is updating its collection.
- City Council is doing a history review of the proposals for an additional bridge crossing.

### **CODE OFFICER: Nelson Morales**

- Quarterly Report: Lansing Park sustained damage, including graffiti. 112 hours was spent dealing with graffiti in Lansing Neighborhood in the last quarter. No stolen vehicles were recovered, but 28 vehicles were abandoned. There are three "buildings of interest".
- 2425 Lansing—people have been arrested; crime prevention unit is working with the property owner,
- 2460 Lansing—people are in the process of being evicted.
- Hammel and Lansing property with trash is in the process of getting cleaned up.
- Evergreen house that was burned out—owner is being fined.
- 2445 Market Street—the owner has been fined and sentenced to jail for failure to comply with regulations.

### **AUBRY WIEBER, SALEM REPORTER**

Aubrey is a reporter for the new Salem Reporter.com, a new online news organization. They have one editor and three reporters, offering investigative reporting on primarily government and schools, by subscription through the website: [www.salemreporter.com](http://www.salemreporter.com).

### **NICHOLE TARTER, KEEP YOUR PROPERTY SAFE**

Nichole puts together packets of information called "Security on a Budget". She has done a lot of research on how relatively inexpensive gadgets can be used to upgrade security for your house, due to the fact that she lives in an area near the edge of the city/county that has not been well covered by law enforcement or city utilities. Some products she showed included \$19.95 WYZE cameras that can detect motion and send out an alert, with a 2-way talk function, plus carbon monoxide and fire alarm features. She has alarms for windows, bicycles, etc. that go off with motion for \$16. \$11.24 will buy a pack of bright 1600 lumen/15.5 watt light bulbs for better illumination around the house. She also found reinforcement locks for windows. She offered packets of information about various kinds of scams to avoid, and sheets with lists of safety equipment. Contact her at [janreena@gmail.com](mailto:janreena@gmail.com).

**NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:**

Concerns were expressed regarding:

- Illegal left turns being made at Silverton Rd and Hadley and Beacon—Officer Whiney will look into this.
- Speeding in the neighborhood—we can buy and post "slow down" reminder signs, and report incidents to [www.cityofsaalem/report/crime](http://www.cityofsaalem/report/crime).
- Homeless cleanup. Call Salem Police if crimes are suspected, call ODOT if homeless people need to be removed from ODOT property, then call Public Works Department if cleanup is needed after people have left.
- Better or additional street signage—contact traffic engineer Tony Martin.
- Homeless camps along the highway—contact 503-362-0457 dispatch to report camps and trash. More calls result in more action.

**CHAIR’S REPORT:**

- Our Communication Fund balance is \$976.57.
- Patty will have a table at the Washington School health fair.
- Saturday she will attend the annual Parks Board meeting at Pringle Hall.
- Patty has information on how we can sign up to help with the 2020 census.

**ANNUAL MEETING, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Virginia moved to have finger foods and to authorize up to \$50 from Communication Funds for cups, plates, etc. Claudine seconded and the motion passed.**

**POTENTIAL GOALS for 2019 (to be further worked up at February meeting)**

- Clean up the neighborhood—Michele volunteered to organize clean up days
- Shelters or ½ court basketball in parks
- Neighborhood Night Out
- Plant trees
- Get a better representation of neighborhood demographics involved in Neighborhood Association

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Land Use: None

Traffic: None

Neighborhood Watch: None

Salem Parks: None

State Fair: None

Partnership Update: None

Virginia moved the meeting be adjourned. Claudine seconded and motion carried. The next meeting will be February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Waldo Middle School library.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy Pedersen, Secretary