

## **Lansing Neighborhood Association Minutes June 25, 2019 Board Meeting**

Capital Baptist Church, 3000 Lansing Avenue NE

13 present: Patty Tipton-Chair, Dorothy Pedersen-Secretary, Virginia Barker, Mary Dodson, Sandi Hinshaw, Frank Pack, Jeanne Pack, Terry Pratt, Claudine Shaw, Michelle Underwood, Irma Dowd (City of Salem Neighborhood Services), Officer J. Scott (City of Salem Police), Eric Olson (YMCA)

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

Terry moved to approve minutes of the May 28, 2019 meeting; seconded by Virginia and carried.

### **POLICE REPORT: Officer Joe Scott**

- Officer Scott reported that the police are working hard to keep up with all the needs, in spite of being short-handed due to budget cuts, so be prepared for delays in follow up on reports. The team that addresses gang activity and the DARE officer positions are being lost.
- The new Police Department building construction is coming along, with move-in estimated in mid-2020.
- We need to watch our neighborhood and take care of each other.

### **CITY COUNCILOR: Matt Ausec was absent**

### **ERIC OLSON (YMCA)**

Eric explained that the current YMCA building was built in 1926 and is “tired”—the roof leaks, the ceiling needs extra supports to hold it up, and it is not very accessible for those with disabilities. Therefore, the “Y” is planning to build a new, larger, accessible building on the same site, in order to offer better service to the community more efficiently. The YMCA will close down the current facility on July 10<sup>th</sup>, but will operate their programs in other facilities until the new building is ready for occupation. The new building will feature gyms and locker rooms, a track, swimming pool with lifts for the disabled, child care area, meeting rooms and a café. Possibly they will add housing for veterans eventually. The building will be funded from the “Y’s” funds, plus grants, and they will be asking for community support as well. Some of the programs and services that the YMCA offers to families (not just men) include: summer day camp for kids, day care programs for those who cannot afford other private day care, scholarships and free memberships for families with foster children, sports programs, family overnight camp, “youth in government” programs, and a pool where swimming lessons are taught.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:**

- Neighbors have been receiving phone calls, claiming that the person’s Social Security number has been suspended. This is a scam—do not panic! You may hang up and ignore the message. With other calls claiming to be a bank or credit card company, etc., if you have any question whether the call is legitimate, you may ask the caller for their number to call them back—but compare that number with the bank’s usual number before making any call.
- There appear to be people living in a camper parked at 3075 30<sup>th</sup> St. Police will check on it.
- There is homeless people’s “stuff” and tall grass on a lot adjacent to the new Red Cross headquarters building. We are unsure if that lot is owned by the Red Cross, or whose responsibility it is to deal with keeping it mowed and cleaned up.
- Good news—1855 Park Ave. was vacant, but now has been bought and is getting cleaned up.

### CHAIR'S REPORT:

- The Adam Stephens bike rodeo was successful.
- Patty will attend the Chairs' meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **Patty will ask the Red Cross to come to our next meeting to explain their programs, since they have now moved into their building in our neighborhood.**
- For information:
  - Meals on Wheels needs volunteers.
  - Family Building Blocks needs volunteers to read to children and rock babies.
  - July 4<sup>th</sup> there will be fireworks on Riverfront Park, near the sternwheeler.
  - Marion County Fair is July 11-14.
  - Movies in the Park will be offered July 13, 20, 27, August 3...etc.
  - The CAPES meeting will be July 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 at Goodwill on Lancaster.
  - The Art Fair will be July 19-21 at Bush Park.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### Land Use:

- 3146 Beacon St.—a single lot will be divided into two lots.
- 2425 Market St.—this house is now being worked on.

Traffic: None

Neighborhood Watch: None

#### Salem Parks:

- If we wish to add a ½ court basketball area to Lansing Park, we will need to update the master plan for the park. **Claudine moved that we update the master plans for both Lansing Park and Livingston Park. Virginia seconded the motion and it carried. Patty will bring the current master plans for both parks to our next board meeting.**
- Cars are still parking at Lansing Park around 11:00 PM after the park is closed.

State Fair: A noise permit has been applied for. Comments are due by July 24<sup>th</sup>. Patty will let them know that we want them to honor people's sleep time after 10:00 PM Sunday-Thursday.

Partnership Update: None

Terry moved the meeting be adjourned. Virginia seconded and motion carried. **The next meeting will be July 23rd at Capital Baptist Church, since school will be out for summer vacation.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy Pedersen, Secretary