

## **Lansing Neighborhood Association Minutes August 27, 2019 Board Meeting**

Capital Baptist Church, 3000 Lansing Avenue NE

15 present: Patty Tipton-Chair, Dorothy Pedersen-Secretary, Gary Bogstad, Sharon Bogstad, Mary Dodson, Michael Hortsch, Michele McKimmy, Frank Pack, Jeanne Pack, Terry Pratt, Claudine Shaw, Michelle Underwood, Officer E. Whitney (City of Salem Police), Dianne Mekkers (Red Cross), Noe Marquez (City of Salem Parks Operations)

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

Terry moved to approve minutes of the July 23, 2019 meeting; seconded by Mary and carried.

### **POLICE REPORT: Officer E. Whitney**

- Patty read a report from Police Chief Jerry Moore concerning a spike in violent crimes, including homicides and drive-by shootings in NE Salem recently.
- Officer Whitney reported that the day before our meeting, teams of law enforcement from City and County agencies had made 9 arrests and picked up several firearms. This is an example of the proactive interagency approach being used to identify “hot beds” of criminal activity, and make arrests to get problem individuals off the street.
- He reiterated that we should call 503-588-6123 (non-emergency number) to report crimes or concerns or questions, available 24-hours. Call each time you witness something amiss.
- During this hot weather the most frequent calls are regarding animals suffering in closed hot cars, or in yards without adequate food, water and shade. Call to report, then take any action you can to relieve the suffering. Oregon law allows an observer to break out a car window to rescue an animal trapped in a hot car, but we should try other remedies first.
- Clarifications:
  - Trailers 14’ long or more need a license, so report any that do not have a license in sight.
  - Cars parked on the street need to be moved after 5 days.
  - Call Nelson Morales about problem RVs (503-589-2070).

### **CITY COUNCILOR: Matt Ausec--Absent**

#### **RED CROSS: Dianne Mekkers**

The Red Cross blood donation and disaster service operations have moved into the “Eldred Building” at Sunnyview and Hawthorne. Unfortunately, the lot next to the building that they intended to use as parking was not available for purchase. However, they are purchasing the next lot south and will clear and pave it for parking. Until that has been accomplished their CPR and First Aid training operations remain at their former West Salem location.

Red Cross responds to house fires and helps people with immediate needs that result from fires. They also help people prepare for disasters. We should be able to take care of ourselves for 2-3 weeks and work with our neighbors to meet everyone’s needs. Red Cross provides congregate shelters in addition, for those who are not able to provide for themselves. Another service they provide is promoting and installing smoke alarms.

Red Cross is always in need of blood donors and volunteers to do many different kinds of service. Dianne handed out informational brochures.

#### **PARKS DEPARTMENT: Noe Marquez**

The Parks Department is struggling with homeless issues in City parks, and seeking to be proactive in enforcing the rules that parks close at sundown. Gates at some parks, including Lansing Park, will be closed and locked at nightfall. Parks staff will ask people to leave; if they do not, police may be called to assist.

Lansing residents would like to add a bench, in honor of Virginia Barker, and eventually a basketball ½ court to Lansing Park. Since there is not much shade, a pergola or shelter over picnic tables is also desired. We want a dog park in NE Salem.

What seem possible for the near future at Lansing Park are: a bench honoring Virginia Barker and possibly two additional memorial trees (one for a girl who was recently killed, and one for Virginia). A basketball ½ court would be the next project. Noe will determine costs and the NA and Parks Department will plan the locations and set up an account for funds. The NA will then need to fundraise and apply for a grant. Each new tree will require a commitment 5 gallons of water every week during its first summer season.

There is probably not a suitable space for a dog park at Lansing or Livingston Park, but Noe will look into a possible location at Northgate Park, or at an undeveloped park area along Fisher Road. Northgate NA may pursue this.

**NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:**

- 3026 Hammel has a continuing pattern of problem vehicles, campers, etc. Officer Whitney will put it on the list of places for officers to monitor.
- Transient parking and staying at parks is an ongoing problem. Parks staff can lock gates, and police can arrest trespassers after sundown.
- Participation in Neighborhood Association is low. Dorothy and Michele are knocking on doors to invite neighbors to participate in the Neighborhood Association. The majority of people called on so far were not aware that we have a Lansing Neighborhood Association. Claudine is also willing to help invite folks.

**CHAIR’S REPORT:**

- September 5<sup>th</sup> Willamette Valley Hospice has an event at 7:30 at Riverfront Park: “Reflections on the River”. Many luminarias will be lit in remembrance of persons who have died. One of the luminarias will be for Virginia Barker.
- Patty will provide snacks for Washington School movie nights and for students who do not have enough food. These are projects that Virginia had supported.

**AUTHORIZATION OF USE OF COMMUNICATION FUNDS:**

- Patty will have a table at the Swegle Play Day in September, sponsored by CaPES. She will pass out Lansing NA shopping bags and magnets and brochures. **Terry moved that we authorize \$50.00 from our communication fund for the Swegle Play Day. Michele seconded the motion and it passed.**
- **Michele moved that we authorize \$200.00 from our communication fund to purchase and donate school supplies for Washington School to give to needy students. Frank seconded the motion, and it passed.** This year Capital Baptist is donating backpacks, so we only need to provide school supplies.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Land Use: There are still questions and concerns about the proposed apartment complex at Silverton Road and Lansing. Dorothy will look up the contact information for the owner of that property and send it to Michele.

Traffic: None  
Salem Parks: See above.  
Partnership Update: None

Neighborhood Watch: None  
State Fair: None

Gary moved the meeting be adjourned. Claudine seconded and motion carried. **The next meeting will be September 24<sup>th</sup>, probably at Waldo Middle School, or if that is not available, it may again be held at Capital Baptist Church.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy Pedersen, Secretary