

Lansing Neighborhood Association Minutes February 25, 2020 Board Meeting

Waldo Middle School Library, 2805 Lansing Avenue NE

11 present: Patty Tipton-Chair, Terry Pratt-Vice Chair, Dorothy Pedersen-Secretary, Mary Dodson, Autumn Harris, Frank Pack, Jeanne Pack, Claudine Shaw, Dee Dee Tribby, Officer J. Pinkerton (City of Salem Police Department), Betsy Belshaw (Parks Foundation)

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

Terry moved to approve minutes of the January 28, 2020 meeting; seconded by Frank and carried.

POLICE REPORT: Officer J. Pinkerton

Package thefts and car break-ins are up lately. Gang activity is currently down.

Keep porch lights on, lock cars, watch for package deliveries, be aware of your neighbors.

Report any crimes or suspicious behavior by going on line (best) or call the police non-emergency line (503-588-6123). Report each time, so there is a record that may reveal a pattern. Including pictures is very helpful.

Society is changing, so there are more crimes now during the day while people are away at work.

CITY COUNCILOR: Matt Ausec—Absent

PARKS FOUNDATION: Betsy Belshaw

The Parks Foundation is a 501C3 foundation that raises money to improve parks facilities. They give grants to help fund improvements. Applications for this year's grants are due by April 30th, and the approved grant money will be distributed in May. To qualify for a Parks Foundation grant, the park needs to have a Park Plan, and a project must be completed within two years of receiving grant money. A recently funded project was completed at MacKay Park. We can contribute to the Parks Foundation by saving pop bottles and putting them into a special blue bag when turning them in to the bottle drop site. The deposit money will then go to the Parks Foundation.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:

- Mail boxes are being opened on several streets. It appears it may be children doing this.
- A new person is needed to run for City Council to represent Ward 5, since Matt Ausec's term is up 12/31/2020 and he does not intend to run for another term.
- 2425 Lansing—Transients are living there again, and one of them stole a bike from a neighbor's yard. Police and Code Enforcement have been called and are following up. Windows have been boarded up from the inside (!)
- A house across from 2425 Lansing (maybe 2460?)—Old trucks and garbage carts are being parked in front of a bus stop and in the area of Dorothy and Wiggles Ct. We need to continue to call or report activity on-line to Police and Code Enforcement.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

- Patty attended N2 and CaPES meetings (11:00 on 3rd Thursdays at Goodwill on Lancaster).
The IKE Box has received enough money to be able to stay in place. They support boys who are at risk by giving them mentors, training and hiring them to work at the coffee shop.
- Patty attended the Health Fair at Washington School and gave away many of our green shopping bags. About 250 families came to the fair.
- OHA has an Art Search contest for children's art. Winning drawings will be selected for next year's calendar.
- The PGE office on Lancaster will be closing April 3rd.

FUND RAISING FOR MEMORIAL BENCH

We currently have \$500.00 in our fund which can go toward the \$2,500 cost of the bench. We have applied for a SPIF grant to cover some of the cost. In April we may file for a grant from the Parks Foundation. The amount will depend on how much we receive as a SPIF grant. Holy Cross Lutheran Church will allow us to hold a fund-raising event at their church, if needed.

FUTURE MEETINGS

March 24th meeting-- Gregory Walsh will give an hour-long presentation about emergency preparedness.

April 28th Annual Meeting—The Waldo School principal will speak about the improvements to the school, and a person who runs bike rodeos will talk about bike and pedestrian safety on the streets.

We will have a finger food potluck.

Claudine moved that Patty be authorized to use \$50.00 of our Communication Funds for drinks and plastic ware for the Annual Meeting. Terry seconded the motion and it passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Land Use: Dorothy will ask Irma to set up Frank Pack as our representative.

Traffic: None

Neighborhood Watch: None

Salem Parks: None

State Fair: None

Partnership Update: None

Terry moved the meeting be adjourned. Frank seconded and motion carried. **The next meeting will be March 24th at either Holy Cross Lutheran or Waldo Middle School, since it may be school vacation. Patty will confirm the location.**

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Pedersen, Secretary