

## **NORTH LANCASTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION [NOLA]**

**Wednesday, February 7, 2018 – Scott Elementary School, 4700 Arizona Ave NE**

**Chair Steve called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.**

**Minutes:** Kim Currey made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2017 meeting. Doug Rodgers seconded. Motion carried.

**Police Report: We did not have a police officer tonight due to a high volume of calls**

As always, if you have an emergency, dial 911. For non-emergency issues, call the City of Salem Non-Emergency number (503 588 6123) and a way to email messages as well through the City's website.

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/police>

**Councilor Chris Hoy shared the following:**

- As of Dec 2017, there are 35 registered Short-Term Rentals registered with the city.
- Downtown Parking enforcement times has been changed. It was until 9 P.M. Now it is 8P.M.
- Fischer Road will not get lights, sidewalks or bike lanes at this time. However, 2 stop signs will be added. One at Beverly, the other at Devonshire. Reader boards, traffic islands and/or heavier police presents may also be part of the effort to slow traffic down.
- Renovation of the Salem baggage depot is now complete.
- Friends of Trees will have another tree planting on April 7th 9 AM-1 PM. This will be at Weathers Park [NE Salem]. They will teach you how to plant a tree if you don't know how. Caleb asked about long-term maintenance of the trees and whether or not the neighbors would have to take care of them. The answer is, "No" as the trees would be on City property.
- Open House streetscape plan #2 for downtown Salem will be on Tuesday, Feb 13th from 5:30-7:00 PM at Court House Square in The Senator Hearing Room.
- The Downtown Homeless Committee met for the first time and about 100 people attended.

**Youth Spotlight**

- McKay High seniors will be hosting/presenting a free breakfast for the neighborhood on Feb 24th.

**McKay High Senior Party**

- Angela Anderson Saar from McKay's Booster Club shared information on fundraising efforts and priorities for McKay's senior class party. Their goal is to raise enough money to take up to 150 kids to "Big Al's in Portland on the Saturday after Graduation. You may donate directly to the school. If by check, designate it for "McKay Project Grad".
- So far, 30 kids have earned their tickets.
- Th also selling booster club is also selling items from the Willamette Valley Pie Company.

- After McKay received it near football field, there was additional money left over from generous donors that helped the theater and basketball programs.

### **Salem Parks Foundation**

- Carol Snyder from the Salem Parks Foundation filled in for Jason Alexander and reported on proposed future developments for McKay Park.
- For those wishing to donate to the Salem Parks Foundation, your money is tax deductible. Also, if you designate your gift for something specific, those dollars will be kept track of and only spent on the project you wish.
- For a better chance at a favorable grant, try to keep the project in the \$2,000- \$3,000 range.
- If you ask for a grant to get play equipment, the City will do the paperwork and the Parks Foundation will bring the equipment.

### **City of Salem Website Presentation**

- \*Kenny Larson and Laura Singer from the City's Information and I.T. Departments accessed the City's new website and put it on the big screen.
- They were able to demonstrate many of the features available and answer questions.
- There is still tweaking to be done.
- To reach someone, the departs have only "higher level" personnel in the system.
- Currently, if you want faster results of an inquiry, use Chrome, or Firefox.
- To demonstrate ease, we picked a topic (how to volunteer on a board or commission) and Kenny and Laura walked us through the process.
- Before/After One of the differences: In the past, if you wanted to volunteer, you had to go to the specific department in the site. Now, all volunteer positions are in one place.
- Search functionality is not like Google search. The City saves money by indexing it itself.
- While the new site is technically slower that the old one, it is currently 50% faster than when they started. The #1 priority is to make it faster.
- In answer to how prepared the city was if there was a major shut down of the system: "A phone call should be all it takes and it will be up in 15-30 minutes."

### **Committees**

#### **Transit**

- The Transit board is seeking volunteers for a Citizens Advisory Committee. The will report to the board with recommendations on helping Transit to be successful.
- Doug brought up Senate Bill 1536. This will take away your right to vote for your transit director and place it in the hands of the governor.

#### **CAPES**

- Jessica reported that the Christmas Toy Drive took care of 727 children.
- This month at the CAPES meeting, authentic Mexican food will be served.
- The topic of conversation will be on homelessness in Salem.

**Parks:**

- Not too late to sign up for garden plots in Brown Road Park
- There was a question a few months ago about the need for additional lighting at McKay Park. As of now, the answer is, "No, it is not needed".

**Other:**

- Anthony "The Bear" Behrens introduced himself as a candidate for, "Judge of the Circuit Court, 3rd District, Position 5" in the May 18th election.
- He provided his card with his contact information: Behrens4judge.com & Facebook: Behrens4Judge

**Chair Steve adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.**

**The next NOLA meeting will be on April 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM to 8 PM at Scott Elementary School.**