

NORTH LANCASTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Wednesday November 6th 2019 Scott Elementary School – 4700 Arizona Ave. NE

Vice Chair Pfenning called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM

Introductions were made around the room

SKSchool District Bond-Funded Update-Karma Krause:

- McKay high school construction will begin spring 2020 and will take approximately 12-18 months to complete.
- Portable classrooms will be removed.
- The tennis courts will be redesigned.
- Security upgrades will be made.
- A parent drop off area is planned on Hollywood Dr. to ease traffic congestion on side streets.
- 31 sites in the district are getting additions. All others are getting upgrades.
- There are 19 projects scheduled for next year.
- Construction will reduce the portable classrooms by half district-wide.
- Scott elementary will be getting a cafeteria, new classrooms, and the portables will be removed.

Approval of September's minutes

Police Report: Officer Rebello

- New to the force, lives in NOLA.
- As the weather gets colder, a reminder not to leave your car running unattended. Not only is this illegal, it's also the number one way cars get stolen.
- Recommends joining SCRAM, the city's program of registering your security cameras to provide video evidence of crimes committed in the city.

Councilor Report: Chris Hoy

***Note: Chris is out of state, Chair Rodgers reads his report.**

October 28th Council Meeting:

- Vanessa Nordyke received final appointment to the Ward 7 council vacancy
- Planning Commission approved the development of the mushroom plant property (East Park Estates). Allows for 659 single family and 36 multi-family units on 122 acres. Developer worked closely with ELNA to reach a successful conclusion.

- November 12th Council Meeting - Council is being asked to consider a garbage rate increase. Garbage rates are typically reviewed every 2 years, however, as you'll recall, we made an exception last year due to recycling rates.
- Because garbage is a franchise in Salem, the city controls the rates and has committed to ensuring the garbage haulers make a profit between 8 – 12 percent. Tipping fees (the cost to dump garbage at the burner or the landfill) are controlled by the county commissioners and have a huge impact on garbage rates.
- I will be asking questions of the haulers regarding the additional fees some haulers have been adding to bills when they believe the recycling bin has been contaminated.
- Council is being asked to consider a Tourism Promotion Area. This would add a small fee to lodging fees that would go specifically to promote tourism in the area.
- Future Meeting: A Sidewalk Behavior ordinance will likely be before us in the near future. I am considering offering amendments to the drafted ordinance as are other councilors.

City Of Salem Finances and new revenue proposals

Norm Wright – Community Development Director

- The city needs additional revenue. It's short 8.1 million dollars.
- An operating fee will be voted on by council this month, and will go into effect in February.
- 50 cities in Oregon have operating fees.
- An employee-paid payroll tax for anyone working in Salem will be a ballot measure for voters to consider in May 2020.

No transit report

Parks are on winter schedule

It was decided that since January's meeting falls on the 1st, we will not meet.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05