

NORTH LANCASTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

**Wednesday October 7th 2020 Blanchet Catholic School 4373 Market St. NE
And Zoom**

Chair Pfenning called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM

Introductions were made around the room

No quorum to approve prior minutes

Chair Pfenning nominated Carl Engstrom and Deanna Garcia as board members

Motion was seconded and the new members were approved as board members

With the new quorum the board approved the minutes from 4 prior months

Councilor Report: Chris Hoy

Chris shared this message from City Manager Steve Powers:

- “This year has been truly a historic year. The City organization has been tested like no other organization I’ve been part of in my 35-year local government career. Fires and unhealthy air, demonstrations, a global pandemic. Nearly 200 City employees and families were impacted by the fires and evacuation orders, and we have continued to serve. And, our big projects continue. The police station will be opening by the end of the year. Planning for renovating and reusing the vacated space is underway. The library renovation project is on schedule with dramatic, visible changes to the interior and exterior. The ozone treatment plant for our drinking water will be in place in 2021. Work is beginning on a new public works building.”
- Beavers are proliferating in Salem. We count more than 40 beaver dams within city limits. The dams will likely cause drainage problems when the winter rains arrive. Apparently, all the efforts the City and the community have made to protect riparian areas have created the perfect habitat for beavers and they are multiplying.
- The first meeting of the climate action task force will be this fall. The first public opportunity, a visioning activity, will also be this fall. The project schedule is for a final climate action plan to be in place in December 2021.
- The cogeneration facility at the Willow Lake wastewater plant is operational and is reducing the plant’s electricity needs. One morning, cogeneration produced 100% of plant’s power needs for a brief time. Power from poop.
- Bright to Blight Dashboard

- <https://saalem.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/e15b5d8f91a4467d90967f22a91c4c3b>
- Housing And Shelter
 - The Y is planning on building 36 units of affordable housing for veterans near the new Y facility. A pre-application meeting with the City is in early October. The tentative occupancy date is October 2021. Nicole Utz, Salem Housing Authority, and Jason Van Meter, Police Department (and a veteran) are part of the planning effort.
 - A shelter and temporary navigation center is planned for Portland Road NE. The City and Arches are working on a lease agreement. ARCHES is waiting on state/federal funding information.
 - Operational funding will determine the number of beds and scope of services. The goal is for the shelter to be operational by mid to late November. Outreach will be done once operational details are set. The general scope will be shelter and car camping under the provisions of HB 4212. The City's planning administrator has reviewed Arches application and issued an approval. Just like with Safe Sleep, HB 4212 exempts shelters from zoning provisions, so there's not very much involved in this review. The location is served by Cherriots' Core Network.
- Our Salem

For those who missed the Our Salem work session, a video of the meeting is available [online](#). The presentation slides are available [in English](#) and [in Spanish](#). The entire draft vision is [in English](#) or [in Spanish](#) on the [project webpage](#). **Large posters** of the draft goals and draft map are displayed on the windows on the third floor of City Hall at 555 Liberty Street SE near Room 305. The posters are in English and in Spanish.
- Water Sewer Rates

City Council will hold a public hearing at **6:00 p.m. on October 12, 2020**, before making a decision. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the public hearing will be virtual with remote attendance. Interested persons may watch the live meeting on City of Salem You Tube or on CC:Media (formerly CCTV) Comcast Channel 21.

 - The proposed rate increases are 3.0% for water, 3.0% for wastewater, and 5.0% for stormwater in January 2021 and January 2022. Individual customer charges vary due to differences in the amount of water used, the amount of impervious area on the property, and whether a backflow assembly is present. For an average single-family residence, the total combined increase each year is estimated to be between \$2.15 and \$3.15 per month.

NO POLICE REPORT

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- Chair Pfenning brought up the subject of the homeless on Sunnyview and in McKay park. One camper is setting fires for cooking, another emerges from his tent naked.
- Big Lots parking lot has an encampment that blocks the sidewalk.
- According to Councilor Hoy, trespassing is not being enforced because of Covid-19
- Board wonders why there are no homeless camps in Bush Park?
- Salem Parks improvement fund for 2020-2021 will focus on improvements to McKay park and Brown Rd. park.
- Invite Irma Dowd to our next meeting to share information with NOLA and Neighborhood Associations in general to new board members.
- Derelict house at 2950 Hollywood Dr. is owned by a man in Longview, California, who's in the process of cleaning up the property after the city deemed it derelict in Sept. 2019.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:17