

NORTH LANCASTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Wednesday November 4th, 2020 Blanchet Catholic School 4373 Market St. NE and virtual

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

Introductions were made around the room

No minutes available to approve

Police Report: Lt. Van Meter

- The Hawthorne homicide has a suspect and the officer who was wounded will be alright.
- Tours of the new police station will start soon.
- Questions from Chair Pfenning for Lt. Van Meter
- Who is responsible for enforcing the no-camping rule in McKay park?
Someone was cited for trespassing yet remains.
Answer: code enforcement. He noted that the Hollywood Dr. entrance to the park had been closed the prior week.
- Q. Are warming centers planned for S. and W. Salem?
- A. Yes. Also, there ARE campers in Bush park.
- Gretchen Bennett, Human Rights Director in Salem, attended virtually and says that people will not be forced to leave. Contact is made with these campers to offer services, but campers are not required to take them.
- According to Lt. Van Meter, many of the homeless in Salem are mentally ill, or suffer from addiction issues. He calls it a community issue, and explains his hands are tied by city officials. He estimates that he has 1 success to 1,000 failures.
- Officer contact with the homeless has the officer offering services, but the person is under no obligation to accept. In his opinion, mental health needs are not being met.
- Board member Sandi Drumm mentioned that she no longer feels safe in McKay park. This month there are 2 more campers than last month.
- Councilor Hoy explained that the city hired a Park Ranger to patrol the parks and enforce park rules and codes. The city is working on this ongoing issue.
- Gretchen says that a warming center for homeless people 65 and up is planned for the old DMV building on Portland Rd. and Silverton Rd. It will run from Dec. to March.

Councilor Report: Chris Hoy

- New Police Chief is Trevor Womack, a 29-year veteran from Stockton, CA police department. He starts in December
- New Police Facility will be open to the public to access police services on Monday, Nov. 9th
- The building is substantially complete and punch list inspections have been ongoing this week. Corrections will be made over the next month with priority given to areas that will be moved into and operating first.
- Move-in began on Monday, November 2nd with Evidence, Records and other first floor areas.
- Next week (Nov. 9-13), Administration will begin to move.
- They will be followed by Patrol moving into the 2nd floor starting on Nov. 16.
- Moving activities are scheduled to be completed by the end of November.
- Final corrections are being made to the traffic signals with two-way traffic on Division and Liberty Streets and are planned to open on Thursday, Nov. 5.
- North Campus update:
 - A 3 Way stop at 24th & D is planned
 - Evan Sekulic is the construction manager for North Campus
 - Buildings first of year will include 45 homes and 240 apartments with 1.8 parking spaces per unit.
- Ward 1 Councilor Cara Kaser resigned after moving and the City Charter does not allow us to appoint a replacement, so Councilor-elect Virginia Stapleton likely to be guest councilor for remainder of the year
- City is in the process of selling several parcels in the Salem Business Campus which will allow new businesses to locate
- Don Froylan Queseria is a new restaurant on Portland Rd.
- Willamette Career Academy, sponsored by Willamette Educational Service District, will be located at the old ToysRUs building on Lancaster Dr.
- 11 School districts are currently engaged as initial participants and will enroll students in the fall of 2021. Additional districts will engage as the program expands. Initial participants: Cascade, Falls City, Gervais, Jefferson, Mt. Angel, Newberg, North Marion, North Santiam, Silver Falls, St. Paul & Woodburn
- Initial programs: Health Service, Diesel Mechanics, Cosmetology.
- Remaining programs opening Fall of 2022: Manufacturing, Construction, Information Technology
- Business Assistance
- On the November 9 council agenda is a recommendation to provide \$200,000 city-wide for restaurants and businesses that need heated, covered outdoor space for dining areas or break rooms. The program would reimburse expenses, \$3,000 to \$5,000 for small businesses and \$10,000 for large businesses.
- HRAP
- Thanks to the Salem Housing Authority staff, HRAP will be receiving \$366,000 from Willamette Valley Community Health, our regions community care organization.

Neighborhood Services Coordinator Irma Dowd joined the meeting virtually and welcomed the new board members and to announce the Quarterly Chairs meeting on November 18th

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ANNUAL ELECTION HELD

The NOLA Board of 2020/2021 is:

Chair- Mike Pfenning

Vice-Chair- Deanna Garcia

Secretary/Treasurer- Pamela Blake

Members at large:

Doug Rodgers, Denise Currey, Kim Currey, Carl Engstrom, Sandi Drumm, Gary Drumm, Dennis Will, Shirlene Gonzalez

The fall leaf haul will take place on Brown Island on November 21st from 9-3, and December 12th 9-3.

Quarterly Chair meeting scheduled for November 18th virtually

Meeting adjourned at 7:42