

NORTH LANCASTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, July 7th 2021 Blanchet Catholic School 4373 Market St. NE

Chair Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM
Introductions were made around the room and on Zoom
No minutes to approve

Police Report: Matthew Gill –via Zoom

- Salem Police Department is working hard to make the downtown enforcement team city-wide.
- The Citizens Police Academy starts on September 8th.
- Department is trying to coordinate the same officers to report to NA's.
- Radar guns are available for the public use to determine possible enforcement measures.
- It's very important to report ALL graffiti.
- Gang enforcement keeps records of it, and tracks gang activity through it.

Code Enforcement: Chris Russell

- Since June 1st NOLA has seen 34 abandoned vehicles, 3 parking violations, and 4 tall grass complaints.
- A problem-property on Swegle with tall vegetation is almost resolved.
- Dial 311 to reach public works dispatch.

Our Salem Project: Eunice Kim, City of Salem – via Zoom

- After giving an overview of the project, Ms. Kim reviewed the current map of proposed lots for zone changes.
- The city will follow the recommendations of the planning committee who will base their decision on public feedback.
- There are several new zones being proposed.
- HUBs (mix of small businesses and residential);
- MU (mixed use where businesses would have housing above);
- R4 (which is another version of housing up to 4 units per lot that can also house businesses as long as they are not more than 50% of the square footage).
- Multifamily is also being proposed in some areas.
- The main areas of the proposed zone changes are along Sunnyview from Scotsman Way to Brown Road; Swegle Road from 45th to Walker Road; 45th and Market; and at the intersection of Royalty and Regal Avenues.

- The timeline is to have a work session with the City Council to discuss progress and to present some policies for decision, prior to having a public hearing in the fall.
- The entire process is expected to be completed by the end of 2021.

Timothy Sinatra: Salem YMCA

- Our YMCA is the third oldest on the west coast
- New building going in at the site of the last, which was built in 1926
- YMCA is a non-profit that has early childhood development, youth development, adult and family strengthening, aging together, and community centering
- IKE Box will be in charge of food at the site
- Will have a track on the roof
- 3 stories, including 34 units of affordable housing for veterans
- Residents will have full access to the facility

Councilor Report: Chris Hoy

- The Don Froylan Creamery project (Mr. Ochoa's cheese factory) was selected as the Business Development Success project of the year by the Oregon Economic Development Association.
- Annie Gorski led the City team that worked with Mr. Ochoa to make his project a reality.
- The creamery, once property that was vacant for 10 years, completes recent infrastructure improvements in the area, including pedestrian crossings, new sidewalks, and curbs along the Portland Road Corridor and expansion projects made possible with the North Gateway Urban Renewal Area funds.
- Through May of this fiscal year (one month remaining), the City has a record number of new multi-family units (since 2002): 759 units. The number of new houses is higher than last fiscal year: 473 units.
- The Urban Renewal Agency approved a grant for the redevelopment of the Nordstrom building into housing as well as the Marion Garage into a hotel.
- Removal is not for the whole Mall, just that one section. It is going to be housing only. Studio and 1 and 2 bedroom apartments.
- Marion Garage building is going to be a small hotel.
- YMCA is building veteran housing downtown.
- ODOT has posted the underpass at Market Street so the campers must move. It is very unsafe with 3 vehicle deaths, 3 injuries, and a homicide.
- The City is looking for more shelter spaces and also working on pallet camps and car parks.
- The Windows to the West across from City Hall will be used for car camping. All camps will have supervision. The City did receive funding from the State and will be purchasing a building at 22nd and Mission for a Navigation Center which will provide some shelter space as well as resources.

- Thanks to the work of the City Attorney, Police, and Community Development, a recreational vehicle destruction pilot program has been launched. Using funds from the Blight to Bright program, the pilot will help keep the City's streets and public spaces and parking areas free from abandoned RVs. The program will result in the full destruction of RVs that are abandoned.
- National Night Out (NNO) will be Tuesday, August 3, and the City is taking applications now.
- Dedication of the City's Ozone Treatment Facility will be August 3, 2021 from 2-4 p.m. at Geren Island
- Some communities are experiencing a shortage of chlorine used in water treatment, but Salem makes it's own
- Some of Salem's pipes are over 90 years old
- Radar guns are available to check out from Public Works. Call dispatch number

Committee Reports:

Transit: Doug Rodgers absent

Land Use: Dennis Will

- New gas station going in at the intersection of Lancaster and Cordon Rds.

Parks: Shirlene Gonzalez- no report

Traffic: Deanna Garcia

- The safer crossings initiative is looking at putting in a crossing on Lancaster Dr. just north of Walmart

Roundtable Discussion:

- Our updated brochures will be ready soon
- NOLA will host National Night Out in August at McKay park
- Booths will be set up on the east side

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15