

Waluga Neighborhood Association  
Annual General Meeting Minutes  
October 24, 2013, Lake Grove Elementary School

Board Members      Cheryl Uchida, Cindy Maddox, Bruce Goldson, Sandy Reay, Ron Anderson,  
Present              Kate O’Rielly, Michael Sorrell, Gene Park, Jim Newcomer, Will Mahoney-  
                                Watson  
Members at Large    Dick Benedetti, Chris Battista

**Welcome, Introduction, Activities**

Co-chair Cindy Maddox welcomed the 29 attendees. She listed the WNA’s activities this year as Emergency Preparedness block committees, Foundation activity, Ivy pull, Neighbors helping Neighbors, Good communication with the LO police and a well attended Picnic.

**Elections**

Cindy introduced the Board Members. All were present. The slate of board members and members at large was read and a motion to approve was received. All were re-elected along with Will Mahoney-Watson as board member and Chris Battista as board member at large. Re-elections also included Jeff Novak, our long time and dedicated former chair. He will serve as a board member at large.

**Guest Speaker**

Joel Komarek, engineer for the Lake Oswego/Tigard Water Project said the project will begin next May. There will be a second water reservoir, twice as high as the first, built with construction access from Carman Drive. The water pipeline work will begin in December. Staging for construction vehicles will be in East Waluga Park from Dec. to Feb. Attendees requested that alternate parking be available during that time. They will repave the parking lot when done. Work on Douglas Way will be done during the summer including the work through the school parking lot and driveway. Completion est. is June, 2016.

**WNA Website and Friends of East Waluga Park.**

Will Mahoney-Watson demonstrated our website, [Waluganeighborhood.org](http://Waluganeighborhood.org). He has started a Friends of Waluga Park organization to improve East Waluga Park. There will be a “Free the Trees” ivy pull on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**LOSD Bus Facility**

Kate O’Rielly spoke about the WNA’s efforts to remove the buses from behind the school. They operate all 12 months and in the evenings. This overloads our streets and emits diesel fuel into the classrooms and also Oakridge Park senior facility. The next step is to give public testimony to the City Council.

**Boones Ferry Refinements, Phase I update**

Cheryl Uchida said the first phase will go from Madrona to Oakridge (inc. PO). \$5M has been allocated for the plan with hopes for a \$90,000 grant. There will be a signal light by Adelle Jenike’s office and eventually another at Lanewood. Construction for phase I should be done by 2016. Currently the City staff is meeting with the business owner/operators along BF to establish rights of way and to listen to their concerns.

**WNA Emergency Preparedness**

Jim Newcomer said we are overdue for a major earthquake. It is the kind that affects streets and bridges rather than houses and will make emergency response from the City very difficult. We have Coordinators on each block now who have held meetings. We also have a grant from the City to continue our efforts for emergency preparedness through June 30, 2014.

### **Traffic and Police**

Dick Benedetti reported that everything we have talked about tonight affects traffic. He has created a good relationship with the City Police and Chief and meets with them monthly. His latest result is a new crosswalk striping at Quarry and Oakridge. Call or email him if you see traffic problems so he can advise the police. However, for illegal parking on Oakridge, call the police dispatch phone number.

### **Land Use Issues: Cheryl and Bruce**

- **Parkway Vet Clinic** – Construction to start after tree permit is granted; perhaps by November.
- **Kruse Village** – There will be 6 one-story buildings, 250 parking spaces. Work to start by late December. The sidewalk on the north side of Quarry will be extended w/2 trees needing to be removed.
- **Wells Fargo Bank** – A one story building. They will close 2 other locations on BF. They will have 18 parking spaces, no drive-thru window, but will have an outside ATM. Demolition of garden center will start soon. Access will be from Boones Fy. And Oakridge Rd.
- **The Springs at Lake Grove** – will be a 4 story building w/memory care – 125 units on Kruse Way Place, owned by The Springs. They also own the former Carman Oaks Retirement complex. These plans are still very preliminary.
- **WEB sale and Rezoning** – It has been sold to a Sherwood company that operates hotels and is subject to a zone change to General Commercial/High Density. City Council will decide in November.

### **Hospitality**

Jim Newcomer and Michael Sorrell announced the serving of pumpkin ice cream from Albertsons and cookies and coffee provided by Starbucks.

### **Meeting adjourned at 8:45**

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandy Desmond Reay*, Secretary

**Next meeting to be Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013, Lake Grove Elementary, library**

**Please note that this is a change of date for our usual board meeting.**