

## Waluga Neighborhood Association Annual General Meeting

October 14, 2015

### Lake Grove Elementary School Library

Board Members Present	Cheryl Uchida, Co-chair; Bruce Goldson, Vice Chair; Secretary, Sandy Reay, Sec./Treas., Will Mahoney-Watson, Jim Newcomer, Steve Allaway, Rett Russell, Kate O'Rielly, Michael Sorrell
Board Members at Lg. Present	Christina Allaway, Dick Benedetti

**Meeting Opened at 7:08** by Cheryl Uchida. She welcomed all, including Mayor Studebaker, and invited everyone in the audience to introduce themselves.

**Election of Board Members:** The following were elected as Board Members: Co-Chairs, Cheryl Uchida and Cindy Maddox; Vice Chair, Will Mahoney-Watson; Secretary/Treasurer, Sandy Reay; Bruce Goldson, Chair Emeritus; Gene Park, Jim Newcomer, Rett Russell, Steve Allaway, Christina Allaway. The following were appointed Board Members at Large: Dick Benedetti, Chris Battista, Kate O'Rielly, and Michael Sorrell. A motion was passed to accept the slate of board members.

### What's Happening in Waluga?

- \* There were tree fires in West Waluga Park and near Heritage Hills. The Emergency Preparedness group was activated.
- \* The Annual Picnic was attended by 90 residents and the Police Chief.
- \* Neighbors worked on re-beautification of the pathway from the Lutheran Church to the Park.
- \* We welcomed the Kruse Village complex. We miss the barn and trees but not the rats. We also welcomed back the Parsons Farm kiosk.
- \* The Blue Neighborhood Sign went down and is back up.
- \* 25-30 volunteers reached out to help a neighbor's yard on Quarry across from the church.
- \* The Springs Living facility will be built on two lots and is expanding from Kruse Way Place down to corner of Kruse Way and Boones Ferry Road.
- \* A Lending Library boy scout project will be headed by Christina Allaway. They are looking for a place permitted by code for the placement of a bookstand.
- \* Boones Ferry design project and LGVC parking plan committees are still meeting.
- \* Tree Code review committee will try to improve, simplify and have less restrictions to it.
- \* LGBA is an important part of our neighborhood and Bruce Goldson is on that committee.

### Presentations

- \* Police and Traffic – Dick Benedetti serves as a WNA contact to Police and Traffic Engineering. Meets with Police Chief once a quarter and with Lt. Doug Treat once a month. He showed a graph indicating that the WN is very low on the crime level. Same with injury accidents. The Average speed on Quarry Rd is 27 mph. Car traffic has decreased on Quarry in the last few years, according to the stats.
- \* Traffic Committee – Steve Allaway said they look at small projects where citizens can make an impact. They wanted to put small curbs on Oakridge but City said 'no' because snow plows would knock them askew. He addressed cut through traffic on Quarry. The Board commissioned a 2 hr. traffic study in several areas on Quarry. 62% were coming from the Carman roundabout. City says reducing cut through traffic is not a goal of the City. Steve proposes parking two cars opposite one another on either side of Quarry to slow down cars because it would be difficult for two cars to pass by at the same time.

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\* Friends of E. Waluga Park - Will Mahoney-Watson said that several years ago he became concerned with ivy on trees in the Park and the blackberries growing there and Friends of the Park was created. There have been several ivy pulls to free the trees. Volunteers and the City have cut most of the ivy, berries and poison oak. It was suggested we have signs in the park with pictures of poison oak on them for public's identification. We asked for a handicap access walkway and one was installed to access the picnic shelter. A crosswalk was put on the roadway entering the park. A long term goal is to open up the stream on site and redevelop the pond to bring wildlife fowl back to the park.

\* WNA Website – Will reported that the website has been greatly improved. There are many interests covered and they have individual websites.

\* Emergency Preparedness Plan – Jim Newcomer said that four years ago we started a plan to organize in case of a large emergency. Single family homes have a coordinator on each block now. We have received City grants to supply equipment such as gas/water shutoff tools, headlamps, 2-way radios, etc. for each coordinator. They hold annual block meetings to determine who has certain equipment, expertise & training. We did not get grant money this year.

\* Student transportation – Kate O'Rielly said the buses have changed to propane fuel that makes the air much cleaner. Robert Killian from Student Transportation of America said their buses have cameras on them for safety. The drivers have been asked to not return to the bus barn between assignments which helps with the bus traffic in our neighborhood. He has a person in their organization who is looking at property outside LO and Tualatin for bus barn relocation.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Reay, Secretary

Next meeting date/location to be announced