

(Draft) Waluga Neighborhood Board Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2020, 6:45 pm
Via Zoom

Present: Acting Chair pro tem Rett Russell

Board Members: Jim Newcomer, Steve Piazza, Cindy Maddox, Bruce Goldson, Cheryl Uchida, Sandy Reay, Mark Smith, and Katherine Purtzer

1. Call to order, welcome – Rett
2. Minutes were approved pending distribution by the Secretary.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Account unchanged.
4. Traffic & Police, Roads, Pathways
 - a. Dick, although absent, had reported that there was nothing new to report on police and traffic.
 - b. Bus Barn, Cindy reported that a pre-app conference has been scheduled with the City and the school district and Rosewood NA for June 18. We don’t yet know their plans for the present property.
 - c. Lake Grove School re-opening and construction – We have received a letter from the Department of Education about their requirements to reopen. Their response is still being developed. In order to provide for distancing between students they could have them attend every other day, draw new district boundaries, or find some other way to reduce the number of students in any given classroom on any given day. Cindy will follow up to keep us posted. She also recommended that we write a letter of support to the school district. They may have to submit a new pre-application for their construction project, especially if they make concessions to the neighborhood. Bruce commented that they will have to meet with neighbors before they submit a new application. After their application is deemed complete we expect that a DRC public hearing will be scheduled.
 - d. Boones Ferry Road Improvement Project – Bruce reported on the Lake Grove Business Association meeting at which they received a report that the project is on time and within budget. LGBA is pressing the city to go ahead with Phase 2 and public parking, although the location of potential public parking has not yet been determined. We also discussed the tree grove removal from the property behind Banner Bank as well as now the need to remove another tree grove on the Jenike property. Bruce reported that he had redesigned the Jenike lot property to allow for retaining the larger trees while recovering the lost parking spaces due to the BFR Improvements.

5. Land Use Updates – Katherine, Rett and Cheryl
 - a. Shorenstein Apartment Project on Meadows Road – Public hearing with DRC is scheduled for June 15. A letter was drafted to submit to the DRC. This letter expresses our neutral position on the project itself. Cheryl asked everyone to submit comments to our draft letter by Thursday.
 - b. Seating Enclosures for Seasonal Dining – Cheryl reported that we’re not sure what will happen yet after the PC work session. We know staff will fast-track applications, eliminate need for a public hearing for all seasonal outdoor dining enclosures, but they might be limited to downtown LO areas. Stay tuned for more before the public hearing scheduled for July. Vinyl windows for these types of enclosure are currently prohibited in the Downtown Resign District and the Lake Grove Village Center Overlay. Any changes to this issue will require a Code amendment by PC and Council.
6. Lake Grove Business Association – Bruce reported more on the discussion of Phase 2 of the BFR Renewal Project, especially the parking lot issue. Comments will be submitted regarding the Type II Tree Removal Application for the request to remove 5 large Douglas Firs at 16055 and 16057 BFR owned by Tom Jenike (Permit No. 499-20-02417)
7. Emergency Planning – Jim reported that the team held a limited radio drill and met last month on Zoom to touch bases. They will repeat that this month. He also announced that PrepLO will hold a special Zoom meeting next Tuesday mid-afternoon (June 16, check-in information to be sent later). The special speaker will be Deputy Fire Marshall David Smith, and he will introduce the city’s new system for coordinating CERT graduates, who until now have been anonymous and unavailable to neighborhood associations. Everyone interested in participating should email Jim or Cheryl (or Rick Eilers, if you have his email), and we will send the connection as soon as we get it.
8. Additional land use discussion: The planned development planned by Gerald Mock adjacent to Waluga Dr. and Parkhill Street. 10 lots are to be developed for residential in the woods north of the path through the park with the loss of many trees. He has completed his application and posted signage in the park announcing the project (meeting with neighbors?). Bruce will ask and report back.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm
Respectfully submitted

Jim Newcomer, Secretary

Next virtual meeting through Zoom: July 8, 2020, 6:45 pm