

Waluga Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting
July 8, 2020

Present: Chair Pro Tem: Katherine Purtzer

Board Members: Cindy Maddox, Vice Chair; James Newcomer, Secretary; Sandy Reay,
Treasurer; Cheryl Uchida; Steve Piazza; Rett Russell;

Board Members-at-Large: Carol Lavender; Richard Bennediti;

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:50 by Chair pro-tem Katherine Purtzer.
- II. Minutes of the June meeting were approved.
- III. Treasurer's Report: Sandy reminded us that our account has \$10 automatic monthly payment deducted for Action Network website that enables us to put our blasts on the Internet. Otherwise, unchanged. Report was approved.
- IV. Traffic and Police, Roads, Pathways
 - a. Dick reminded us that under the present circumstances of ongoing demonstrations for Black Lives Matter, police functions and meetings are limited. Even meetings between police and fire departments are limited. He is maintaining ongoing contact, nevertheless.
 - b. Traffic Goals/Action Review –
 - i. Funding for CIP/TSP Projects – several projects are under review but there is no funding, and our requests are far down the line. The Right Turn Only sign on Douglas Way was not recommended by the city Traffic Engineer, and the Boones Ferry Road project prevents a decision anyway.
 - ii. Bus Barn – Cindy reported on progress up to the June 18 pre-app meeting. They are considering a variance to get around non-industrial zoning, re-routing busses to reduce traffic, and other measures to make it acceptable. There will be an opportunity for us to support the move at the DNC **DRC** meeting when it comes up. Cheryl commented that the LOSD website reports that K-5 parents, who have voted on opening schools, are encouraged to drive children to school instead of using the bus – to reduce risk of Corona virus infection.
 - iii. TAB report and No Parking signs on one side of Douglas Way – Traffic Engineer Will Farley: We face a bleak prospect. Parking will probably be allowed on both sides of both Douglas Way and Galewood when the construction is complete on the Mercantile Development, although the situation may change then. The traffic engineers will at that time study the matter and make their decisions.

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1. Cindy reported that Will Farley sent her a list of TSP/Safe Routes to Schools projects by priorities. Two of ours are relatively high on the list.
 - a. Sidewalk along Douglas Way from Hallmark to Boones Ferry Road is #41, and
 - b. Douglas Way west of Hallmark – a sidewalk & landscape strip from Acme Tool to Quarry Road is #157. Note: these are connecting stretches on Douglas Way.
 - c. But there is no money available through 2021, they are reviewing that while we meet tonight, and it is a long process; meanwhile LOSD is talking with them about cooperation.
 - d. Cindy will continue to follow these issues and will share information about the TAB meeting next month.

 - iv. Cheryl reported on the new vegetation planted at the Quarry Road entrance to East Waluga Park by Parks Department Park Mgr., Megan Big John as a part of the 2019-20 NEP project for Waluga NA. Weed pulling done at the entrance to Country Woods Court, for which the city also hauled away the weeds was a volunteer job of Steve and Janice Modesitt. Another Action Plan is to look for similar projects along Quarry Road to help visually narrow the road to calm traffic. We have to check first with the City for appropriate areas before planting.
- V. Land Use Updates and Tree Removal Applications
- A. Shorestein Apartment Project on Meadows Road. The application was approved. In the process, though, the Commission (DRC?) chair noticed the cumulative effect of several developments on traffic in the neighborhood. Planning staff will encourage the DRC to have a study session to identify issues they want to include in a memo or letter to Council about traffic impact studies for this entire area of Lake Grove.
 - B. Mock Property off Waluga Drive – the 10-lot/home tract was approved with the eventual removal of **152** trees. The developer has agreed to set aside 50% more natural space than is required by code. That will be 2 tracts, 2/3 acre, contiguous to the Park.
 - C. Isenhart Two-house project at 4688 Oakridge – Cheryl attended the meeting. This was a required meeting the developer had to have with property owners within 300 ft of the site. Developer needs to submit an application to the City.
 - D. Co-Housing Amendment to Code to allow co-housing. Cheryl proposed we draft letter to urge Planning Commission to defer discussion of changes till we know what is required to implement HB 2001. This Bill will require middle housing dwellings on lots zoned as single-family. Board voted to authorize her to write it with one dissenting vote. The first work session meeting will be held Monday evening, July 13, and will be broadcast on Channel 28 and on YouTube so that Board members can watch.

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- E. Providence Mercantile Development update. Grass has been cut along creek on Idaho property between sidewalk and creek. The other side cannot be cut; it is officially wetland.
 - F. Quarry Glen, new name for 3 new homes across from the park – Developer Paul Mayer says the homes will be completed by end September. The city has approved the landscaping, which has been installed completely with irrigation.
- VI. Committee/Project/Event Reports
- a. No report from Lake Grove Business Association
 - b. Emergency Prep Coordinators will conduct regular monthly radio drill and meeting next week. Visitors are welcome. Contact Jim.
 - c. NEP – the project for 2019-20 to beautify the entrance to East Waluga Park has been completed by the Park Department under leadership of Megan Big John. This area has an irrigation system now. We have no plans to apply for a grant for 2020-21.

Next Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, August 12 at 6:45 pm. Chair pro-tem will be Rett Russell.