

Waluga Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2020

Rett Russell's Patio and Virtually on Zoom

Present: (in person) Rett Russell, Cheryl Uchida, Jim Newcomer, Brice Goldson, Katherine Purtzer, Mark Smith, and Steve Piazza (Chair pro tem)
(Via Zoom) Cindy Maddox, Sandy Reay, Andrea Platt

- I. The meeting was **called to order** at 6:45 by Chair pro tem Steve Piazza.
- II. The **minutes** of our August meeting were approved.
- III. The **treasurer reported** that the bank balance remained the same except for withdrawal of \$10 to pay for our Internet expenses.
- IV. **Traffic and Police, Roads, and Pathway**

Traffic/Police/Fire updates: Dick asked for temporary repairs to try to make the use lanes on BFR smoother Lots of vehicle break-ins lately.

LO Traffic Engineer may gather additional data from our speed feedback sign for example:

1. Speed/volume by the hour,
2. Standard deviation for speed/volume by the hour/day
3. Min/Max speeds
4. Provide data in either .xlsx or .csv format so that it can be analyzed in databases and other software.
5. Get this for time periods Farley provided in the current reports...not just going forward

⌘ **Bus Barn** - Cindy reported that-she hadn't heard back from Tony Vandenberg

V. **Land Use Updates and Tree Removal Applications**

- a. **Shorenstein Apartment Application** – Jim and Cheryl reported that the application was approved by City Council despite the testimony of several neighborhood opponents from Lake Forest and Waluga neighborhood associations, including a letter written by Jim and Cheryl and read by Jim to the Council. Shorenstein's representatives were well prepared. They will go ahead with the projected 160-unit building and removal of 112 trees without further modifications and with no considerations of the impacts of increased traffic.

- b. Lake Grove Business Association and the United Car Wash accessory structure: the Board voted by email not to support writing a letter from the Board for 3 variances to the LGVC overlay code for building design on behalf of the neighborhood in support of the LGBA's position. So Cheryl submitted a letter on behalf of those who had voted in favor of supporting the LGBA. The DRC hearing is tonight.
- c. Bruce also reported that the company next door to Gubanc's is trying to erect a building that is similarly out of compliance with the LGVC overlay code for Building Design Standards and that they should also be denied,
- d. **Trees** – Cheryl reported that two trees have been approved for removal in our neighborhood to make room to construct a larger deck and an addition to a home, and two more have been requested to be removed in Lake Forest-Neighborhood in connection with splitting a lot for a future project.

VI. **Committee/Project/Event Reports**

- a. Lake Grove Business Association – Bruce reported that their last meeting was mostly about the two buildings that are out of compliance, one at the Car Wash and the other next to Gubanc's. Mark Fitkin plans to move his beauty salon across BFR in 2 months, the second party to do that. The association is weighing how to hold a meeting to elect officers for next year.
- b. Emergency Prep – Jim reported on e radio drill and regular meeting (via Zoom) last month, which was devoted to the problems of coping with a disaster in the pandemic and the need for each block's neighbors to reach their own agreement about how to interact in the new situation.

VII. **Planning for Annual General Meeting in October –**

- a. **Program** – Cheryl got agreement from the representative from the city on the BFR project to give an update on the project. We agreed to Andrea's suggestion to invite Debbie Siegal as a representative of the small businesses along the **BF** road, to give us a sense of how they are faring during this upheaval. Bruce will send her our invitation to speak. We agreed also to limit the program to two outside speakers.
- b. **Publicity** – **Mark** sent out email this week to invite new people to attend a Board meeting. The post card invitation to the meeting, which we will request the city to print and send to all residents, landowners, and business owners/operators in our neighborhood, must be submitted to the city by the end of next week.- It will feature the invitation, a description of the program, and directions to email us to obtain the Zoom link to make the reservation. Mark will take the final version and

set it in the right font to prepare it for printing by the city. We still need to select a color for the card stock.

- c. **Naming the Occasion** – Cheryl advised that selecting the right name would boost attendance. Among several colorful suggestions, we selected “New News in Your Neighborhood?” as the title of our meeting.
- d. **Voting** – Jim will send out instructions on how to conduct an election on Zoom.

Meeting Format – We agreed unanimously that in future we will hold our Board meetings in a single format, either all in person or all on Zoom, rather than a combination of both.

Respectfully Submitted,
James Newcomer, Secretary

Next Month: General Neighborhood Meeting Wednesday October 14, 7 pm via Zoom