

Waluga Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2020

Meeting Virtually on Zoom

Participating: Cheryl Uchida, Chair pro-tem, Sandy Reay, Treasurer, Jim Newcomer, Secretary, Brice Goldson, Past-Chair, Katherine Purtzer, Andrea Platt, and Steve Piazza

- I. The meeting was **called to order** at 6:45 by Chair pro tem Cheryl Uchida.
- II. The **minutes** of our September Board meeting and the October General 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. **Oc5ober General Meeting Results:** Cheryl reported that we had gained seven new email addresses of neighbors in Waluga – three from Trillium Woods – for our mailing list. She also wrote letters of thanks to our speakers.
- V. **Traffic/Fire/Police.** Richard Benedetti emailed his report as follows:

He continued to contact the Police and Fire Chiefs regularly and the Police Traffic Supervisor and Traffic Engineer.

Just today he asked for some additional patrols on Quarry – Speeds appear to be up – and they started immediately when the Traffic Supervisor picked up Dick’s email on his car radio.

He also plans to request that the speed-reader be placed on Quarry Road near Douglas.

A while back he contacted the TE on the pedestrian problem near the roundabout. This has been a problem, and the white striping done last year is not adequate. Most people didn’t even notice they were added.

Finally, we need to update our traffic goals and action plans for 2021. Dick requested that each Board member email him so he could put the list together and we could vote at our December meeting.

He suggests that we keep the Goals the same.

On the Action Plans, continue to fight for funding for our projects already approved in the city list of approved, but not funded, Capital Improvement projects, including:

- Keep the action plan to move the bus barn.
- Temporarily hold until 2022 the no left turn on Douglas until the Boones Ferry project is complete.
- Keep going after more vegetation planting on Quarry.
- Cancel the No Parking signs on Douglas as the city has indicated it is not going to happen.

We can continue to monitor parking in the neighborhood overall.

I would add two projects: to

1. Improve protection for pedestrians around the roundabout and
2. Add a crosswalk across Galewood at Quarry.

He requests input from everyone by 12/1, and he will have copies to pass out and review at the December meeting.

VI. Cheryl knocked on the doors of the three **new homes** on Quarry Road and spoke with the one person who answered her knock. On relocation of the Bus Barn, she had nothing to report.

VII. **Construction Projects.** Cheryl reported her conversation with Tim Johnson at Shorenstein Company. Construction on the Meadows Road apartment project will begin next summer (2021) with the removal of 113 trees. They may, since we have complained, hire an environmental consultant. Bruce reported the design team is doing the Design Development Drawings. The staging area and parking for construction workers will be in the parking lots nearby.

a. **Unpermitted Buildings on BFR.** United Car Wash has withdrawn its application for a variance and will take down their building that was out of compliance. Gubanc's neighbor will also take down theirs.

b. **Providence Mercantile Project.** Mercantile Drive will remain closed until the utilities they discovered under it have been removed and the street re-paved.

c. **Outdoor Dining and other Enclosures** during the Pandemic. Cheryl reported on (LU 20-0049) code change proposal that addresses

i. Exempting awnings and canopies over outdoor dining areas from design review during the COVID-19 pandemic and

ii. Replacing the 14-day restriction on temporary shelters with a longer timeframe for certain commercial uses during COVID-19/

iii. These changes require a public hearing before the Planning Commission, which is scheduled for Nov. 23, 2020. After the hearing, the Planning Commission will make a final recommendation and forward this to City Council which will make a final decision. In the meantime some businesses will be allowed to erect temporary outdoor enclosures in order to continue in business without spreading the disease.

d. **Co-Housing.** [To be completed.]

e. **Mock Addition aka Waluga Park Estates** (North of path between East and West Waluga Parks). Bruce reported that the application will likely be approved by the Planning Commission in January and construction will begin in Spring 2021.

f. **Kruse Village.** Gramor Corp. will go to the Design Review Commission in December to get a change of designation for some of the eating places and their authorized parking places. The present limitation on parking is preventing them from leasing some empty spaces in the mall.

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. **Lake Grove Business Association.** Bruce reported that at their meeting last Tuesday, Katie Kirklaan and Crystal Shum from city staff assured them that the BFR project is on time and within budget. They also discussed the shelter/enclosure issue for restaurants mentioned above and the design requirements for new buildings on BFR in Lake Grove. Cheryl is representing Waluga on a new committee that will begin meeting next week to review the building and streetscape standards in Lake Grove. The committee will have a member from each neighborhood plus commission members – and Bruce Goldson.
- b. **Emergency Preparations.** Jim reported that we will meet next week via Zoom and discuss possible winter storm and snow emergencies.
- c. **Friends of Waluga Park.** Will is organizing a work party for 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 21. Meet at the Park Shelter. That same morning the Second Annual LO Tree Summit will meet via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Next meeting, also on Zoom, will be December 9 at 6:45 p.m. Cheryl will choose a Chair for the meeting.