

Waluga Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2021

Present:

Board Members Present	Andrea Platt, Chair Pro Tempore; Cheryl Uchida; Cindy Maddox, Vice Chair; Jim Newcomer, Secretary; Sandy Reay, Treasurer; Bruce Goldson; Katherine Purtzer; Steve Piazza; Rett Russell
Board Members at Large Present	Carol Lavender

- I. **Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 6:45 by Chair pro tempore, Andrea Platt.
- II. **Approval of January 13, 2020 Minutes:** The minutes were approved with additional edits from former chair, Cheryl Uchida.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Sandy reported that our bank balance was reduced by the normal monthly fee of \$10.00 to Action Network.
- IV. **WNA Traffic & Police, Roads, Pathways**
 - a. **Pedestrian Safety:** No report in Dick's absence
 - b. Traffic Goals/Action Plan 2021
 - i. **Galewood-Quarry:** Sandy and Carol sent an email to Stefan Broadus w/cc to Will Farley, Traffic Engineer, about the lack of a crosswalk and sidewalk at intersection of Galewood and Quarry. They also sent an email to Traffic Advisory Board asking them to prepare for the increase in pedestrian traffic caused by the Mercato Grove project and the 160 apartments to be built on Meadows Road. Specifically they asked the City to consider two aspects: the need for revising the CIP/TSP#155 project and a possible increase in funding in order to pay for the revisions.
 - ii. **Quarry Road Roundabout:** Andrea talked to a motorcycle policeman about getting a patrolman on the Roundabout, but he said there is no safe place for them to park and watch.
 - 1. Steve said vegetation was pruned quite low at the crosswalk areas by the Roundabout.
 - 2. Cheryl has suggested to Dick that he look into flashing beacon lights at Roundabout crosswalks, particularly the one from Ava Roasteria to the Galewood Commons apartments.
 - iii. Cheryl and Jeff continue to monitor parking on neighborhood streets during the construction times for the Mercato.

V. Land Use updates – Cheryl

- a. Mercato Grove (AKA Mercantile Village) development update:
 - i. The developer reported to Cheryl that work continues to move ahead for completion for at the least retail portion by May 2021. Apartments will slowly be completed and leasing probably has begun now through March. Concrete sidewalks along all sides of the development are being installed now. Entrance to parking garage being installed now-March. Landscaping and irrigation will be installed in March.
 - ii. The City plans to host a multiple Sunday pilot farmers market from 1-5 p.m., March through April of this spring, mostly, we suspect, to showcase the Mercato Grove.
 - iii. The first phase of a slow opening for retail and the apartment tenants is still planned for March, but the whole project will likely not be completed until December-
- b. **The LGBA and Neighborhood Code Overlay work group** met-this morning to continue reworking the building design standards for the West Lake Grove Design District (WLGDD) and the Lake Grove Village Center Plan (LGVC) overlays code. Next mtg is Feb. 24. The purpose of the group is to unify, simplify, and modernize building design and materials standards in the overlay codes for future development in the two ends of Boones Ferry Road. Cheryl, our representative to the group, attended.
- c. **Bonita Road:** 9-home planned development (LU 19-0068)- The developer held a virtual neighborhood meeting Jan. 14, which Cheryl & Sandy attended. Next the developer will submit a land use application to the City, and when the city confirms that it is complete, a public hearing with Development Review Commission will be scheduled.
- d. **House Bills 2001 & 2003 update:** Andrea reported that the consultants hired by the city have received the results of their survey of the neighborhoods that determined what each neighborhood values about itself. The HB 2001 survey produced 870 responses city-wide, which have not yet been tabulated. LO planner, Erik Olson hosted a meeting of neighborhood reps that Andrea and Cheryl attended, at which the reps presented each neighborhood's unique qualities to Cascadia Partners, the consultant who will draft the amendment code to implement the city's interpretation of the new middle housing law. Along with the other representatives, Cheryl and Andrea discussed with them what makes Waluga neighborhood unique. At the next PC mtg a member of the Fair Housing Council of Oregon will give a report-
- e. **Type II Tree Removal Applications:** The city has received three separate applications:
 - i. 4511 Oakridge Rd., Trillium Woods, for removal of 4 Katsura trees at. The Trillium Woods HOA officers have reconsidered their application in the light of their relationship with the Waluga Neighborhood Association and will revise and submit a new mitigation plan.
 - ii. **4260 Galewood** (Soldera and Pacific Management) to remove two mature trees, a 39" Douglas fir and a 24" maple, in anticipation that their roots will damage property if left to grow.
 - iii. **Uplands Park HOA**– Request to remove a cedar 11 ½" in diameter.

VI. Committee/Project/Event Reports

- a. **City Council** has adopted new goals and initiatives for 2021 that are extensive and ambitious. Among their goals is banning all use of gasoline-powered landscape equipment by city contractors. The goals are available at the city's website at <https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/citycouncil/2021-city-council-goals> (and are attached in the email for your reference.)
- b. **Lake Grove Business Association** – Bruce reported on the February 2 meeting. Crystal up-dated the members on the Boones Ferry Road Improvement Project including placement near the Medical Building and South of the Shell station of a bench made from one of the Douglas firs that was cut to widen the road. Members were surprised by the announcement of the new pilot Farmer's Market plan. The late start limits applications for stalls. Mayor Buck again attended the meeting.
- c. **WNA Emergency Preparedness** update – Jim reported on their January radio drill and Zoom meeting, where they discussed placing a container with medical and perhaps other supplies in a central location where it could serve as a first-aid station and neighborhood headquarters in case of a disaster. Block Coordinators have volunteered to gather information on various aspects of the proposal, from location to contents to sponsorship by local merchants. Security will remain a concern. Next meeting is Feb. 18 at 7 pm.
- d. **Friends of Waluga Park** will hold a work party, this time in West Waluga Park, on the first or second ~~weekend~~ Saturday in March. Will Mahoney-Watson will send an announcement when the time nears via Action Network. When not all Board members were sure that they are connected on that network, Cheryl volunteered to send a test message, with Mark Smith's assistance.
- e. **Special Announcement** – Winter Shelter Site for Houseless in Crown Plaza Hotel: Cheryl received a ~~notice~~ call from a Clackamas County Emergency Management representative that they County ~~have~~ has received Federal funding, and the hotel's owner ~~will donate~~ has offered the use of the hotel to shelter the houseless-for two months beginning as soon as the end of February.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm

Our next Zoom Board Meeting will be March 10, 2021, 6:45 pm. Chair Pro Tempore will be either Steve or Jim.

Respectfully submitted,

James Newcomer, Secretary