

Waluga Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2021

Present:

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

- I. **Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 6:45 on Zoom by Chair pro tempore, Katherine Purtzer.
- II. **Approval of March 10, 2020 Minutes:** The minutes were approved
- 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. **Community Policing:** Dick reported that he had participated in a panel, one of seven, as part of the program to review Police policies and develop a Community Policing Plan with citizen participation over the next four to six months.
 - b. **Traffic Goals/Action Plan 2021**
 - i. **Galewood-Quarry:** Dick reported that he talked with Will Farley, the Traffic Engineer, about extending the sidewalk along Galewood from the end of the present sidewalk to Quarry Road. Although Farley originally had agreed to put a painted line along Galewood from the sidewalk to Quarry Road, Erica Rooney, Chief Engineer, decided that (a) the line would not be safe, and (b) pedestrian traffic along Galewood has not increased enough to create a need for it. Once the two apartment buildings under construction (Mercato and Meadows Rd.) fill up, they will evaluate the increase in pedestrian traffic on Galewood to see if it warrants the considerable expense of installing further pedestrian safety measures. The Board agreed that we need to establish in advance a baseline count of pedestrian traffic and a threshold for action after the new projects are occupied.
 - ii. **Douglas Way:** The police traffic department is working with Lake Grove Elementary School to develop a safe route plan for parents who are picking up and dropping off children at the school. Cindy has received no further news about it.
 - iii. **Quarry Road Roundabout:**
 - 1. Dick reported that Will Farley will have some of the vegetation pruned to ensure good vision. He will also check to make sure of maximum street lighting. Andrea was asked to see who owns the light pole and whose responsibility it is to increase the lighting. Steve added that he took photos

of the poles last year, and although the tags said PGE, the lights actually belong to the city.

- iv. **Bus Barn:** Rett reported no change in situation.

V. Land Use updates – Cheryl

- a. **Mercato Grove** (AKA Mercantile Village) development update:
 - i. The developer reported that they are now waiting for utilities to be installed and for inspection and approval by the LO Fire Marshal. Cheryl also reported that the plans for their grand opening include a ‘mallard escapade.’
 - ii. The pilot Lake Grove Farmers’ Market on Hallmark Drive will continue through this month. It has attracted a steady, but not overwhelming, crowd. Vendors are changing weekly except the vegetable and the flower stalls. Event coordinators are Janice Inglis and Amy Liu who also manage the Lake Oswego Farmers’ Market in Millennium Park.
- b. **Boones Ferry Road Improvement Project:** Crystal Shum, Project Lead, and Katy Kerklaan, Project Information Manager, presented an update to the City Council and also to the Lake Grove Business Association this month. Cheryl is monitoring the plantings as a member of the Project Advisory Committee. **Rett** noted that the benches being installed along Zupan’s shopping center have unpainted iron arm rests that will soon rust.
- c. **Affordable Housing on BFR:** Cheryl reported that the city, which purchased the properties on BFR near Sunset Drive to use as a staging area for the BFR Improvement Project, now plans to rezone them when construction is complete. The City Council has requested that the Planning Commission rezone them to designate them Multi-Family and then sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Metro & Clackamas County to purchase and build affordable housing there. The contracted consultants have invited the three neighborhood associations, the LGBA and Lake Forest neighbors to send representatives to a meeting on May 4 to discuss the project.
- d. **House Bills 2001 & 2003 update:** The Planning Commission (PC) met and heard two speakers, a developer and a representative of the Home Builders Assoc. of Metropolitan Portland, report on “middle housing, by which they meant townhouses. Their conclusion was that townhouses would probably not be cost-effective in Lake Oswego because of high land costs. At the next PC meeting, April 26, they will hear a report on the infrastructure requirements for townhouses in LO.
- e. **Potential Infill Development** at 3811 Carman Drive, a large property in Holly Orchard Neighborhood with a house that has been designated a historical site, has been proposed by a developer. The project would add five new houses on the parcel with the historical house.

VI. Committee/Project/Event Reports

- a. **Lake Grove Elementary School** – Cindy reported that classes will resume in shifts, an arrangement that will require more bus trips. She also has received no information regarding plans for fall classes, but mentioned that Jenny Knapp is the interim principal.
- b. **Lake Grove Business Association** – Bruce reported on the March 2 meeting. Katy and Crystal reported on the Boones Ferry Road Improvement Project, specifically that the paving should be finished in July or August. The Association President, developer Mark Fitkin and other neighborhood stakeholders continue to meet about merging the building design standards for West Lake Grove and the Lake Grove Village Center.

- c. **WNA Emergency Preparedness** update – Jim reported that they have invited representatives of the Bryant NA to observe their radio drill next Tuesday. At their April Zoom meeting the E. P. Coordinators will discuss further the plan to position a container of medical and other supplies to be used by the neighborhood in case of disaster. They will discuss a similar plan in Marin County, California. The meeting will be April 22 at 7 pm. on Zoom.
- d. **Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Grant** applications are due May 14. Cheryl has suggested a landscaping project to be conducted in cooperation with the School District. It would require volunteers to execute.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm

Our next Zoom Board Meeting will be May 12, 2021, at 6:45 pm. Chair Pro Tempore will be Sandy Reay.

Respectfully submitted,

James Newcomer, Secretary