

Waluga Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2021

Present

Board Members Present	Chair Pro Tempore; Sandy Reay, Cindy Maddox, Vice Chair; Jim Newcomer, Secretary; 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 6:50 on Zoom by Chair pro tempore Sandy Reay.
- II. **Approval of April 12, 2020 Minutes:** Approval of the minutes was tabled until the June meeting at the suggestion of 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. **Police:** Nothing new to report. Except that the city is installing new smart water meters at homes throughout the city, including Waluga Neighborhood, and that the smart meters require a special tool to shut them off. Whether or not they can be turned back on by residents is unclear. The change would affect our emergency planning routines. Kevin McCaleb at the Water Bureau can answer our questions.
 - b. **Traffic Goals/Action Plan 2021**
 - i. **Douglas Way:** The person in charge of the delineator poles at the intersection of Douglas Way and Quarry Road is Erica Rooney, who is coordinating the Safe Pathway for Schools program.
 - ii. **Bus Barn:** Our speaker, Anthony Vandenberg, reported that the school district has been quietly redesigning their approach to acquiring the property for a new site. He will reach out to neighborhood associations for support when they are further along.
- V. **Guest Speakers** – Mary Kay Larson, Director of Communications for the Lake Oswego School District, reported on progress on the LOSD Strategic Plan. Following that she introduced Tony Vandenberg, Executive Director of Project Management, to give us an overview of progress on projects that were made possible by the School Bond Measure passed in 2017. These include a main project, construction of the Lakeridge Middle School as a net-zero building with many innovative electronic learning tools built into it as well as seismic upgrades to other schools and to every school gym with an eye to making the gyms serve their neighborhoods in case of a major earthquake.

VI. Land Use updates – Cheryl

- a. **Mercato Grove** (AKA Mercantile Village) development update: Damon Tarlow, the manager of the project, has begun renting units. Two restaurants are open for takeout so far. Tarlow has offered to take the Board on a tour.
- b. **Affordable Housing on BFR:** The city, which purchased the group of properties on BFR near Sunset Drive to use as a staging area for the BFR Improvement Project, is still working to rezone the properties when construction is complete.

VII. Committee/Project/Event Reports

- a. **Lake Grove Business Association** – no report.
- b. **WNA Emergency Preparedness** update – Jim reported that they have foregone a NEP grant application for equipment this year. Instead they will focus on planning for next year, when a committee made up of City Council members, Fire Department representatives, and a representative from PrepLO, David Kainoa, will set new guidelines. The EP coordinators have invited David to their next meeting to discuss it. The meeting will be May 20 at 7 pm. on Zoom. Anyone who wants to attend should contact Jim to get the Zoom link.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Our next Zoom Board Meeting will be June 9, 2021, at 6:45 pm. Chair Pro Tempore will be Steve Piazza.

Respectfully submitted,

James Newcomer, Secretary