

Waluga Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2021

Present

Board Members Present	Chair Pro Tempore; Steve Piazza; Cindy Maddox, Vice Chair; Jim Newcomer, Secretary; Cheryl Uchida; Rett Russell; Kathryn Purtzer; Mark Smith
Board Member at Large present	Carol Lavender

- I. **Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 6:50 on Zoom by Chair pro tempore Steve Piazza.
- II. **Approval of Minutes of April and May 2021, Meetings:** Minutes of both meetings were approved.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Sandy was absent, and no treasurer's report was presented.
- IV. **WNA Traffic & Police, Roads, Pathways** – In Dick's absence, there was nothing except Cheryl's report of her recent meeting with Will Farley about the traffic cone that remains on top of the broken-off light pole near the Carman Drive circle.
- V. **Guest Speaker:** Jenny Knapp, new Principal of Lake Grove Elementary School, was introduced and spoke about her plans for the upcoming school year and the construction program going on this summer. She also graciously answered many questions from Board Members.
- VI. **Land Use updates** – Cheryl
 - a. **Mercato Grove** (AKA Mercantile Village) development update: Damon Tarlow, the manager of the project, is continuing to rent units. Two restaurants are open for takeout, and CVS Pharmacy has opened as well. Tarlow offered to take the Board on a tour, and Cheryl will follow up and schedule it. Kathryn suggested that we ask for a Wednesday or a Saturday. Carol said that she and Mark would be available on Saturdays. Parking in the village will consist of 317 places for residents, 86 for visitors, and 210 commercial spaces for a total of 607 places when construction is complete.
 - b. **Affordable Housing on BFR:** The city, which purchased the six lots on BFR near Sunset Drive to use as a staging area for the BFR Improvement Project, intends to rezone the properties when construction is complete and construct three buildings each three stories or fewer of 50 units each. They are intended for families.
 - c. **HB 2001, 2003:** The consultants want to form a committee made up of representatives from advisory boards and some neighborhood associations. They will ask the City Council at their June 15 for approval meeting to proceed on the middle housing issue.

VII. Committee/Project/Event Reports

- a. **Lake Grove Business Association** – no report.
- b. **WNA Emergency Preparedness** update – Jim reported that they invited David Kainoa, representative of PrepLO and Emergency Prep Coordinator for Lake Forest NA, to their last meeting to discuss new guidelines for NEP Grants and standards for equipment storage for use in post-disaster situations. David disclosed the possibility of changes in the planning and approval process in the coming year, and our EP Team will work to design a plan for each street in Waluga over the summer. The next meeting will be July 22 at 7 pm. on Zoom. Anyone who wants to attend should contact Jim to get the Zoom link.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

Next Board Meeting (also via Zoom) will be July 14, 2021, at 6:45 pm. Chair Pro Tempore will be Rett Russell.

Respectfully submitted,

James Newcomer, Secretary