

Waluga Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2021

Present:

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

- I. **Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 6:45 by Chair pro tempore, Steve Piazza, on Zoom.
- II. **Approval of February 10, 2020 Minutes:** The minutes were approved
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Cheryl reported on behalf of Sandy 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 on the City Council meeting last night, when they kicked off 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 met with the Traffic Engineer, who agreed with Bruce's idea to put the crosswalk in the street.
Sandy and Carol are absent this evening; they are instead attending the meeting of the 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. They are asking the TAB to incorporate funding for the project to pay for the revisions.
 - ii. **Douglas Way:** Dick reported to the police that the proposed new traffic pattern for parents dropping-off and picking-up their children at Lake Grove Elementary School will create a dangerous traffic backup. As it stands, the line of waiting cars on Douglas Way will affect traffic all the way out to Quarry Road.
 - iii. **Quarry Road Roundabout:**
 - 1. Although vegetation was pruned low at the crosswalk areas at the Roundabout, several low tree limbs still block vision. Dick has emailed the Traffic Engineer about them.
 - 2. The Traffic Engineer estimates that flashing beacon lights at the Roundabout crosswalks, particularly the one from Ava Roasteria to the Galewood Commons apartments, would cost around \$50,000 per light. The volume of pedestrian traffic is light, he maintained, and doesn't require a light now. But if it increases, might change his decision.

- iv. **Bus Barn:** Rett called Tony Vandenberg, who said that they have made no progress on relocating it. The School Board is focused on getting school open this spring after the pandemic.
- v. **Commercial Business Overflow Parking:** Cheryl and Jeff Novak are continuing to monitor this.

V. **Land Use updates** – Cheryl

- a. **Mercato Grove** (AKA Mercantile Village) development update:
 - i. The developer reported to Cheryl that they will have apartment tenants signing up from now through summer.
 - ii. Some trucks, depending on size, will have enough overhead clearance to drive up to upper levels in the apartment parking garage. Trucks that are too high will have to make deliveries from the ground level of the retail spaces.
 - iii. The pilot Lake Grove Farmers’ Market opened Sunday from 1-5 p.m. on Hallmark Drive and attracted a large crowd. As nearly as anyone could tell, parking was limited to the designated place at the LGES parking lot on Douglas Way.
- 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. They will meet again next Monday.
- c. **House Bills 2001 & 2003 update:** At the last PC mtg a representative from the Fair Housing Council of Oregon spoke about the relationship between HB 2001 & 2003 and the social dimensions of housing policy. Planning staff will seek direction from Planning Commission (PC) on future opportunities to learn from professionals who helped develop the legislation, including housing advocates and home builders.
- d. Cascadia Partners consulting service is continuing to compile LO community and neighborhood association interview responses about valued characteristics of the community and individual neighborhoods. Responses will be shared to the PC in May 2022. They have also met with business associations, real estate agents, and the Home Builders Association to hear their views. The results of their survey will be shared with the City Council in May.
- e. **Type II Tree Removal Applications:** Waluga NA has received notice of four separate applications from the City:
 - i. 4511 Oakridge Rd., Trillium Woods, received approval for removal of four Katsura trees and will replant four other trees but not in the same location.
 - ii. **4260 Galewood.** The removal of the 39” Douglas fir and 24” maple were approved.
 - iii. **Uplands Park HOA**– The 11 ½” cedar was also approved for removal.
 - iv. **Oakridge Road** – a 52 1/2” Douglas fir and a 31” Douglas fir were approved for removal to allow access to a flag lot construction site.
- f. Possible Low-Income Family Housing on BFR – The City is proposing construction of a new multi-family low-income housing project in what is now the staging area for the BFR improvement project on Boones Ferry Road. The project would require approval of rezoning of this property by the Planning Commission and a Memorandum of

Understanding (MOU) with Metro and the Housing Authority of Clackamas County with Council approval. This topic will be reviewed at the March 16 Council meeting.

VI. Committee/Project/Event Reports

- a. **Lake Grove Elementary School** – Cindy described the problems raised by the school’s drop-off plan in more detail – including how it may cause backups in traffic on Quarry Road in both directions during staggered pick-up times (1:45 to 2:45 p.m.). She asked all Board members to take pictures of backed up traffic on Quarry if we see any.
 - i. Cindy also had an email exchange with Tony Vandenberg about the renovation planned at LGES. He informed her that work will begin at the end of the school year and be completed by the beginning of school in the fall.
- b. **Lake Grove Business Association** – Bruce reported on the March 2 meeting. They heard reports by the City on the Boones Ferry Road Improvement Project and by the Parks Department on the opening of the pilot Lake Grove Farmers’ Market.
- c. **WNA Emergency Preparedness** update – Jim reported on their February radio drill and Zoom meeting, which featured a presentation by Ken Slickers, Chair of the Westlake NA, on short-term battery usage. This month the E. P. Coordinators will meet and discuss our experiences during and after the snow-ice storm in February. Cheryl will also give a short introduction to LO radio communications stakeholders group sponsored by the LO Fire Dept. The meeting will be March 18 at 7 pm. on Zoom.
- d. **Friends of Waluga Park** will hold a work party in West Waluga Park this Saturday, from 9-11 am. Participants must register with Will Mahoney-Watson in advance.
- e. **Action Network Test** – Not all Board members received notices of the park work party. Cheryl recently edited the group contact list. She agreed to have Mark Smith send out a test message again. Everyone who receives the test should reply to affirm receipt. The ones who do not will be added to the list.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

Our next Zoom Board Meeting will be April 14, 2021, at 6:45 pm. Chair Pro Tempore will be Katherine Purtzer.

Respectfully submitted,

James Newcomer, Secretary