

WALUGA NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2022

Zoom Meeting

Board Members present: Cheryl Uchida, Cindy Maddox, Sandy Reay, Bruce Goldson, Rett Russell, Katherine Purtzer, Steve Piazza, Mark Exley, Carol Lavender

Guest: Amin Wahab, Transportation Advisory Board member and WNA neighbor.

6:54 Welcome and Introductions

Minutes for March 9th meeting and Treasure's Report both approved.

I. WNA Traffic, Police, Fire and Traffic Action Plans

A. Action Plans

1. School bus barn relocation – Cindy gave a report from Tony Vandenberg, SD Project Manager: "We have completed our neighborhood meeting to inform Rosewood about the planned development. Currently we are updating our studies and drawings along with our land use application. We will be working with a facilitator to assist in communicating with neighbors to understand concerns. We have not locked in a date for our submittal, but we are working toward a date in the next couple of months. Timing may be adjusted based on conversations with stakeholders. I will keep you posted as we move forward."
2. Safe routes to schools – Cindy reported that a project manager for this project has been hired and is starting soon. One of their first tasks will be to familiarize themselves with the project and begin the neighborhood coordination.
3. Traffic congestion of queuing cars on Douglas Way and Quarry Road – Cindy contacted someone from Bryant Elementary neighborhood to help form a committee with other neighborhoods to discuss the problem of cars queuing at many schools.
4. Increase pedestrian safety at Carmen Dr. and roundabout – Dick said the brush on the roundabout from the ground up to about 3 ft. has been trimmed. You can see better now to the other sides and also for pedestrians. Per Jim Bateman, Asst. City Director of Maintenance, the lower branches on the pedestrian medians will be trimmed so pedestrians aren't hidden by them. He also confirmed that the pedestrian median lights have been changed out to the newer, stronger LED bulbs.
5. Increase pedestrian safety at Carmen Dr. and Galewood St. – Carol reported that the City Traffic Engineer is to get back to us by July to determine if there is enough pedestrian traffic to justify the expense of the crosswalk and sidewalk. From comments he has made Dick thinks the chance of approval are slim and the Board should decide if they want to go over the TE to his boss.
6. Monitor parking in commercial developments in neighborhood – Cheryl reported the property at 4284 Oakridge Rd is for sale. Would the City buy it for a parking lot?
7. Improve intersection at Oakridge Rd and Waluga Dr for safe pedestrian crossing – Mark Exley has not learned anything new.

Cheryl introduced guest Amin Wahab, who works at the Portland Dept. of Environmental Services and is a Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) member who lives in our neighborhood. TAB members have to represent all the neighborhoods in Lake Oswego. In our neighborhood, he brought up Traffic Action Plan #5 and said he will make sure it stays on the list of city projects. He feels the Boones Ferry Road project has added value to our community and increased property values. Safe walking to Lake Grove Elementary School is another project he feels strongly about. Also, Carman and Waluga Dr. need something added to facilitate walking and biking on them. He was asked if Waluga Neighborhood will be getting any funding from the City from Build Back Better. We discussed bus routes and bike lanes in our Waluga neighborhood. And how much traffic would use the parking lots on Oakridge, if the City would purchase them.

II. Land Use

- A. Quarry Commons development won't disrupt Quarry Road until June so it won't impede the school buses.
- B. Kruse Oaks IV apartments – rough grading work is complete and they will start drilling for pier columns on rocks.
- C. Amato Enterprises Three Sisters Creek restoration work – they have gotten their permits and work should begin in May or June including restoring the bridge.
- D. Middle Housing update – the LO Planning Commission will determine at a public hearing on April 11 whether to accept the HB 2001 Middle Housing Code amendments.

III. Committee, Projects, Events Announcements

- A. LGBA – Bruce reported that the Boones Ferry Road project managers attended and said they have several items still on their punch list. Striping has to wait until weather is warmer and drier. There will be a Ribbon Cutting on April 18th plus a walking tour of BFR. A residential/commercial building will replace the two old houses on west side of BFR near Sunset.
- B. Emergency Preparedness – Two-way radio drill on April 19. The meeting on April 21st at 7pm on Zoom will feature the Humane Society presenting How to secure your pets in an Emergency.
- C. Friends of Waluga Park work party did ivy removal on East Waluga Park.
- D. Neighborhood Enhancement Program NEP – deadline May 31. Our suggested project is to refurbish the WNA wooden sign at the median by the roundabout.
- E. BFR Ribbon Cutting ceremony – April 18, 10am, Zupan's wayside.
- F. Discussed putting a plaque somewhere in park to honor past board member Kate O'Reilly.
- G. Heritage tree nomination – Cheryl – there is a tree on Mercato Grove property. Deadline is in February, 2023.
- H. Major's Roundtable – April 21, 5-7 pm via Zoom.
- I. Lake Grove Revitalization meeting recap – Cheryl. Discussed holiday decorations on Boones Ferry Road.

- IV. Future meeting plans beginning for May 11th, 2022 meeting. In person at Our Saviors Lutheran Church **OR** Zoom?

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Desmond Reay
Secretary

Next WNA board meeting on Wednesday, May 11th, 2022, 6:45pm, Zoom **or** in person