

## Waluga Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2023

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Board Members Chair, Carol Lavender, Cheryl Uchida, Sandy Reay, Bruce Goldson, Rett Russel,  
Present: Mark Smith  
Board Members Dick Benedetti, Katherine Purtzer  
At Large:  
Guests: Steve Chon, LOPD Training Officer, Zoe Morza, Trainee

6:50 Welcome and introduction of two police officers.

Approval of January minutes. No new Treasurer's report.

1. Officer Chon reported that criminals think LO is an easy target because people don't lock their cars and they leave valuables in them. He suggested homeowners leave their exterior lights on to dissuade robbers. Catalytic converters are being stolen in our city. We asked if bicycles are required to stop at stop signs if there is no traffic at stop signed intersections. They will find out.
2. **Traffic Goals and Action plans** - Dick/Sandy discussed replacing the white poles on Sn Galewood with iron fencing, but the thought was they would not work because they need to be cemented in and have no give if hit by a bicycle or a car. We will talk to Will Farley to see what plans, if any, the City has as a replacement for the poles which were supposed to be a temporary traffic deterrent. (TSP#155) Dick asked Will if they plan to remove the yellow ADA ramps that aren't being used. He said they don't plan to remove them in case they may be used in the next few years.  
Action Plan #6 – Cheryl gave a brief update on the LO Staff & Planning Commission work on the State's Climate Friendly and Equitable Community Rules (CFEC) and how it will impact LO's parking code. It will reduce the parking requirements..
3. School District News – Cindy will be meeting on Monday, February 13th with John Parke, Jennie Knapp, Will Farley and Bryan Sheldon to discuss ways/solutions to mitigate the traffic issues for the drop-off and pick-up of students at Lake Grove Elementary School. Hopefully, they will come up with some solutions to improve the flow of traffic there.
4. **Land Use News** – Cheryl
  - A. Daniel Way – the Three Sisters creek is flowing across the street and flooding onto the Yakima property. The City is waiting for approval of application for creek restoration work.
  - B. Pickleball courts at Westlake Park. A pre-application meeting scheduled on Feb. 9 for the City to convert 2 tennis courts to 6 pickleball courts.
  - C. Three Sisters Creek restoration work behind Ortho Clinic on Mercantile Dr. is completed. Flooding is still occurring in ground floor apartments at Mercato Grove.
  - D. Quarry Commons mixed use – street tear up has finished and final paving will be done when weather warms up.
  - E. Bus Barn relocation – the DRC upheld the findings for the School District, and the Rosewood neighborhood has filed an appeal to City Council.
5. **City News** – Cheryl.
  - A. Neighborhood Chairs Committee (NCC) met on Jan. 7 and Jan 28 via Zoom.
  - B. Mayor's Roundtable scheduled for Feb. 23 in person at City Hall, 5:30-7 pm to discuss Visioning of LO Library.
6. **Committees, Projects and Events news:**

- A. LGBA – Bruce reported on their meeting of Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. They are going to dissolve and become part of the LO Chamber of Commerce. Any funds of the LGBA will be given to the Chamber to be used for projects in the Lake Grove area. The LGBA members will continue to meet once a month as a Sub-Committee. The LO Parks dept. will continue the Farmers Market on Hallmark Street in the Fall. The City will contribute \$7,000 to help fund it. The Business Recovery Center is promoting restaurants in LO. They have a large budget.
- B. Emergency Preparedness - Cheryl. They will have a radio drill on Tuesday, Feb. 21 and a EP meeting on Feb. 16, both at 7 pm.
- C. Friends of Waluga Park – Will Mahoney-Watson – there will be a work party at East Waluga Park on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-11am.

Dick reminded us that the Police Non-Emergency phone # is 503-635-0238.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Next meeting is March 8, 2023 at 6:45pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Chair of the Month will be Sandy Desmond-Reay.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Desmond-Reay, Secretary