



MINUTES OF THE LAKE GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING

Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, June 18, 2015, 7:00 PM

Board Members present: Chair Jerry Nierengarten, Treasurer Rob Loesch, Secretary Chuck Fisher, Directors: Janet Buck, Mike Buck, Jay Clark, Trudy Corrigan

Attendees: See Attached

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Treasurer Report: On behalf of Treasurer Rob Loesch, Chair Nierengarten reported the amount on deposit at Bank of Oswego had not changed from the prior report of \$2,899.68. Director Mike Buck reported a \$29.99 invoice had been presented for payment.

Minutes: The May 21, 2015 Board Meeting minutes were approved.

Presentations:

Jack Polales, representing "Our Oregon"

The organization "Our Oregon" requested the opportunity to make a presentation at a Lake Grove Neighborhood Association Board meeting. Jack Polales representing "Our Oregon" made the presentation. The theme of the presentation was tax reform to improve Oregon school funding and basic social services. "Our Oregon" seeks to raise revenue from large and out-of-state corporations. The organization is part of a coalition seeking to bring an initiative forward that would increase the minimum tax on large corporations with over 25 million dollars in Oregon sales.

Old Business:

Neighborhood Enhancement Grant (NEP) Grant: Finalizing Grant Discussion and Schedule to Complete Work Before June 30th Deadline

Chair Nierengarten lead a discussion of the merits of two specific previously identified possible projects; new meeting signage and a LGNA website. Director Mike

Buck introduced a third possible project, improving certain median landscaping in Boones Ferry Road.

Director Janet Buck identified the need for improved meeting notice signs. She reported that she had completed the research of sign design and costs. She presented the sign design. She also presented a cost estimate of about \$250 for six individual signs. She volunteered to be the sign project coordinator.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of making application for funding for additional neighborhood signs.

Secretary Chuck Fisher summarized the information obtained from the discussion with the Sarah Selden regarding NEP funding for a website. There was a general discussion regarding the usefulness of a website. A website would foster better communication between the neighborhood association and neighborhood residents. Secretary Fisher agreed to be the website project coordinator.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of making application for funding for a LGNA website.

Director Mike Buck explained a proposal for improving the median in Boones Ferry Rd in the vicinity of Twin Fir Rd. He showed a photo of the median area. There was agreement that improvement of the median had merit.

There was uncertainty about the cost of the improvements to the Boones Ferry Rd median. Director Mike Buck reported the cost for improving certain median landscaping could be high. Concern was expressed that the costs may be so great as to not allow for funding of the website project.

In a discussion of project priorities, it was resolved that the website project was a higher priority.

Tree Code/Lake Grove Overlay

Director Janet Buck led a discussion of the history and purpose of 50.05.003 Lake Grove R-7.5/R-10 Overlay District. (See Attached Exhibit)

She reported that over a three-year process, the LGNA worked to develop an overlay district intended to promote the unique character of the Lake Grove Neighborhood. As the Board considers issues related to development Director Janet Buck explained it was important to understand the overlay and its history. She reported that development of the overlay was contentious and frustrating for the neighborhood

The overlay district addresses development in the neighborhood and is intended to preserve trees, maintain an open lot feet, and limit the area of impervious improvements on a site. It represents a compromise among stakeholders.

Director Corrigan expressed concern at the loss of trees that is occurring due to recent development. Large treed sites are being partitioned. Trees are removed to complete the partition. More trees are removed when houses are built on the partitioned sites.

Director Mike Buck observed it is important to treat the impacts of more intense development holistically. He stressed water and air quality are affected. Also, vegetation serves as habitat, Neighborhood landscaping can have a significant role in habitat connectivity.

It was agreed that, while parts of Lake Oswego have been well served by the existing tree code, with the current development taking place, the Lake Grove neighborhood is not being well served.

The question of how to keep high trees with an increasing density of development was discussed.

It was agreed that huge trees should be maintained when possible.

It was observed that a healthy neighborhood environment requires a diversity of tree types.

There was a ranging discussion as to what should be done given the existing tree code. Ideas discussed included encouraging a change to the tree code to include significant fees for removal of certain types of trees, forming a coalition to share concerns and values with respect to neighborhood habitat preservation, modification of the comprehensive plan to recognize linkages including habitat connectivity.

It was agreed that an immediate action to be taken is to educate those looking to develop and build in the Lake Grove neighborhood and to work collaboratively with those parties to preserve and enhance neighborhood habitat, including preservation of neighborhood tree stock.

Iron Mountain Park Planning Process

Director Mike Buck reported on the Iron Mountain planning process. He stressed that the LGNA must be part of the process. The process is just getting underway and is due to be implemented in the Winter of 2017.

New Business:**Relocation of Trash Enclosures LG Center**

There is an issue with respect to the trash enclosure for the Lake Grove Shopping Center (Zupan's). The City has denied an application related to the enclosure. It is believed that a compromise is in the interest of the City, the property owners, and the LGNA. Director Buck agreed to keep the Board informed on developments.

Tree Removal on Twin Fir 55", 37", 24", 21"

Chair Nierengarten reported on the teardown of an older house and the construction of a 4,200 square replacement on a property located on Twin Fir that will result in the removal of four trees,(Lake Oswego #499-15-02613).

Next Board Meeting:

Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, July 16, 2015, 7:00 PM

Adjourned: 9:00 pm