



LAKE GROVE

Neighborhood Association

MINUTES OF THE LAKE GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING

Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, June 16, 2016, 7:00 PM

Board Members Present: Chair Jerry Nierengarten, Treasurer Rob Loesch, Secretary Chuck Fisher, Directors: Audrey Block, Mike Buck, Janet Buck, Mike Carlson, Sheila Carlson, Trudy Corrigan

Attendees: None

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Loesch stated that two checks had been written to cover certain administrative expenses. The exact balance was not reported, He stated he would provide an email report for the minutes.

Minutes: The May 19, 2016 Board Meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Presentation: None

Old Business:

Tree Code Update

Director Mike Buck provided an update on work of the Tree Code Committee. He reported that there was a majority report of the committee and minority report. Both reports will be presented to City Council on Tuesday, June 21st. A public hearing on the suggested revisions to the tree code will be the subject of a Tuesday, July 5th public hearing.

Director Buck noted that two-thirds of the committee voted for the majority report issued by the committee. A smaller number of the committee believed proposals of the majority of the committee were too restrictive and issued a minority report.

The amendments to the tree code as supported by the majority of the committee are, Director Buck reported, intended to provide property owners with more objective standards for

tree removal and to increase the tree code flexibility. As an example there would be no permit requirement for the removal of fruit trees.

The Board discussed the difficulties of maintaining certain types of trees on smaller urban lots, but remained aware of the importance of trees as part of the community infrastructure.

The goal of the proposed revisions to the tree code is to foster a healthy urban forest environment with the "right tree in the right place". The majority report proposed revisions recognize the contribution that a healthy, diverse, and appropriate tree stock make to the overall livability of Lake Oswego.

Lake Grove Village Center

Director Buck reported on the status of the Lake Grove Village Center urban renewal project.

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has approved certain funding for the project and about 30% of the engineering is reported as completed. While progress is being made, the Village Center design must be completed by March 2017. To complete the design in a timely manner with residents input Director Buck called for citizen volunteers, to serve as subcommittee members of the Lake Grove Village Advisory Committee. There is much to be done.

There was a discussion of storm water management issues that, it appears, will be more costly than originally thought. The concern is with a larger share of the total budget going to storm water management infrastructure, there will be less money available for certain other design elements.

He also reported that right-of-way acquisition would take a year or more. Special consideration would be given historic structures in the project's path. So far, one has been identified.

Switching Banks from Bank of Lake Oswego

Treasurer Loesch requested permission to relocate the Association checking account to a different financial institution.

After a short discussion, the Board approved a move. Treasurer Loesch will research 1st Citizens as a possible repository.

LGNA New Meeting Signage

Director Janet Buck reported the signs are bought and paid for. Signs will be delivered shortly.

Dirt Going Down in Iron Mountain Park?

Chair Nierengarten and Director Buck expressed concern about the restoration of the area within Iron Mountain Park that had been used as a staging area for the recent water system upgrade project.

A hoped for synergy with the water project developer and the Lake Oswego Department of Parks and Recreation working together to restore the area with improvements did not materialize. The performed restoration appears to have been completed to an "as was" standard.

There was discussion of features that Board participants had seen at other area parks that impressed them, including mention of the nature play area at Portland's Eastmoreland Park.

New Business:

Appearance of Corner Boones Ferry Rd and Reese Rd

Director Jane Buck reported the landscaping of the small commercial area at the southwest corner Boones Ferry Rd and Reese Rd appears neglected. She wondered if the Board should write a letter to the property's owner.

There was agreement that the landscaping was not being well maintained.

It was thought the reason for the deferred maintenance may be the upcoming road improvements which will impact the property.

It was agreed that it would be appropriate to first attempt an informal contact with the property's owner.

Next Board Meeting

July 21, 2016, Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, 7:00 PM

Adjourned: 8:40 pm