

MINUTES OF THE LAKE GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

Lake Grove Presbyterian Church
February 16, 2017, 7 pm

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

Attendees: Liz Hartman, Lake Oswego School Board, Tucker Merrihew, Developer/
Neighbor

Call to Order: 7 pm

Treasurer Report: No changes to last report

Minutes: Approved

Presentation:

Lake Oswego School Bond

Liz Hartman spoke to the board in support of the \$187 million bond proposal scheduled for vote in May 2017. Her presentation summarized the School Board's support of the bond for these uses:

- The repair and maintenance of buildings, equipment, and technology that are old, inefficient, unsafe, or outdated. As costs continue to climb, delaying the project will increase the amount of funds required in the future.
- The improvement of classrooms, in order to expand academic options and training.
- Improved earthquake protection in buildings where eight of ten schools in the district would not survive a major earthquake.
- The upgrade of technology in the classroom, in order to better prepare students for college and careers.
- Enhanced school safety, with modern security features and monitoring equipment.
- The rebuilding of Lakeridge Junior High School, due to structural failures associated with its location and construction methods.

In-depth information on the proposal is available at loschoolsfirst.com

3183 Douglas Circle

Tucker Merrihew, the new owner and developer of the property, spoke to the board regarding his plans for the site. The construction plan for the property includes a driveway composed of permeable pavers, and structures including a garage, pool, poolhouse, and outdoor entertaining area. The site plan under review by the City arborists and Planning officials includes the removal of a large number of trees designated as being hazardous, topped, or not worthy of protection.

Member Mike Buck asked about plans for replanting the site and mitigating the loss of mature trees. At other locations, he said, replacement trees have been planted in areas where survival was impossible or, the selection of replacement trees was incompatible with a healthy canopy.

Merrihew expressed an interest in planting new trees in areas where they'd flourish and could provide a buffer to adjacent properties. A neighbor attending the meeting supported the removal of the diseased and damaged trees.

The discussion of tree removal was expanded to include the three-lot partition at 14870 Twin Fir and property at 4726 Upper Drive. In these cases, too, Nierengarten said, the construction plans for the property were based on the removal of a large number of trees.

Neighborhood Enhancement Grant

Member Mike Buck requested the Board's approval of an application for the 2017 Neighborhood Enhancement Grant to be used for the installation of public art targeted for location within the Boones Ferry Road Project. Buck said that the committee overseeing the incorporation of art into the Project was seeking to install pieces that reflected the flora and fauna of the area, in a thematic plan honoring the history and character of the neighborhood.

Members of the Board agreed that the power of the grant would be enhanced if all the neighborhoods involved in the Project applied for the grant with the same goal, and then pooled funds to acquire art pieces for the site.

Nierengarten proposed that the grant application include a three-year commitment to direct all awarded funds to the purchase and installation of art. The Board voted unanimously to apply for the 2017 Neighborhood Enhancement Grant designated for the aesthetic enhancement of the Boones Ferry Road streetscape, with the goal of uniting neighborhoods in the beautification project through its 2020 estimated completion.

Other Business

Chuck Fisher brought up the scheduled survey of Lanewood Street, in conjunction with a proposal to install a walkway along Lanewood leading to a new stop light at the corner of Boones Ferry Road. It was confirmed that board members have not yet received details on the suggested location of the pathway nor possible construction materials.

Buck reported that March 19, 2017, is the date currently scheduled for the next clearing of invasive plants at Iron Mountain.

Next Board meeting: 7 p.m., March 16, 2017, Lake Grove Presbyterian Church

Adjourned: 8:50 pm