

MINUTES OF THE LAKE GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, November 17, 2016, 7 pm

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

Attendees: None

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

Treasurer Report: No changes to last report

Minutes: Chair Jerry Nierengarten requested that the October 20, 2016, minutes include a summary of each candidate's comments on the possibility of funding the extension of sidewalks along Lanewood Street, due to the impact of a proposed traffic signal at the intersection of Lanewood and Boones Ferry Road.

Presentation: None

Boones Ferry Road Project Discussion

Director Mike Buck reported that there are ongoing discussions in city government concerning the funding of a portion of the project with urban renewal dollars. Because the project is over-budget, the balancing act of cost, constructability, and safety resulted in the decision to surface intersections and crosswalks with affordable materials. The acquisition of parking lots remains under negotiation, yet the goal remains to complete 90% of the planning process by March, and 95% by June. Improvements now under consideration for Lanewood Street are directly linked to a limited budget of 120k, which is being divided amongst the Waluga, Lake Forest, and Lake Grove neighborhoods. According to a study released by the Project Committee, a significant increase in traffic on Lanewood is projected, if a new signal and crosswalks were to be installed. The impact of constructing a sidewalk within a 50-foot right-of-way, on the north versus south side of the street was discussed, and Director Buck reported on the costs of gravel, concrete, speed bumps, and diverters. Locations throughout the neighborhood that are prone to flooding were discussed, as well as strategies for diverting traffic during high- and low-impact hours of road use.

The location of a potential walking path along Lanewood was discussed, including its length, orientation, and coordination with sidewalks and crosswalks leading to Lake Grove Elementary School.

It was concluded that Director Buck will report the Board's concerns to the City, Project Committee, and consultants, with pedestrian safety on Lanewood being the most important consideration.

McDonald's Drive-Through Lane Addition

Director Niergarten reported that McDonald's is considering adding a second drive-through lane for ordering only. He proposed that the Committee wait until a draft of the project is revealed, when we may be able to advocate for a design that sticks to the existing neighborhood plan, perhaps requiring DRC review.

Mercantile Village Development Proposal

Directors Buck and Niergarten outlined a pre-application for new development of the Mercantile Village Property at the corner of Kruse Way and Boones Ferry Road. Center Cal, the proposed developer of the project, revealed diagrams that included a market, with parking above the store; retail, including restaurants, a pharmacy, and office building, with surface parking located throughout the project. In attendance at the meeting were representatives of four neighborhood associations, and their questions focused on increased traffic, stormwater management in areas of increased hardscape, and the possibility that affordable housing blended into the plan. Because the project is on a fast timeline to completion, it was resolved to remain alert to the next phase of discussion and planning.

Other Business

Director Chuck Fisher will follow up to make sure the Association's domain name does not expire.

Director Niergarten reported that there are increasing complaints to the Committee about the numbers of trees that are being cut down, many of them within the footprint of the building plan.

Director Buck said there was no communication from the city on the status of the Iron Mountain Park project. He is will draft a letter to city officials, asking for an update on progress.

Next Board meeting: 7 p.m., December 15, Lake Grove Presbyterian Church

Adjourned: 8:50 pm