

# **MINUTES OF THE LAKE GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

## **GENERAL MEETING**

**Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, October 19, 2017, 7 pm**

**Board Members Present:** Chair, Jerry Nierengarten, Secretary, Audrey Block;  
Directors: Mike Buck, Mike Carlson, Sheila Carlson, Trudy Corrigan, Miles Eshaia  
**Attendees:**

**Call to Order:** 7 pm

**Treasurer Report:** No changes to last report

**Minutes:** Approved by email.

**Presentation:** None

### Discussion

Director Nierengarten led a discussion of the issues connected to the City's ongoing review of Flag Lots. Codes and regulations being reviewed by City Government and Planning officials include: the number of homes allowed per flag; the calculation of on-site parking requirements, per flag; the factors that determine that formula (for example, square footage and/or number of bedrooms per residence); parking options available to visitors (including trash/recycling collectors, delivery drivers, and guests); flags restricted by gates; private flag roads vs. public access roads, and the number of residences allowed per flagpole; and, the flexibility architects and City Planners have when determining the orientation of the front of a flag lot.

The Board voted unanimously to support a Flag Lot policy that allowed for flexibility in Lake Grove neighborhoods, taking into account the character and configuration of specific streets and neighborhoods. Included here is the letter that Director Nierengarten submitted to City and Government officials.

Director Mike Buck discussed efforts to mitigate the potential loss of parking spaces along Lanewood St., due to the proposed installation of a pathway along the south side of the road. Residents closest to Boones Ferry Road have expressed a concern about the loss of parking places within the right-of-way adjacent to their homes. Discussions with Planning officials are ongoing, as the project evolves.

Director Buck reported that the Iron Mountain Nature Park received approval from City officials, but the active restoration of the site is still under discussion, with a major concern being the nurturing of plant life in areas newly carved out or otherwise impacted by the project. He also reported that the Council voted to reopen discussion of the loss of trees in Lake Oswego, while not specifically focusing on the loss of mature trees cleared from the footprint of new home construction sites. Issues related to trees include the amount of impermeable surface per lot (in the past, homes generally took up 10 to 20% of the lot size, Buck said, with new construction far exceeding that); the ratio of construction area to lot size and setbacks; and, new stormwater code regulations.

Consideration for trees impacted by the Boones Ferry Road Project is also of concern to City officials and neighborhood organizations. As the loss of trees located in the right-of-way will be great, a fund has been established to mitigate that absence, with an emphasis on selecting “replacement” trees that can be maintained in new sites appropriate to the species of tree, and its projected growth.

Lastly, the Board heard that no new development plan has been submitted for the Mercantile Village site. In pre-application documents, CenterCal appeared to have adapted their plans to include a 265-apartment building, connected to a grocery store and other retail buildings. Parking for the apartments and businesses would be underground (500-600 spaces), with a gathering area for residents, including perhaps a playground, at the center of the project.

#### Other Business

Postcards will be mailed to residents in November, notifying them of the Annual Meeting (rescheduled due to Director Nierengarten’s travel schedule).

**Next Board meeting:** Annual Meeting will be held at 7 p.m., November 30, 2017, Lake Grove Presbyterian Church.

**Adjourned:** 8:40 p.m.