

MINUTES OF THE LAKE GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, April 18, 2018, 7 pm

Board Members Present: Chair, Jerry Nierengarten; Vice Chair, Audrey Block; Secretary, Jo Sparkes; Directors: Mike Buck, Mike Carlson, Sheila Carlson, Chuck Fisher

Attendees: none

Called to Order by Jerry Nierengarten at 7:00 pm precisely

Treasurer Report: No report

Minutes: Approved

Relaxation of Tree Mitigation Standards: This is for Commercial properties. Currently the Lake Grove code calls for replacement of removed trees over 18 inches caliber to be done by equal caliber replaced – not number of trees. This creates an onerous burden, as replacement trees are often significantly smaller.

The Quarry Road Project, for example, requires the 8 trees removed be replaced by 64 trees. In other neighborhoods, that number would be 8. So the current city staff suggestion would cut the number in half – to 32 trees.

In looking at this, the LGVCP overlay fosters replacing mature, native trees with smaller non-native species, e.g. setback requirements that force removal of healthy trees. He inventoried the Douglas Firs in L.O., finding 250 trees remaining. Douglas Firs need light to grow – they cannot be planted in shade. We need to keep the ones we have, rather than hope someone will plant new ones.

Mike advocates we do all we can for retention of substantial and significant trees, as well as planting new ones.

Perhaps a more healthy planning is required. A broader view, for example, of all of L.O. rather than lot by lot may be smarter. Incentivize doing the right thing. We want to keep this in mind as we proceed with the Boones Ferry project.

The LGNA voted in favor of the staff recommendation for cutting the number of replacement trees required to a 50% mitigation rate rather than the current 1:1.

On Monday, April 23, there's a Planning Commission Meeting. Mike is testifying on the business aspect in support of the staff recommended change. There was a motion made and unanimously carried that:

- (1) That the LGNA wants to see the Tree Fund money moved out of the general fund, to be used for actual trees; and

- (2) That the Tree Mitigation Code Overlay be changed to allow saving trees over the build-to lines.

It was decided Jerry would attend to bring up the above points.

Strategic Planning for Iron Mountain: Iron Mountain Park has two recent plans: the Master Plan which basically involves the restoration of the two and half acres of the former staging area at an estimate of \$1.6 million. And in 2013, the park planner (who has since left his position) helped author a Natural Resource Management Plan for the 47 acres--which did not include the staging area since it was under use for the water pipeline.

This plan identified five separate ecological regions and a six year plan for invasive removal with restoration. It also delineated which geographical parts of this natural open space would be Friends of Iron Mountain responsibility and which would be Parks.' The ten acre oak savannah near the summit was prioritized as most significant due to flora species. Since only 25% of Parks' area has been treated in the last five-six years and not the most ecologically significant, Mike met with the PARKS Board to ask what the plan actually is for continued invasive removal – especially with a concern for the most prized area--unique to Lake Oswego. He did not receive any direct answers except that they were following the Parks Plan 2025, but the subject will be addressed by the Parks Director and the PARKS Board.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program: At this late date, it seems improbably that we can launch an effective grant application. Jerry explained that we might garner a larger grant next year if we simply let this year pass without applying. The Board decided to do that.

SDU's: Jerry reported good news on this front. The 800 square foot limitation has been increased, but only to 1000 square feet, which is less than we feared. A parking space must be provided, though not necessarily beside the SDU.

All other lot requirements remain the same – it does not change the setback.

Next Board meeting: 7 p.m., May 17, 2018, Lake Grove Presbyterian Church

Adjourned: 8:47 p.m.