

MINUTES OF THE LAKE GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, May 17, 2018, 7 pm

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

Attendees: none

Called to Order by Jerry Nierengarten at 7:00 pm

Treasurer Report: No report

Minutes: Approved

Lot Division 3207 Fir Ridge Road. Should we try to influence driveway location? Jerry wants to find a test case to see if the board can save trees by influencing where the driveway goes. Upon discussion, it was decided it would not be a good test case, as it appears this particular lot will require the drive to be away from the hill.

Lot line adjustment to increase density for 3822 Lake Grove Ave. The owner originally wanted to build a new five home subdivision on the two lots he owned, while keeping one of the original homes and demolishing the other. At the time the Board pointed out in a letter to City Planning that this plan left the original home being kept with a hardscape/lot ratio that exceeded the 50% limit. The owner's new request adjusts the lot line around the home being retained to reduce the hardscape/lot ratio under 50%. However, in this new request there was no explanation how the remaining land will be developed.

1770 Ridgecrest change from R-15 to R-10. City Planning approved a zoning change from R-15 to R-10 that technically would allow two homes on an environmentally sensitive site sloping sharply down to Iron Mt. trail. However, Planning strongly recommended two long skinny lots rather than a flag lot behind a street bordered lot. The preferred home sites would be at the top of the sites away from the more sensitive areas.

Road Annxations. The City is annexing two streets to bring one home on each street into the City and provide them with services. In past the City would annex home site by site and only annex the street bringing all the homes into the City when all the homes owners have chosen to join. This change suggests that the City may be testing a new approach which appears more practical as it allows the City to bring in sewers and other services earlier to County pockets within our City that appear destined to become part of Lake Oswego.

Ivan Anderholm Memo regarding invasive plant removal. Mike met with Ivan, and was told that all the plant removal would be done in the three years

remaining in the plan. Mike remains skeptical, as the time is very short, and the problem has grown in the past seven years without action.

Coincidentally, Lucy Fisher of the Environmental Sciences Agency has contacted Jerry to talk to the neighborhood. Luci will give a presentation to the Board and neighbors on the City's plans to develop Iron Mountain Park on June 25 at the LO's new maintenance facility. (*NOTE: She did not want to make the presentation at one of our Board meetings as she felt it should be a stand alone presentation. the meeting is now set for June 25th at the new maintenance facility. Letters are scheduled to go out after Memorial Day.)

Illegal tree removal on Lanewood - what is the appropriate response? Audrey brought up a question on the proper steps after the police were called in for the illegal removal of trees. The concern was the police now had an official report, and did we need to do anything to close that out?

The situation was trees being cut down illegally during renovation/construction on Lanewood. This has happened before, where the homeowner or the construction company decides it's easier to cut and pay a fine then abide by the rules. This time, however, one of the neighbors called the police, who came and remained for more than an hour.

This prompted a discussion on the fines currently in place. The general feeling was the fines should be increased significantly, to at least give pause. It was also thought that reporting the contractor who performs the action to the CCB would be effective. If a contractor is flagged for a second violation, he is banned from working in Lake Oswego for a specified number of years. The city should maintain a list of all violators.

For the specific question of what we need to do for the police report in this instance – we determined we need do nothing. Audrey indicated she would follow up with the City to determine that a fine would be levied.

LONAC meeting. The city has concerns over the current Mercantile project – 33 pages worth. There needs to be a reranking of priorities.

Next Board meeting: 7 p.m., June 21, 2018, Lake Grove Presbyterian Church

Adjourned: 8:47 p.m.