

MINUTES OF THE LAKE GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, November 15, 2018, 7 pm

Board Members Present: Chair, Jerry Nierengarten; Vice Chair: Audrey Block, Secretary, Jo Sparkes; Directors: Mike Carlson, Chuck Fisher, Sheila Carlson, Trudy Corrigan; Attendees: Susan Nierengarten, Janet Paul, Jerry Holcombe, Carole Ockert, Franklin & Mary Ann Berry

Guests: Newly Elected City Councilors John Wendland and Daniel Nguyen

Called to Order by Jerry Nierengarten at 7:00 pm

Treasurer Report: No report

Minutes: Approved

New Council Members – Jerry welcomed the City Councilors, and gave them a brief history of Lake Grove. Both men spoke and answered questions.

Boones Ferry Project Concerns – With the budget challenges facing City Hall, LGNA is concerned that the project to revitalize Boones Ferry could be pushed back. John Wendland said there is support for the project, being a part of urban renewal.

Traffic Concerns – The first issue raised was traffic, particularly the high speed of cars on Upper Drive. Once the Boones Ferry roadwork begins, there is a real concern of this situation getting worse. It is, after all, a neighborhood road, with pedestrians and children playing. Dan Nguyen spoke of the traffic he saw while canvassing the neighborhood.

There is a lot of non-Lake Oswego diverging through, in part due to the popularity of Map apps.

Another area of concern was the corner of Red Cedar and Boones Way, where there is a blind spot. Trucks park there, many cars, resulting in blocking the view. There is also a tendency to speed.

John Wendland recommended writing a formal letter from the LGNA and sending it directly to the City. That will make it a higher priority.

Mass transit would be of assistance, but we're told the federal Government has no money for it.

Trudy gave the status on the Boones Ferry Project - Phase 1 is Madrona to the Post Office section, including the center median. The idea is to create a

European Plaza experience. 100 trees must come down. One Fir Tree will provide the wood for a very special park bench.

City Council has approved the selection process, which provides for cost – while it will naturally be considered – will not be the soul determining factor for choosing the contractor. At this point the City is still acquiring properties.

There will be an open house on the project at City Hall, currently scheduled for January 10th.

Iron Mountain Park – There's a public review meeting December 17th before the Development Review Commission at City Hall.

In the City's plan for the park, the trail will dead-end rather than extend on to Iron Mt Trail. Board member expressed concern that this might lead individuals to forge their own path to reach the trail, possibly damaging the fragile ecology of the site.

Boones Ferry Questions – parking was raised as a serious issue. The city dragged its feet on acquiring parking spots. To those concerned, Trudy recommended attending the Transportation Advisory Board, which meets 3rd Wednesday of the month. They really listen. The Music Store is going away.

Phase 1 is now expected to take 2 ½ years. Mercantile starts before Boone Ferry widening, but still unknown when Boones Ferry begins. Concerns are there will be increased traffic, especially as there isn't a construction parking lot.

The Lake Grove Neighborhood Board was voted in for 2019.

Next Board meeting: 7 p.m., January 17th, 2019, Lake Grove Presbyterian Church

Adjourned: 8:45 p.m. (approximate)