



LAKE GROVE

Neighborhood Association

MINUTES OF THE LAKE GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, March 21, 2019, 7 pm

Board Members Present: Chair, Chuck Fisher; Secretary, Jo Sparkes; Directors: Mike Buck, Jerry Nierengarten; Attendees: Ed Gehrig, Valerie Smith, Dan Anderson, Mitch & Janet Ellison, Alexei Steinmetz, Philip Quinton-Cox, Jerry Holcombe

Called to Order by Chuck Fisher at 7:00 pm

Treasurer Report: No report

Minutes: Approved

How can Adverse Traffic Impact on Upper Drive be Mitigated – Richard Nys from the Traffic Advisory Board (TAB) attended to listen to concerns, answer questions, and offer advice.

Concerns are the current amount and speed of cars on Upper Drive, and the future impact of the Boones Ferry Project as traffic avoids the construction. Only \$153,000 total was allotted to mitigate traffic in 3 neighborhoods; Lake Grove plans to put in a pedestrian walkway on Lanewood, which will be affected by the new stoplight. Lake Oswego City Council places high priority on bike and pedestrian safety, especially around schools.

One idea was placing stop signs at Boones Way. Richard explained that using stop signs to control traffic speed was not recommended.

There are speed bumps on both Lanewood and Upper Dr, but they are ineffective. Cars travel fast over them, and emergency services do not want them raised.

We can ask the police for help, to set speed traps.

Jerry will obtain data from a Bellevue study, which found that radar signs (the signs that show your speed) have a strong impact on slowing traffic down. The cost of the signs may be around \$5,000 a sign, and the cost of the power to run it. Volunteers would need to collect the data from the sign, and transfer it to a collection platform. If sign locations were chosen carefully, we may see a real impact.

Richard Nys recommendation was the Board write a letter to the Lake Oswego City Council, requesting these signs and identifying the locations for them. The Bellevue data should support the request. As the next TAB quarterly meeting is not until June, the Council might be our best option.

LGNA Board Changes: Audrey Block has resigned as Vice Chair, though she is remaining as a Director. Jo Sparkes was voted in as the new Vice Chair. And welcome Dan Anderson as our newest board member.

Board Chair Report: The Board applauded Jerry for his service as Chair for five years. He's done a lot of Lake Grove, dedicating both time and effort beyond what most of us realize.

Fisher attended the March Mayor's Breakfast. City Manager recruiting was discussed. The Board has previously chosen to remain out of the decision process. Short term rentals are being discussed, with a hearing set for April 22. And Oregon representatives Tina Kotek and Andrea Salinas are talking about legislation to override certain zoning on a statewide basis. Naturally there is some concern.

Director Reports: Mike reported that the condo development on Upper Drive has cut the number of condos being built to 23. This has saved trees.

Tree Mitigation – The current tree code is not resulting in effective mitigation. The City updates code every year. We should have a consensus on what certain changes should be. (See letter from LGNA to the LO Design Review Commission dated March 18, 2019.) An additional idea not included in the letter that was presented was mitigation on a, "like for like", basis.

The Lake Oswego Parks Bond Renewal: This is coming up for vote. The LGNB, by a unanimous vote, reaffirmed its support for the bond measure and authorized the Association appear in the upcoming Voters Pamphlet as a supporter of the measure.

Tree Removals: 3350 Upper Drive seems justified in removing the trees.

3151 Upper Drive is removing some big leaf maples. The arborist said they were bad. Apparently one of the tree tops fell and caused \$50,000 damage to another house.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program Grant: Deadline April 26th at 5pm. We need to identify our target and put together our application. It's for \$10,000 to be used to public benefit.

Proposals included railings for bridge that is at the end of Brookside Road, median repair near the church that was not completed and a Stop and drop area. But perhaps the money could be spent on 2 radar signs, although we're unclear on how

the power would be paid for. Jerry can look into the cost of power from the Bellevue study.

Public Comment

Red Cedar Way: A neighbor reported a 33 inch Douglas Fir was supposed to be safe, but during construction of a house, roots were reportedly damaged. The neighbor states that tree protection fences should have been up, and it appears the damage came about when they were moved to make way for vehicles to get to the back of the house. The fences cannot be moved unless there is an arborist present. Apparently no fines were paid. Jerry will check into this.

Adjourned: 8:30 p.m. (approximate)

Next Board meeting: 7 p.m., April 18th, 2019, Lake Grove Presbyterian Church