

Lake Grove Business Association April 3, Minutes

Present: Tatiana Gostev, Megan Phelan, Mike and Sheila Carlson, Riccardo Spaccarelli, Mike Keeler, Bruce Goldson, George Psihogios, Julia Fowler, Sally Fisher, Mike Buck, Ken Sandblast, Paul Quandt, Joe Buck, Debbie Siegel, Mark Fitkin, Bob Sack, Deanna Bitar, John DeCosta and guest.

Treasurer's Report: \$7624.56

Minutes: Approved with the change that the road construction may not be going all night but during the night.

Chamber Report: Flower baskets are going up in May the Saturday after Mother's Day. Babica Hen/Gubanc's will do the breakfast.

Neighborhood Report: Waluga. No report. It's all quiet. Lake Grove - lots of residential tear downs and rebuilds. A large tree bordering Wembley Park is being considered for removal.

Lake Grove Village Center:

Code Amendments for Lake Grove tree mitigation measures. The current code for Lake Grove requires tree inches for inches instead of one to one replacement like the rest of the city. Anyone who cannot plant that many has to pay a large fee into the tree fund (in the general fund). Mike Buck has written a draft recommendation for the Planning Commission on behalf of LGBA with a more reasonable approach which is more in keeping with the rest of Lake Oswego. The current tree code for Lake Grove is punitive and discriminatory but members of the neighborhood association want to keep it.

Discussion on the purpose of the code included is it meant to be a tax, save trees, or punish property owners? In the end it will drive up rent in the area.

Mark said he has not been able to get an agreement that right of way can be used as open space on his project in the gap.

Katy and Crystal should be coming to meetings in the future.

The road design team now has the 95 percent plans and they are preparing to send them to ODOT.

Not all of the properties have finished the ROW agreements but it seems things are on track for May 1. There are three banks that have yet to sign off.

Development Report:

The Marquess of Granby building is being expanded and remodeled on its current site. Retirements at the county have resulted in a new view of how much needs to be done to receive approvals.

Mark says that he is coordinating with the city for sidewalk and landscape work.

LGBA Annual Meeting for LGBA is being set for May and more information will be sent out to members. Anyone interested in being a board member or running for President/Secretary/Treasurer please contact Ken or Debbie.

Bike Sharing: Bob Sack is a member of the Sustainability Advisory Board. He is working on piloting the idea of bike sharing in Lake Grove.

There is a program in Portland that features orange bikes. The bikes are for rent and are unlocked using a code and can be left at any of the stations. The bikes also have GPS units to keep track of the them.

More cities around the country are using them. Some cities even have electric ones for hilly areas.

There are some nice paths in LO and there are also some issues with getting people to and fro work and transit since not that many stops exist.

Kruse Way is an area of density that may benefit from biking to Lake Grove for lunch time business.

Google maps show that walking would take 22 minutes versus biking which would take 5 minutes.

Zagster/Pace is a company that works with smaller cities on bike share programs. They are in Bend and Corvallis. They provide rider assistance 24 hours, software, membership support, etc. Corvallis is pleased with the program.

Ashland tried distributing in a large area, but it worked best with a concentrated area.

Initial investment is required and is often funded with grants.

Many of the Kruse Way buildings are owned by Shorestein Properties which is supportive of bike sharing.

Adjourned: 8:34 a.m.