

Lake Grove Business Association Minutes for May 1. 2018

Present: Mark Fitkin, Sheila Carlson, Bruce Goldson, Joe Buck, Sally Fisher,
Bruce Goldson, Christopher Boyer, Ken Sandblast, Mike Buck, Katy Kerklaan,
Megan Phelan, Karen Jacobson, Paul Quandt, John DeCosta, Deanna Bitar,
Dave Flora

Treasurer's Report: Tatiana sent the report to Mike who gave our ending balance as \$7699.56

Minutes: April 3, 2018 minutes were approved.

Chamber Report: With Julia Fowler absent, Christopher briefed the Association on some of the Chamber Board's regional interest and oversight as Metro's transportation analysis along with a feasibility report on I-5 planning. They received an information report on improvement plans that were spurred with funding made available with legislative session on the gas tax. He also confirmed the flower basket day as Saturday, May 20th.

Neighborhood Report: Bruce commented that he did not see the final letter from the Association that was sent to the Planning Commission on tree mitigation. Though he agreed with the points in the draft, he would have appreciated seeing the final copy. Mike explained that the wording had no suggested edits by 16 members who signed off on it and Debbie sent it as drafted. Ken recognized the validity of Bruce's comment and said that procedurally members would be sent a copy what is emailed to City auspices. Neighborhoods are following the ongoing application process by CenterCal at the present Mercantile site. Ken congratulated the City on updating our Business Association and NA's on the progress of ongoing issues.

LGVC: Ken and Mike testified at the Planning Commission regarding City Staff recommended LGVC overlay changes regarding tree mitigation which they supported. However, they suggested ways that goals for preservation and replacement of native trees could be incentivized in our overlay code, so the Planning Commission received the ideas favorably and will have one or two study sessions to try and incorporate the recommendations. Ken thought we should draft a memorandum clarifying our understanding and specifying specific points we would encourage. This code amendment would eventually go to City Council for approval. All three

neighborhood associations share goals for tree preservation and will be attentive to what incentives or credits (Sheila's idea) get captured in a new overlay amendment.

If members have concrete suggestions, please pass them on to Ken or Mike.

Ken said that although the City Council was not reopening tree codes as they interface with development, this audit on our own LGVCP overlay was sanctioned as permissible since it is specific to our area

Boones Ferry Road: Katy Kerklaan gave an update on what is happening with Project management. WH Pacific turned in the 95% design package in March and the City, OTAK and ODOT are all reviewing aspects. They hope to receive it back in late June or early July. The Art/History Subcommittee was requested to submit their ideas for the laser cut corten (7) and narrative for the spacers (6) and design for

the two median spacers at the crosswalks. They have been submitted to the landscape architect who will show illustrations to the PAC for their own critical review in June. The ROW procurement continues and some negotiations have

resulted in minor design changes. Katy and Crystal Shum (Project Lead Engineer) are dropping by businesses to introduce themselves and familiarize owners

or managers with the project and construction plans. She said the exchanges

have been very positive with some knowledgeable about the street improvement and others removed from knowing about the impending construction. Katy has even visited the southern end of our district as far as Sunset Crossing and business owners were excited about the new intersection at Madrona. She said that exchanging facts helped assuage some concerns; for example, when people learn about the u-turn possibility at the intersections, their concerns about the median and managed access become allayed. In response to a question on condemnations,

Katy said that the City went ahead with them procedurally since some owners were

just not responsive to requests regarding right-of-way purchase. And art work

on the corridor is not funded by the Project but we hope to include pieces through

Neighborhood Enhancement Grant and by working with the Arts Council in the future. A question was asked whether it was premature to look at increasing

the debt ceiling to fund what will undoubtedly be a more costly project than current estimates. Katy thought this step worth contemplating but not the right

time to move on it. In a concern for business survival during construction, Dave mentioned his own experience in banking and lending on possible grants to help mitigate the income decline due to impacts. Katy ended her update by emphasizing the role of good communication—personal contact, website use and providing good information for anticipated issues. One mentioned was signage. Members gave ideas about a fact sheet for distribution to businesses outlining some considerations (follow the blue cones, driveway access paving, etc.) for their own good planning. The City is still seeking a staging area site.

Mark gave an update on his own redevelopment progress.

Annual LGBA Meeting tentatively scheduled for May 17th from 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

Ken invited participation on the Executive Board.

Bruce said that BlueDog development on Quarry is proceeding but the Oakridge Office application not yet submitted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29am.