

Lake Grove Business Association Minutes August 7, 2018

Present: George Psihogios, Debbie Siegel, Mike Buck, Ken Sandblast, Joe Buck, Sally Fisher, Karen Jacobsen, Bruce Goldson, Christopher Boyer, Julia Fowler, Megan Phelan, Jeffrey Botger, John DeCosta, Deanna Bitar, Mike Carlson, Daniel Nguyen, Steve Kaer

Christopher invited everyone to the Chamber Networking Event at his business Friday, August 10 from 8 to 9 a.m. at Academy of Modern Martial Arts, 17253 Pilkington Road.

Minutes: Mike suggested a change in the minutes to boring from trenching for last month. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: \$7,954.46

Membership: Business spotlight available on the LGBA webpage

Chamber: Event: First Saturday in October is Wine Walk downtown. Partner with businesses downtown. 30 pouring stations available.

Introductions: Daniel Nguyen, owner of Bambuza Restaurants, City Council candidate

Neighborhood Associations: Center Cal (Mercantile) has been meeting with them several times about details of their project.

Lake Grove has a lot of partitions going through. Iron Mtn Park is adding a picnic area, nature play area also.

Lake Grove liked the end product of the Mercantile plan.

Mike says that the Neighborhood grant was awarded for a log bench at Chuck O'Leary's businesses. A large log is needed. A tree at US Bank building is a possibility and may be removed early. A 30 inch diameter at 27 feet is needed.

Parking: Will sale of staging area get spent for parking after project? LGBA is tracking carefully. No other active parking projects going.

Code Amendments: Ken talked with Leslie Hamilton about the tree code mitigation rules for Lake Grove Village Center. Planning Commission is supposed to have a work session. Date to be announced. Tree inches must be replaced 1:1 vs other standards for rest of LO.

Urban Renewal Plan: More redevelopment has occurred than expected. The funding is more positive.

Boones Ferry Road: Ken asked if right of way acquisition is done yet. Meghan confirmed that it is wrapping up. Utility companies are also vying for space in the road as well. City is working this month on final 100 percent plans. ODOT has already signed off of the 95% plans. OTAK is still working on construction management plan. Bidding is going to bid this fall. Cost estimate is due soon.

Arts History Committee met with Sea Reach regarding median in pedestrian crosswalk. Four and half foot mosaic medallions are being designed with a historic emphasis: Native American on one and settler/pioneer on the other. John suggested Rotary Peace Poles.

Post Office: Looks better! They hired a landscaping. Meghan met with Post Master. Lake Grove has new manager. Discussion is happening on whether to continue leasing PO in downtown.

Annexation: Joe reported that commercial properties are being annexed in Bangy Road area. Agreement on Council exists to reach out to Lake Forest, Skylands, Rosewood, Southwood, Forest Highlands, and Birdshill. City is putting together a communication plan to ask each area to vote in May on whether they would like to annex. This will not relate to sewer connections. Annexations will enable greater efficiency for City services. City would stop doing piecemeal annexations and police would not respond to non-emergency calls, neighborhood grants would not be available and they would not be recognized neighborhood associations. Roads and infrastructure would be improved over time if they annex. County is not doing road maintenance.

Net increase in fees is expected to be about \$50 each year. Ken said many people weigh in regularly on issues that are not in the City.

Joe said no one is required to hook up sewer if they have working septic system. City would make it more financially feasible for people to hook up.

Ken said years ago Doug Schmitz as City Manager did a plan to stub out sewer services for neighborhoods. It didn't get Council support then.

City Council Elections: Joe said next Council will deal with this issue. He introduced Daniel Nguyen as a City Council candidate. Daniel owns Bambuza at Kruse Village.

Daniel said he moved to LO in 2010 and owns five restaurants in Portland. He would like to have a voice for small business and young families. Education is important and he is happy whole community is behind the schools. He is interested in maintaining character while thinking about affordable housing. Student debt has impacted a generation of kids.

He likes LGBA and would welcome input. He is a member LG Presbyterian Church and is also working on spicing things up and bringing more people in. Kids go to Our Lady of the Lake.

He has a business at the Port of Portland and worked on a committee about minimum wage rules and small business.

Mike expressed concern that the new Council understands the work and goals that went into planning Boones Ferry Road.

Jackie Manz is running for re-election also. Five candidates have filed so far.

DRC: Ken and Bruce attended the hearing for the Mercantile Project. It was continued to next meeting. Ken testified on behalf of the LGBA as the only person in support. The project complies with all codes without variances.

It has nice design features that hide loading zone areas and now pedestrian areas are more inviting and walls are lower at the street.

The developer should come back with a change. Hamid says the roofline does not meet the standard and developer thought a couple segments could be a different color.

A pergola at Boones and Kruse was removed. Some of the rock wall on Boones Ferry was removed as well.

The design included the community festival space. Trammel Crow is involved with the housing and many of them are LO people.

Housing was changed to include fewer studios and add larger apartments. Rent is expected to be \$2700/mo for 1000 sq. ft.

Mix of businesses has not been disclosed, but a CVS pharmacy is planned. Plazas are being planned with roll up doors for the sidewalk areas. Sensitive land area is being protected.

August 20 will be the second part of the DRC meeting.

John asked if it is cheaper for people to not annex to City for sewer. As a realtor he has people who do not want to be in the city in order to pay lower taxes and believe the city will "roll over" and pay if their septic fails.

Meeting adjourned. 8:37 a.m.