

## Lake Grove Business Association, January 8, 2019

**Present:** John DeCosta, Karen Jacobsen, Mike Carlson, Sheila Carlson, Sally Fisher, Keith Dickerson, Debbie Siegel, Julia Fowler, Crystal Shum, George Psihogios, Bruce Goldson, Scott Lazenby, Deanna Bitar, Mike Buck, Paul Quandt, Katy Kerlaan, Ken Sandblast, and Tatiana Gostev.

**Minutes:** Change suggested by Katy Kerlaan, limit work on Lanewood to signal only in front of Lake Grove School.

**Treasurer's Report:** Current balance is: \$8,014.56.

**General business:** Debbie said business cards have been ordered for a total of \$61.

**Chamber:** Keith reported that the Awards Dinner is coming in March, and noted there will be new leaders for the Leadership LO class.

**Ken:** Was at DRC meeting last night. Master plan for Lakeridge Junior High was approved.

**Neighborhood Associations:** Bruce said Waluga park conversion to artificial turf is going forward. Light poles at West Waluga are new.

Lake Grove Neighborhood Association: Members were at hearing for park plan for Iron Mountain Park. A pedestrian pathway is being requested. The plan was adopted. The NA asked for a trail connection to the east side of the pond to the bridge. The bridge currently goes nowhere.

The trail does not connect to the Hunt Club.

The Springs utilities have to be on the east side of Kruse and it will require extra work and tree removal. PGE is notoriously slow and it may be an indicator of what is to come for Boones Ferry Road. Bruce said the turns in conduit can only rotate 270 degrees hence the need for this location.

The traffic signal is *finally* on at Jean and Bryant. PGE is at fault since service had to be moved.

**Lake Grove Village Center Plan:** Public parking work still has not gone forward. The lots on Oakridge are still sitting and the area behind the Post Office is another possibility. Ken urged Scott Lazenby, City Manager, to look into moving this effort forward.

The Planning Commission approved making the tree mitigation standards the same as the rest of the city. The hearing was reopened to make sure the record included the letters from LGBA and then passed the recommendations.

**Urban renewal for Lake Grove** is handled by Sid Sidaro from the City. The debt limit change requires a full hearing unfortunately, according to Lazenby.

**Boones Ferry Road:** Crystal brought a copy of the 463 page plan for the road project. ODOT is still needing to sign off on a few items and then Stacey Bluhm, from city engineering, will review it. It should be final in February. Evan Boone, a city attorney is working on the bid documents.

Contractors will be asked to send in both bids and experience on similar projects. The selected contractor must be able to manage the needs of residents and businesses.

We have learned ODOT has not certified one of the right of way agreements. Crystal says it will be resolved right away.

Katy explained that a **community open house is happening at the City Maintenance Center this Thursday evening, January 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.** Graphics, and streetscape plans will be there along with the landscape architects. Approximately 5,000 invitations were mailed and the City and Chamber websites are being used.

Katy said she spoke to about 150 businesses, from West Sunset to Kruse Way. She is planning to do it again right before construction starts. She will be collecting information on deliveries, and other needs in order to pass on to the contractor. She is also expecting the LGBA will conduct its own marketing campaign.

She will send a weekly e-newsletter with updates.

Construction signs will be posted as well.

The communication plan is going forward as expected but the engineering is going slower than hoped.

The migratory bird act says if trees are removed between February to September then biologists are required to inspect the trees. Trees will be tagged in February and removal permits will begin soon. There are slightly over 100 trees to be removed.

There is a hotline for any immediate needs or issues. Businesses will still be accessible, but there will be road delays.

**The Country Club Road construction** will begin Thursday, Jan. 10 at six corners. Expect extra traffic on Iron Mountain. Traffic control is encouraging people to go straight through and not take side streets. Construction should last about six months.

**Marketing Campaign Committee:** Invitations via email can go out for volunteers to help form a subcommittee to plan a business survival strategy including marketing and events.

**Other projects:** The Washington Ct project was continued to the next DRC meeting.

**Sally Fisher's Retirement Party** is scheduled January 31 from 5 to 6:30 pm at Key Bank with wine and treats.

**Snow removal:** Mike said businesses have a four hour requirement to clear the sidewalks but the City's plows pile snow on the sidewalk. The Council is being asked to help answer the question. Hopefully the new road design will have a bike lane for snow storage.

**Adjourned:** 8:39 am.