

PNA General Meeting
October 17, 2007

Minutes

Meeting called to order 7:11 p.m.

Chair Sally Moncrieff (SM) gave instructions regarding full schedule, limiting comments to two minutes, addressing the chair.

Chair asked for a motion to amend the agenda to allow announcement by Linda Brown from the school board, following adoption of this agenda. Motioned by David Feathers, seconded by Doug Rich. Voted: passed.

Linda Brown -- school board chair. Here to do some rumor control. There is some public discussion surfacing saying the board is considering closing Lakeridge High School. She adamantly stated that it's not under discussion. Class sizes and programs have been protected in the past with proactive moves. In the past they have done things like selling schoolbuses, etc. to generate additional cash. Among other things, they are currently doing marketing outside of the district. This will bring tuition fees.

7:23 p.m. Doug Rich, (DR) treasurer's report: the bank account balance currently sits at \$444.98. These are proceeds from concessions at the July neighborhood fun day. There was a bank charge of three dollars, which Doug will likely have the bank reverse.

7:25 p.m. Chair recognized Brigitte Howley (BH) for discussion of proposed modification to the Lakeridge High School conditional use permit. The Association is being asked to vote on the matter of supporting the proposed changes. The issue is one of having high school be competitive and similar to other high schools. The proposal includes four elements. 1. Lights on until 10 p.m. instead of 9:30 p.m. 2. Allowing offsite parking for events where already legal. 3. Installing sound system for track meets, national anthem, game announcers. 4. Allow team bench and bleachers on the north side of the field. It is stressed that all of these improvements would be done with private dollars which have been committed or donated already. Proponents are not talking about building a complete stadium facility. Parking, traffic and security issues are recognized as important and will be attended to in the continuing discussion.

Chair opens the topic for discussion among those present.

John Bartel, 17754 Treetop Lane. It's incumbent upon the board to represent the interests of all neighbors not just majority. He is in support of the CUP being modified, but thinks we should temper our support with a statement acknowledging that the interests of and impact on nearby neighbors is an ongoing concern.

David Feathers (DF). Affirmed that the board is in fact actively looking for ways to support nearby neighbors and their concerns. Furthermore there is already language in the draft 20 year plan supporting the interests of those neighbors most impacted.

Pat Dulin, 1445 Cloverleaf. He is a 14 year resident and would like to make three points. First of all he has an opposing statement outlining concerns regarding the CUP change, suggesting PNA right to the school board to re-institute a true district stadium at Lake Oswego High. He says it used to be more Lakeridge friendly, but has become more of a single school home field. He emphasized changing the signage between the two schools, depending on who's playing the particular event. Second, he proposed Luscher Farm be used like Tualatin Hills Park & Rec facility. Third, he asked PNA to help fight the intrusiveness and impact on the neighborhood.

Katie Dulin, 1445 Cloverleaf. Already too noisy with the turf fields (paraphrasing) "All right. We're dealing with it. It's part of living across from the school. It's a livable status quo with the work for Dr. Lehman has put into it. But the street is very narrow and the house is right there." If there are bleachers, gigantic events, it's too much. Opposed.

Annie Miller, 16902 Crestview Drive. Questioning how are they going to control traffic? Noise all day on a weekend. Farther neighbors don't appreciate the impact on nearer neighbors. Opposing due to traffic and noise.

Rereading of the proposed language of support from the board by BH: Motion that the Palisades Neighborhood Association make a majority association statement in support of modifying the Lakeridge High School initial artificial turf field Conditional Use Permit as follows:

- 1) Allow the use of athletic fields for community and sporting events, (including, but not limited to varsity football games) even when off-site parking is needed.
- 2) Allow a public address system to be used during community and sporting events.
- 3) Allow temporary seating and team benches on the north side of the field.
- 4) Allow field lights to be used until 10pm when needed

Seconded by David Feathers. Chair called to vote by count of hands. 90 for, 15 opposed. The motion passes.

7:47 p.m. Don Irving committee chair, regarding the 20 year plan. Total of seven now on the committee, 4 continuing committee members, plus 3 new committee members from the present board. Upcoming committee meeting October 29, continuing to work on revisions to the plan. Meetings will continue into November and December, with an open house for public comment in December. The goal is to have the plan be non-controversial, nonconfrontational, but visionary. Committed to having a vote to approve the plan at our next General meeting, January 17. Doug Rich: where can we view the plan? Currently an old draft may be available on the city website. We will work to have the new draft on the new PNA website ASAP, pending further committee work.

Albert Almeida (AA), Webmaster call and announced a new PNA website: www.palisadesneighborhood.org. hosted by Google. The focus is on communication nuts and bolts. Not graphical. Will have a blog feature with weekly posting by the chair. Intended to be a two way communication. Great feature -- discussion groups, with AA as moderator. Need to register with Google, but then very easy to have public discussions of issues. Additional links to the meeting minutes, to the city website, et cetera. AA stressed that better communication is a key agenda item for current PNA board, and this requires neighbor participation.

7:57 p.m. Michael Ballis (MB) regarding traffic safety. Woodland Terrace has had persistent speeding issues. In the past couple weeks, he has been learning about the city system to address neighbors' road safety concerns. Sharing what he learned to empower us to work better with the city on similar issues. The principal traffic engineer Moussad Sabrin (phonetically) is a good contact. Good to see him or e-mail him. He initiated process by sending e-mail, asking city to look into a particular traffic issue. The process includes "3 E's" -- engineering, education, and enforcement.

Chair introduced guest Alexander Ben Israel (ABI), executive director of The Stafford.

ABI: here to talk about what The Stafford is and is not, who the people will be living here. It's a boutique retirement community within the community. With a one-time membership fee, and monthly rental, there will be amenities available such as concierge, transportation, spa and bistro. Annual cost of approximately \$50,000-80,000. They have had over 800 contacts from the community expressing interest in living there. 95% of those are already Lake Oswego seniors. Some of them are parents or grandparents of minor or adult children in Lake Oswego. The goal is to have The Stafford be part of the community. It will open February 2008. They already have 19 confirmed the move-ins. The total units are 93 independent living, and 12 assisted living. It's not an true senior care environment. They will have just one full-time R.N. and two caregivers for the 12 assisted living residents. They just started advertising, and have quietly done a few hardhat tours. The units range from a studio to a two plus bedroom floor plan. The age requirement is 62 plus. There are 56 parking spaces underneath, plus 60 carport spaces, plus 20 employee spaces. Jack Sullivan bought the 2.6 acre parcel 27 years ago for this specific purpose. They are looking forward to

having intergenerational programs with Lakeridge, and others -- things like art and fitness programs. They are planning numerous open houses and one for PNA specifically. Neighbor (unidentified) comment that Stafford residents need to be aware of baseball, traffic, and lights, so they don't come to PNA with future complaints about light, noise, etc.. ABI responded that they do very full disclosures and we have to give the residents credit for their own good judgment about which units they choose to lease.

8:20 p.m. Chris Utter (phonetic) 1437 Greentree Circle. Discussion about River West Church 1.9 acre parcel. On July 17, they announced the church would move in would no longer hold services there. Planning to sell or develop it. Westlake consultants proposing six or seven homes. Concerns regarding parking, green space, number of homes – 7 may be too dense. Just announcing this to PNA to bring to neighbors' attention. Discussions will be ongoing.

8:24 p.m. Kim Gilmer, director Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation. Update on Luscher Farm. Gave a slideshow overview of the new park which is being built. 121 parking spaces, field, lights, dog areas, buildings. Buildings evoke barn/rural feel. Restoring headwaters to Lost Dog Creek in the wetlands area. Shallow water there in the winter time. Planted now with 11,000 different species of plants. (Not sure if that was 11,000 plants, or 11,000 species. Probably the former.)

Q: How much seating at the field?

A: None built-in, people bring chairs.

Q: Is there a way to walk into the wetlands?

A: No. Trails would be a concern as they would disrupt the wetland area, but there is close access to it for bird watching, et cetera.

Q: Any coordination between Luscher Farm in the schools, for program development?

A: Years ago, Junior Farmer program for "farmhands", and a youth gardening program.

Q: Please explain the visibility of the parking lot.

A: There's an 18 foot drop from the road to the field. Dog park areas are a buffer between the roadway and parking/fields. Plantings will soften the views.

Q: Does the dog park drain into the wetland?

A: They looked carefully with an environmental specialist at this. The process of the water going through the ground cleanses it. Picking up after pets will be a mitigating factor, and will be encouraged.

Q: Will the water quality be monitored?

A: Yes.

Q: What will happen with the temporary dog park?

A: Wants the new park is opened, the temporary one will be closed.

Q: What well that property (temporary dog park) be used for?

A: It's under discussion and there are no permanent plants, but it is parkland.

Q: Is there an ordinance regarding picking up after dogs?

A: Yes. Technically the city can cite folks for noncompliance. There will be pickup bags available.

Q: Are 121 spaces enough for parking?

A: Primary uses of the field are community sports, and Parks and Recreation. They previously to accounts in the dog park, 25 to 30 cars and a lot is typical. They have designed 40 spaces for that purpose. The biggest user will be soccer practices (more than 2 teams) rather than games. Approximately 60 spaces needed for this. They calculate they have built in a buffer of total.

Q: What will be the hours of operation?

A: Regularly 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Q: What kind of traffic control?

A: The intersection that Stafford Road will be fully controlled including turn signals as needed.

Q: Previously, one dog got out. Will there be a double gate?

A: I hope you come check it out. We have tried to think of everything. Yes, there will be double gates, plus a dog watch area, and separate areas for both timid and bigger, more playful dogs.

Q: Will there be lawn areas?

A: There will be a more rural, natural orchard grass type of surface. It will be mowed.

Q: Three years ago, we voted to get two new fields. Why are we resulting with only a gain of one field?

A: We are getting one new field at the farm, plus we have a newly improved turf practice field at Lakeridge. They looked carefully and couldn't find any place to gain to full new fields. The wetlands limited construction space at the farm to a single field. However, adding the turf surface at Lakeridge effectively gives more utility, longer playing season. This is like gaining another half field. Ultimately

the gain might be like 1.5 rather than two.

8:45 p.m. new business

Richard Loughlin, 2510 Park Rd. Concern regarding water, sewer and paving improperly finished at new construction sites in the neighborhood. The city is not enforcing good work by the contractor in restoring the roadway surface after cutting into it for hookups. The resulting surface has bumps or ruts asphalt is not brought level to grade.

Letter submitted by Pat Dulin in opposition of the CUP change.

Katie Barman. Dangerous intersection at Greentree and South Shore. Concern is for pedestrian crossing. Requesting that the Board address this with the city, making it easier to cross safely.

Neighbor (unidentified) regarding a pathway matter. Asking question is about whether previously proposed and discussed pathway along Westview from South Shore to Greentree is on the 20 year plan? He noted its not even in the top 10 list, and would like to see it brought back into discussion with the city.

Mike Hall announced leading discussions among board and neighbors about emergency preparedness, both awareness and planning. This was in the newsletter. Soliciting interested neighbors to participate in a preliminary discussion, and formation of a committee to begin the process. City fire department Larry Goff a great resource and willing to talk with the board and/or membership as desired in future meetings or events.

Doug Rich (DR) announced that the city has some sustainability planning resources, and encouraged neighbors to get involved. Particularly there are ways to reduce storm water runoff that produce real dollar savings near and long term by having the city's sewer system processing fewer gallons of water. Offered himself as a contact for interested neighbors.

8:56 p.m. Chair adjourned early!