

## **PNA Board Meeting**

10/17/2019 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Lakeridge High School, 1235 Overlook Dr., Rotunda, Lake Oswego, OR 97034

### **Board Members Present:**

Dave Thatcher (Vice Chair)

Kim Beeler (Secretary)

Gail Parrick (Treasurer)

Mary Palm

Robert Heape

Elise Klein

Harold Rust

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

### **Agenda topics:**

Welcome remarks by Vice Chair

Update on neighborhood Greentree Park 2019 grant

Presentation on 2020 EV grant idea

Palisades traffic concerns

Cooks Butte C800 Emergency Communications Tower

### **Special Guests:**

Lt. Clayton Simon, Lake Oswego PD Traffic Supervisor

### **PNA Area Issues and Background:**

- Cook's Butte tower: Following a C800 July tour in Sandy with PNA reps (notes shared on PNA website), PNA reps attended the C800 Sept. 18 neighborhood meeting (notes shared on PNA website) and PNA reps met with LO City Planner Johanna Hastay to gather more information about the review process on Oct. 1. A neighborhood survey is under development and soon to be distributed to Palisades neighbors via the PNA website, Nextdoor; and possibly other avenues like *Lake Oswego Review*. The city turned down the PNA request for a postcard mailing of the survey to all Palisades residents, as only two mailings (for general meetings) are budgeted for each year.
- Palisades area traffic concerns: Kim invited Lt. Clayton Simon to update residents and address specific traffic concerns on Westview Drive and South Shore. Kim has specifically cited two fatalities (Westview Dr. and Fernwood) in the neighborhood in less than a year's time (in addition to three deer deaths on a single day in July). Kim has also attended and spoke at a Transportation Advisory Board meeting on Sept. 11 to address specific concerns. Still no action has been taken by the City Engineer Erica Rooney or TAB. Kim has requested increased police enforcement specifically at the intersection of South Shore/Westview Dr. (There has been minimal response from the LOPD).

**Action/Discussion Items:**

- Cooks Butte C800 Emergency Communications Tower (1 hour devoted to discussion).
- Palisades neighborhood traffic concerns
- Grant 2019 received | Grant 2020 ideas requested

**Next Meetings:**

- Jan. 16, 2020 – board/working meeting; 7 p.m., location TBD.

**Additional notes of specific discussion topics:**

- As Vice Chair, Dave Thatcher apologized for failing to attend the pre-application conference following PNA Chair Albie Almeida's unexpected resignation on Aug 22. Prior to Albie's departure as PNA Chair, the other PNA board members were not notified of Cooks Butte tower meetings in December and September. No one on the board was aware of the pre-application meetings until contacted by City Planner Johanna Hastay following the September meeting.
- Dave Thatcher talked about PNA, giving background on the association, and what the bylaws say the association can do in the way of providing an association statement to provide input to city government regarding neighborhood opinion on issues. He also pointed out that several areas of the neighborhood are not represented and made a pitch for volunteers to get involved to address issues and help keep the neighborhood informed about upcoming land use cases by training to attend pre-application conferences. He mentioned that a stronger association board might also be able to do more to bring the neighborhood together by organizing neighborhood events, such as picnics or fundraisers.
- John Surrett spoke, noting he was elected to Neighborhood 1 of the PNA at the last General Meeting in April. Gail has his information and will forward to Vice Chair.
- Neighborhood Grant – Al Calabria, member of LO Budget Committee and member of the subcommittee that reviews municipal grants said the city budget sets aside \$60,000 city-wide to be used for neighborhood grants. Gail Parrick (a PNA member for about 10 years) said a couple of years ago at a General Meeting, the PNA asked for suggestions. Many suggestions like street signs, speed bumps, etc., were made, but these don't qualify for grant money. In the past emergency prep kits were approved. This year Gail's grant submission was for Greentree Park improvements - \$3,500 for equipment (arriving in November) was approved. The PNA may plan a 2020 park event. Gail asked for ideas for next year's grant application and said to send them to the neighborhood association online.

- Rob Heape presented a potential 2020 grant proposal and showed video slides with information on types and costs of an EV charging station, with a suggested location somewhere around Lakeridge High School or Luscher Farm that could help visitors attending sporting events. Rob shared many different models. Important factors to be considered are: Who owns it? How to cover insurance? Would it be best to work with a third party to set up and maintain it? Costs range from \$750-\$2,000 (slow – level 1) up to the fastest DC Fast \$35,000-\$100,000.
- John Surrett, area 1, suggested the PNA apply for a grant for Palisades Neighborhood sign(s), maybe three signs around the neighborhood.
- Lt. Clayton Simon provided information on traffic issues. He stated he supervises motorcycle officers and school resource officers and works on the forensic side of crashes and provides analysis. He has worked here over 14 years, now running the traffic unit. He emphasized that Palisades is fairly safe. The number 1 citation here is speed, number 2 is people talking on their phones and number 3 is failing to stop at signs and lights. Traffic fatalities are down, hit and runs are down, and injury crashes are down. In Palisades neighborhood this year there were 7 non-injury crashes, 2 hit and runs and 2 injury crashes (one fatal – auto and pedestrian). He said police need help of residents to adjust their own behavior. People drive faster in areas they are familiar with, and the majority of people cited for speeding live in the neighborhood. An attendee asked if it was OK to turn right from Jean Rd. onto Bryant on a red light. Lt. Simon said to treat it as a stop sign and turn right on red if there is no oncoming traffic. Another attendee asked who oversees speed limits. For example, on South Shore people are not slowing from 35 MPH to 25 MPH when the speed limit changes. Simon noted the Engineering Department is the city department in charge of deciding speed limits. There was another question about people parking in bike lanes. Lt. Simon said to please call us about problems we see, such as parking and speeding, and the police are happy to respond and will give a return call if requested. In response to a question about requesting a speed trailer for any street, Lt. Simon said to go to city website and complete a “request form” to make a formal request and the police department can email results. There was a question about who to contact for a speed limit sign. Simon said it would be the traffic engineering department and Traffic Advisory Board. The City of LO has one Sergeant and 3 officers available at any one time. . John Surrett complained that the multi-use roadway near him is a problem since it can be used by cars and bikes and pedestrians. Lt. Simon said contact your local congressman for concerns about multi-use paths.
- Cooks Butte tower: Dave Thatcher opened the discussion about the tower. He said a statement by the PNA must state the majority and minority views. In order to draft the narrative of the statement, the PNA wants to get as much feedback as possible to determine the opinion of the neighborhood's roughly 1500 households on the tower. The PHA

proposes to take a survey and put it out on Nextdoor, maybe LO Review. This would allow us provide more information to the Development Review Commission on the specific objections and concerns of the residents.

- Scott Handley the leader of the Save Cook's Butte organization was first attendee to address PNA and attendees. He stated that the land was given by the Emerys to be forever natural. A telecommunications tower was mentioned in the deed to be a breach of contract. There were two previous attempts, one by C800 to site a tower in Cooks Butte. He asserted that there had been no due diligence on the technology for the tower, and that the original bond measure had been written by an employee of Motorola. He said that the city in 2017 had arranged for C800 to lease the site without notice to the public or to the Parks and Rec Department. When the city received pre-application materials from C800 December 2018 there is no evidence that the PNA received notice as required. He and others felt that the number of letters notifying neighbors of the public meeting in September was totally inadequate. Neighbors feel that the city has been trying to keep the proposal quiet. People who tried to bring up the issue at a city council meeting were not allowed to speak, due to procedural issues relating to a possible appeal of any DRC decision. He said it is important to have a statement by the association in the record, as associations can appeal DRC decisions before the council with no appeal fee, and are allowed longer testimonies than individuals. He also pointed out that documents list the tower as a "telecommunications tower" and federal law requires existing towers to allow co-location of other communication devices.
- An attendee stated that at the Parks Commission meeting on Wednesday most commissioners were not aware of the proposal. Ivan Anderholm said he knew about it two days before they put the lease into effect. Audience members stated that the commission voted unanimously to oppose the tower.
- Dave Thatcher summarized the application process so far and noted that the Land Use Application has not yet been submitted. When it is submitted there will be a DRC hearing. The City will send notice to all neighbors within 300 feet of the site, surrounding neighborhood associations, anyone who has submitted written testimony, and the LO Review.
- Dave asked how to best share information. Attendees said to use multiple outlets, including [www.palisadesneighborhood.org](http://www.palisadesneighborhood.org) (live survey was delayed because edits were requested by most attendees), Nextdoor; LO Review and Save Cooks Butte website.
- There was a motion from audience member to take a vote and the motion was seconded. Scott Handley restated the motion: I move that the PNA oppose Cooks Butte C800 Emergency Communications Tower and begin working on opposition testimony for the Development Review Commission. He asked that we use this information for opposition

testimony in DRC hearing. Audience vote: For the motion: 125; Against: 3; Abstain: 10.

- Sandy Jackson noted that the wildfires in Santa Jose, CA (where her daughter lives) were caused by bad PG & E bad lines and a second official in the area didn't think there was a need to update the notification system.
- An attendee questioned the need for the tower and stated that the technology is already outdated. He mentioned an article: "The future of law enforcement communication," May 2, 2018, and stated there are other ways to provide the necessary coverage. He said that they have the money and they want to spend it. Scott said he had asked for technical due diligence, but still hadn't received this report as requested.
- Another attendee said he had spoken to a police officer who said there has never been a single incident where the coverage that the tower would provide had been needed, and stated that it was the job of the neighborhood to protect the park from abuses such as what C800 is trying to do.
- Another attendee said we should be asking, "Do we really know what our problem is and does this solve it?" We need to understand what we're buying and who's profiting.
- Harold Rust of Area 12, stated that the way the city went at this was rough, and he wants to make sure our feelings are being registered.
- Another attendee stated that the proposed PNA survey is biased by stating city police and fire departments are for the Cooks Butte tower. The board members agreed to have Scott Handley and other volunteers help with survey edits before posting it.
- Others listed to speak at the General Meeting were Bill Huntting, Claire Puchy, Debbie Wilkins, Jeff Bowman, Keith Rogers and Mike Louailler. (Many people spoke who didn't identify themselves).

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.