

PNA General Meeting

06/25/2020 6:30 p.m.
Zoom meeting

Board Members Present:

Dave Thatcher (Vice Chair)
Elise Klein (Co-host of Zoom meeting)
Kim Beeler (Secretary)
Gail Parrick (Treasurer via phone connection)
Mary Palm
Rob Heape
Harold Rust

Not Present: John Surrett

Guest: Will Farley, City Traffic Engineer

Agenda:

- Vice Chair comments
- Neighborhood Grant/Neighborhood Signs
- Traffic updates/Speed Bump Survey
- Open Forum

Action & Discussion Items:

1. Vice Chair Comments: Dave Thatcher welcomed everyone to the first PNA General Meeting to be conducted via Zoom. He explained that the PNA Board had attempted to reserve the Lakeridge High School Rotunda Room for the meeting, but had been unsuccessful in communicating with school officials. At a meeting in May, the board discussed the meeting and supposed that all events were likely cancelled due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Since the spring general meeting had already been postponed once, the Board decided it was better to hold our spring meeting virtually rather than cancel it. Dave noted that 35 people had registered to participate in the virtual meeting, including board members. Dave and Elise then explained some protocols for the virtual meeting.

Dave then reported that in accordance with the by-laws as Vice-Chair he has been in the role of Chair after the elected Chair resigned in July 2019. The situation was supposed to have been temporary until elections at the spring 2020 meeting. Due to the unprecedented circumstances the situation has continued and while it has been an honor to fill the role, he said he is anxious for the elections to occur so that a permanent Chair can be selected.

2. Neighborhood Grant: Board member John Surrett suggested that a grant be obtained to purchase and install neighborhood signs as many other neighborhoods have done. At a previous meeting Board member Gail Parrick said she had been told by the planning staff that processing of neighborhood grants was on hold due to Covid-19. Dave mentioned we estimate each sign

costs about \$1,000, but that would need to be confirmed. The PNA would be responsible for all maintenance of the signs. Al Calabria, a general member on the call, said he sits on the City budget sub-committee and he volunteered to help. He said it's a well-documented process and the hardest part is deciding where to put the signs.

3. Traffic Survey: Dave said the PNA is planning to conduct a survey that would engage the community for feedback on whether or not they feel speed bumps are an effective traffic calming device to address excessive speed throughout the Palisades neighborhood. Dave mentioned that if the community supported installation of speed bumps the PNA would bring the matter to the city traffic department to show that the community supports the installations. The survey will be conducted sometime this summer and notice will be provided on the PNA website and NextDoor, but Dave said the board welcomed other ideas to notify the membership of the survey.

Traffic Engineer Will Farley said the City is currently considering three speed bumps along Westview Drive and that proposals have been sent for review by the Fire Department. He said there had been some pushback from neighbors. Kim stated it difficult to get everyone to agree an that it was her understanding that speed bumps had been installed on Westview years ago but were removed due to neighbor complaints.

4. Traffic Report: Kim Beeler shared 2020 year to date preliminary data for the Palisades NA general area that she had been provided by LOPD:
 - Injury Crashes: 0
 - Non-Injury Crashes: 4
 - Hit & Run Crashes: 3
 - Citations Issued: 76 (out of 1437 citations issued city-wide by LOPD)Kim noted that 21 of the 76 were issued near the intersection of South Shore and Westview. Kim also stated that she identified four traffic incidents year to date involving deer in the Palisades NA area. Incidents occurred on March 16th near 1115 Oak Terrace; April 10th near Westview and Greentree; June 17th near South Shore and Phantom Bluff; and on June 19th near South Shore and Arrowhead Ct.

Comments from the attendees regarding traffic:

- A general member stated that drivers did not stop at the stop sign at the intersection of Overlook and Meadowlark and indicated that individuals were parking inappropriately in front of her house on Meadowlark and occasionally blocking her driveway. City Traffic Engineer Will Farley said a traffic light at Overlook and Meadowlark wouldn't likely be an effective use of city funds due to a lack of citations and incidents, but he indicated that a red flashing indicator calling attention to the stop signs might be possible. He said that they aren't usually installed unless there is a utility

pole to power it and that with the taller trees near the intersection and the curve in the roadway to the west, a flashing light may not be visible to oncoming traffic. Farley said that despite the potential problems with the installation he would look into it.

Addressing the parking on Meadowlark, Farley said neighborhoods had gotten “No Parking 9am - 3pm School Days” signs, but they require every resident on the street to agree to their installation. This can be difficult since everyone, including homeowners, service vehicles, and delivery trucks, can be ticketed for parking on the street during the restricted times. Farley said to advise him if this was something the neighborhood would support and he would look into it further.

- Board member Rob Heape said parking was an ongoing problem, particularly with school-related traffic. A suggestion was made to work with the School Board to encourage their help.
- General member Don Wayne noted that traffic and parking problems will become worse when the plans for the Golf Course and Swimming Pool go into effect. Don also mentioned that with continued development throughout the neighborhood traffic problems will worsen and encouraged PNA to be concerned and proactive about these concerns.
- Board member Kirsty Reilly voiced her concerns and those of her neighbors about speed at the intersection of Canyon & Dellwood. She also mentioned the intersections of Dellwood & Westview and Hillside & Fernwood Cir as other problem intersections where visibility is an issue. She said that a child on a bike was almost hit by a car recently and that the biggest concern was for pedestrians to be able to cross safely. She said her community would like a 4-way stop and this is a perfect time to discuss and plan for safer ways for kids to get to and from school safely. Will Farley said he would look into the three areas that Kirsty identified.
- Vice-Chair Dave Thatcher suggested identifying problem areas and coordinating a “Traffic Summit.”
- General member Mario Campbell suggested sending traffic complaints to Kim and to possibly form a traffic sub-committee to discuss issues and get more organized for solutions; maybe in July.
- Pat Rau added that she has been active on speed issues on Royce Way and that she was active in getting speed bumps on Royce. She offered to share her information and data with Kim.

5. PNA Bylaw changes: Dave talked about several administrative revisions to the by-laws that need to be approved by the City and voted on by the general membership:
 - a. Allow the election of the Chair at any general meeting. PNA general meetings are held in April and October, but currently elections are held only in April.
 - b. Allow area representatives from unrepresented areas to be temporarily appointed between elections as long as they have the necessary neighborhood signatures. The area representative would have to be elected officially at the April general meeting.
 - c. Proxy votes must be completed by hand and signed.

6. Other comments:

- Scott Handley with SaveOurLOParks talked about the charter amendment petition being circulated to be put on a ballot. He mentioned Spring Brook Park as an example of a park being kept as a natural area. The amendment would revise the city charter to include 14 additional natural areas in Lake Oswego. Scott said that the amendment will ensure that City will be required to bring all proposals for changes to the natural areas to the community for a vote. Currently, the group has 8% of Lake Oswego voters who have signed the Petition. The group needs 15% of the voting population to sign the petition to get it on the ballot and they have two years to complete the petition. Scott said that before the COVID-19 outbreak they were on track to have enough signatures by May, but with the quarantine order, petitioners stopped going door-to-door and their efforts have now all been electronic. "We're inching our way up," Scott noted. Elise asked how Scott was getting the word out and he said mailing lists, Facebook and Nextdoor. He said they also ran some fundraisers to inform folks and get petitions signed.
- Board members mentioned that nine areas are represented on the PNA board and we need neighborhood representation in Areas 2, 7, 8 and 13. It was noted that you must live in the area to be a representative from that area and there is only one rep per neighborhood. General member Al Calabria volunteered to represent Area 8.
- Mario Campbell expressed interest in representing Area 3 but Kim represents Area 3. Kim welcomed Mario's help on a potential traffic subcommittee.
- Board member Harold Rust suggested creating small committees in order to have a more meaningful general meeting in the fall.
- Al Calabria added that it would be helpful to establish meeting objectives. "We have a lot of talented people in this town and we should try to harness it."
- Board member Rob Heape advised the board to continue following the process in working with City staff to announce the general meetings. City staff lets the Commission for Citizen Involvement & the Planning

Commission know about the meeting and at the Planning Commission meeting the neighborhood general meeting announcement usually gets read aloud. The planning commission meetings are broadcast on TV and posted on YouTube. Mention of a neighborhood association general meeting at the planning commission meeting is a very broad advertisement for the Neighborhood Association. Even if NA's don't want postcards mailed, still let City Staff know about the meeting and they will forward the information to the Planning Commission/Commission for Citizen Involvement.

Next Meetings:

- Sept. 17, Board Meeting
- TBD, Fall General Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.