

**PNA Fall General Meeting via Zoom**  
11/19/2020 6:30-8 p.m.

**Board Members Present:**

Dave Thatcher (Vice Chair – Acting Chair)  
Kim Beeler (Secretary)  
Gail Parrick (Treasurer)  
Mary Palm  
Kirsty Reilly  
Harold Rust  
Al Calabria

**Not Present:** Rob Heape and John Surret.

**Additional Zoom attendees**, including PNA members, head count of 16.

**Agenda topics:**

- Chair opening comments
- Revisions to PNA By-Laws
- Neighborhood grant update – Palisades Neighborhood signs
- Traffic: Survey on PNA site to receive feedback for speed cushions as traffic calming devices and traffic subcommittee
- Comments & Discussion as time allows for registered attendees who submitted comments.

**Action & Discussion Items:**

- Dave opened the meeting to make general announcements, which lead to introducing PNA board member Al Calabria, who with the assistance of Kirsty Reilly as project coordinator, submitted a neighborhood grant on Oct. 16th for 2 Palisades Neighborhood signs – one at the intersection of Greentree & South Shore and the second near Overlook & Stafford. He said there was a meeting on Monday, Nov. 23, at which point he said: “I have a high expectation we’ll get approved.” He mentioned that in the future, NA’s can apply for more than one grant and some attendees expressed interest in emergency preparedness kits. Al said he would look into whether or not neighborhood signs could be used to post meeting notices and other important communications as requested by PNA board member Harold Rust.

\*Update to PNA board members via email from Al following Monday’s meeting:

*“At today’s NEP committee virtual meeting, our two neighborhood signs received conditional approval. The Greentree site was ok but Erica Rooney expressed concern that the sign placement at Overlook must not obscure the vision of a driver exiting the driveway nearby. The committee’s recommendations must be approved at the next city council meeting on December 15. I think Kirsty will be notified shortly thereafter since she is the official project manager. At that point, I’ll arrange a meeting with Jim*

*Bateman of the city maintenance staff, a representative from the city traffic department Kirsty and me at the site so we can select a specific location that is fully compliant and address Erica's concern..*

- Dave brought up the recent incident of deer heads being placed near political signs in the Palisades Neighborhood. The incident occurred on Nov. 19. There is a 19-year-old suspect who apparently is a Lake Oswego resident. He is charged with 2 counts of disorderly conduct and 2 counts of offensive littering. Meeting attendee Barbara Cullicott asked about the anonymous and 'threatening' letters being sent in the community in regards to Black Lives Matter. She received a letter and said: "It concerns us." In response, Dave brought up the recent invitation for PNA to sponsor a Chamber of Commerce and Oregon Historical Society event on Dec. 10, 6-8 p.m., to discuss and offer an overview of race relations in the state. Dave said anyone interested can sign up to participate as he has.
- PNA By-Laws: Dave gave an overview of the changes made, including cleaning up administrative errors. He said there were 3 substantive changes, including:
  - The Chair can be elected at either spring or fall general meetings. Previously elections were held only at the spring general meeting.
  - The Chair, with board concurrence, can appoint an area representative from an area without representation as long as the interested individual has complied with the other requirements for becoming an area representative. Appointments will last until the next election at the spring general meeting.
  - Proxy votes must be completed and signed by hand.
- Dave called for a vote of the attendees to approve the By-Law revisions. It was seconded and the revisions were approved unanimously.
- Dave said he will be sharing the By-Law changes with Eric Olson, in the Lake Oswego Planning Dept.
- Traffic: Dave encouraged people to visit the PNA website, [www.palisadesneighborhood.org](http://www.palisadesneighborhood.org), where there is a survey that will remain live until Dec. 31. The survey seeks input from palisades residents about traffic calming devices, specifically speed cushions on 25 mph streets. As of the General Meeting there were 27 responses and 12 comments; 70% YES and 30% NO answers. Kim brought up the formation of a Traffic Subcommittee, as suggested by Mario Campbell, in the past. Kim noted that Sgt. Jay Weitman of the LOPD mentioned that Waluga NA had an active and productive traffic committee, which has led to positive changes. Kim shared data offered by Sgt. Weitman, highlighting 2,291 traffic citations issued in the city year to date (Jan. 1-Nov. 17, 2020), 94 of those issued in the Palisades neighborhood and 29 of those issued specifically at a problem intersection (South Shore and Westview Dr.). The Top 5 citations issued YTD: speed (754); electronic device / cell use (588);

FTO traffic control device (203); driving uninsured (133); and DWS – violation (119).

- Tree subcommittee/tree champion: PNA member AI discussed that there is currently no process in place on how to best share the tree permit applications with the Palisades community. Dave mentioned that NAs don't have to pay the \$200 appeal fee if the neighborhood would like to appeal a decision. The neighborhood association would have to determine when an appeal is appropriate. The group agreed more discussion is needed.
- Dave mentioned that the Lake Oswego neighborhood associations have agreed to create a Neighborhood Chairs committee. The intent of the committee is to share information of interest to all neighborhood associations.
- *\*Update: Dave attended the Neighborhood Chairs Committee (NCC) meeting held via Zoom on Dec 12, 2020. The meeting had a specific agenda and though the subject of trees was briefly mentioned during general discussions, it was not an agenda topic. Specifically, the brief discussion showed that various neighborhood associations had different approaches to addressing applications for tree removal, ranging from no process to specific individuals responding to applications to sub-committees reviewing applications. The intent of the NCC is to share information and common issues among neighborhood associations so for the next meeting Dave will request that this topic be added to the agenda.*
- Zoom attendee general comments: John Quast mentioned that he has noticed more Nextdoor communication on thefts and riffling through cars; incidents of people entering homes; and to be on alert/creating a neighborhood watch group and/or sign was suggested as well as advice to keep lights on. Dave said he would have to check with LOPD and that it would be a worthwhile goal to have an Emergency & Disaster Preparedness Program or Kit in place, including emergency resources.
- Neighborhood night: Harold suggested and Gail discussed how she had held a social in the past designed for neighbors meeting neighbors. Kristy noted the city holds an August event to close streets in interested neighborhoods. She suggested that each neighborhood rep. could handle their own neighborhoods by passing out fliers. AI suggested a Neighborhood Enhancement Grant would be a good candidate for such an event and that you can apply for more than one grant in each NA.
- Final additional Zoom general comments: Mario C. thanked the PNA board members for their volunteer work. John Q. said the city has done a great job supporting the community. AI thanked Dave for keeping things going as interim Chair. Kim asked if we could (or when can PNA) elect an official Chair (apparently next spring General

Meeting is the next opportunity). Gail mentioned that official notices need to be mailed to Palisades community.

**Next Meetings:**

- PNA Board Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021 via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

\*Notes added after the meeting