

PNA Board Meeting via Zoom

1/21/2021 7 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Dave Thatcher (Vice Chair – Temporary Acting Chair)

Kim Beeler (Secretary)

Gail Parrick (Treasurer)

Mary Palm

Kirsty Reilly

Al Calabria

Not Present: Rob Heape, Harold Rust and John Surrett

Agenda topics: Role call; Neighborhood grant/signs; Tree Permits and Pre-application meetings; Planning Dept. proposal – HB 2001; Traffic (speed bump survey); and identify dates for upcoming board and Spring General Meeting.

Action & Discussion Items:

- HB 2001: Dave started meeting explaining he expected this to be a hot-button topic in the neighborhood. He briefly explained that it's a zoning change for single family residences that could allow up to a four-plex on a property. Dave shared a presentation invitation via Zoom for Friday, Jan. 29th (he thought around 3 PM). Dave and Gail said they would attend the presentation. Dave said they are going to send out a neighborhood survey to determine the "characteristics of the neighborhood." Every neighborhood chair will do an interview with the consultant. They are planning to send out postcards to the community as well. HB 2001 is something the state recently passed to allow for multiple housing units on single dwelling sites.
- Neighborhood Chairs Committee: Dave attended and gathered some information on how other neighborhoods are handling tree permits/processes. Dave said PNA is listed on NCC roster and asked if we should be? Dave said he will follow up via email for a vote. He also said they requested PNA's 2 top education topics: (Dave will follow the meeting with the details) two identified as likely topics – HB 2001 and Tree Permit Applications.
- Traffic speed cushion survey and subcommittee: Dave said survey results were 48 YES responses and 36 NO responses, equaling 84 total responses. He felt the comments might be instructive to share with the Transportation Advisory Board and/or Traffic Engineer Will Farley. Question raised do we want to establish a traffic subcommittee. Kim expressed concerns that it's too contentious a topic, adding that the neighborhood tends to agree there is a problem with speeders, sign obedience, distracted and aggressive

driving, but a lack of agreement on how to solve these issues. Kim noted a recent Nextdoor communication that signs and lowered speed limits were discussed but also received feedback on just “more things for drivers to ignore.” Kim suggested a traffic subcommittee would be a would be too contentious and we shouldn’t engage in an organized committee at this time. Kim will continue her personal efforts to engage the city and police to address traffic concerns in the neighborhood. She added a traffic officer was in her driveway today for about 10 minutes.

- Neighborhood signs/grants: Al said Kristy’s name is on the application forms. Al followed up and noted that a final notice of approval was given by the city at noon today. He added there were slight conditions to the sign at Lakeridge due to potential driveway blockage. Al said he will follow through with the city staff and put up the money for reimbursement. Some board members like Gail thought this process was abnormal. Deadline is June and Al said he is working with Jim Bateman at the city. He also mentioned that grant proposal deadlines for this year are coming up soon.
- Tree permits: Dave noted that tree permit applications seem endless and it seems lacking a purpose other than trying to identify a neighborhood rep for each permit application, but they are shared with all PNA board members. All PNA board members on the call agree that it would be nice to have a tree permit process in place. Dave said he thought the PNA could appeal an approved application free of charge, but Mary disagreed noting that if the PNA hadn’t previously disputed the initial application then the PNA could NOT appeal the approved tree permit. Al said he talked to Bob Ervin and he said Tom Bland is their association’s “Tree Champion;” a single point person with the city. Al mentioned “Kathleen,” Sustainability Advisory Board and Sharon Gustufson as “their tree person”. He proposed the PNA recruit and assign a tree chair to take on a similar role and develop a contact list of interested residents, possibly through Nextdoor, circulate tree permits for residents to appeal or PNA to endorse. He concluded: “I’d like to see a process.” Kirsty mentioned we should call on a Palisades neighbor to fulfill a role at Tree Permit Coordinator and to alert the PNA board with concerning applications. Kim agreed to help promote and posted the role on Nextdoor Friday, Jan. 22, along with a request to fill five open board neighborhood positions in areas: 2, 4, 5, 7 & 13).
- Schools reopening & traffic concerns: Kirsty reopened discussion about traffic concerns due to the increased foot traffic to come, specifically near Westridge Elementary School and the stop sign intersection of Westview and Delwood. This is Kirsty’s area 10 and is a concern of hers. She said the community will see more auto and pedestrian traffic because no one wants to take the bus.

- Meeting dates identified: The Spring General Meeting was identified as April 29 at 6:30 PM via Zoom. Dave said he would work on the agenda and share with the group. The goal with the Spring General Meeting will be to elect board members, specifically a Chair. He said he would reach out to Mario, Neighborhood 3, who has expressed interested to be Chair in the past. The board members agreed that a “Working Session” Board Meeting should be held prior to the General Meeting to discuss an agenda and see if any new area representatives had expressed interest following Nextdoor outreach to Palisades neighbors. This should give the PNA ample time to get postcard agenda text to the city and figure out how to best distribute election forms with the neighborhood.

Next Meetings:

- Board Meeting via Zoom, March 11, 6:30 PM
- Spring General Meeting via Zoom, April 29, 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.