



PALISADES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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July 10, 2025 via Zoom

Meeting Minutes - Final & Approved

Note: The video recording of this meeting will serve as the complete meeting minutes. It is posted on the Palisades Neighborhood Association's YouTube channel [here](#).

1. MEETING START: 7:00PM - ROLL CALL

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>		<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>
Chair	Chris Durkee	Yes		6	Open	
5 - Vice Chair	Carrie Love	Yes		7	Cyrus Lee	Yes
1 - Treasurer	Jon Thies	Yes		8	Nancy Sage	yes
Secretary	Open			9	Meg Wilkinson	Yes
Former Chair	Frederique Lavios	No		10	Brice Secord	Yes
2	Charles Buck			11	Rob Heape	No
3	Elisa Williams	Yes		12	David Westerdahl	Yes
4	Jenny Cherrytree	Yes		13	Open	

1. QUORUM: Achieved - 10 of 12 board members attended.
2. NAMES OF NON-BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE
 - o Rick Cook
 - o Ken Allen

- Ben Adams, Annelie Adams
- Jasmin Patenia
- Randall Yamada

3. MOTIONS

- APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the **June 12, 2025** meeting minutes

- i. Chris Durkee made the motion. Cyrus Lee seconded the motion. Minutes are approved.

- OTHER MOTIONS

There is a motion to amend the May 8 2025 meeting minutes to state that Jon Thies and Chris Durkee are sole signatories on PNA's Home Street Bank account, taking Frederique Lavios off the list, per her request.

- i. Chris Durkee made the motion. Carrie Love seconded the motion. The motion passes

- There is a motion to approve publishing Nancy Dunis' articles on LO history. Nancy published a monthly column in the LO Review for several years and has offered to have PNA publish her articles.

- i. Chris Durkee made the motion. Jenny Cherrytree seconded the motion. The motion passes.

- Ken presented a detailed overview of a new housing development project, Hazelia Living Community, highlighting the layout of 53 cottages and townhomes, open space requirements, and landscaping plans. He emphasized the project's compliance with city regulations and its community-oriented design, while also addressing concerns about traffic impact and parking. Ken outlined the project's timeline, including upcoming submissions and approvals, and discussed the architectural plans for the units

- i. There is a motion to support Ken Allen's Hazelia Living Community residential development project plan as submitted, under the condition that there be no future connection between this development and Ridge Point Drive.

Chris Durkee made the motion. Carrie Love seconded the motion. The motion passes. Elisa Williams abstained.

4. ACTION ITEMS

- Chris to draft language for the website regarding criteria for guest speakers at PNA meetings. Criteria shall include that the presentation ties into the PNA mission and be specifically pertinent to the Palisades neighborhood and Palisades community.
 - i. Chris to contact Valdez Bravo, President, Health Care for All Oregon, regarding making his presentation more focused on neighborhood interests.
- Carrie and Chris to consider schedule of taking PNA yard signs down during holidays while maintaining them for important community initiatives
- Annelie to prepare and send a summary of the current status of the cell tower issue to Chris.

- i. Chris to distribute Annelie's cell tower summary to the entire board.
- Carrie and Elisa to discuss and strategize on using Nextdoor for community outreach.
- Board members to provide content updates for their respective areas (land use, traffic, events, emergency prep) to Carrie for the newsletter.
- David to double-check the date for the emergency preparedness event in Lake Oswego (tentatively September 18th).
- Carrie to post information about the Childs Road closure on the PNA website.
- Carrie to restart the "Pet of the Month" feature in the August newsletter.
- Joe to upload PDF reports of website analytics to the shared folders.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- None discussed

5. NEW BUSINESS

- Chair report
 - Open positions
 - Social Media Coordinator
 - Elisa Williams will be filling this role
- Vice Chair report
 - The board discussed yard sign placement, with Carrie and Chris agreeing to determine schedule for taking them down during holidays while maintaining them for important community initiatives. Frederick and Carrie reported on postcards promoting National Night Out events and newsletter subscriptions, which were designed and submitted for production.
- Treasurer report:
 - The board discussed financial matters, including Jon's report on the Home Street Bank account balance of \$463.89 and reimbursement requests. They approved Chris and Jon as signatories for the savings account.
- Committee Reports
 - Parks Committee Report (Nancy Sage)
 - Rassekh play area is on track for September.
 - Luscher application to the county is now being submitted to the County.
 - Regarding the driving range, all is quiet at the moment but we are still closely monitoring for balls flying too far.
 - Traffic Committee Report (Rob Heape)
 - Sidewalks going in on Treetop and Meadowlark
 - Childs road closure
 - Emergency Preparedness, Recovery, and Response Committee Report (David Westerdahl)
 - The Community Health and Resiliency Advisory board discussed the importance of social connections in emergency preparedness.
 - Slides of July 5 emergency preparedness presentation on PNA website
 - September 18 - Emergency Preparedness Fair in downtown Lake Oswego
 - E-Newsletter Committee Report (Carrie Love)
 - July traffic on website is as expected, saw some traffic due to Nextdoor
 - Webmaster Committee Report (Joe Avila)
 - Joe shared website traffic data visualization
 - Traffic mainly coming through search, then e-mail

- Spikes associated with newsletter release
- Community Health and Resiliency (Elisa Williams)
 - Advisory Board held its first meeting
 - Members were asked to review and suggest any needed revisions to the four-point preliminary charge statement.
- Land Use Committee Report (Meg Wilkinson)
 - Ben and Annelie Adams brought forth further discussion and updates regarding a cell tower installation issue, where a stop work order was lifted due to a federal ordinance, though questions remain about the need for a conditional use permit. The committee will meet with the city's planning department on July 17th to review this matter further.
 - Annelie requested for PNA to take a position on this issue. The PNA is not yet ready to take a position on the code violation issue, as they need to first meet with Jessica Numanoglu from the city planning department on the 17th to understand the process behind the tower approval and the lifting of the stop work order. Chris explained that PNA has committed to follow a process of first addressing issues with staff, then the city manager, and finally the city council, but this case evolved beyond their control due to a formal complaint being filed. Annelie clarified that while a land use appeal has been considered, they are waiting to see the city's response before proceeding further.
 - Written testimony below submitted by Annelie Adams to PNA on June 11, 2025.

We are grateful for support from our community. We have continued to advocate against the installation of the Verizon Cell Tower and have started a petition.



Lakeridge High School Cell Tower, Baseball Field Light

Our family lives in the Carter House, a historical house on the city's historical designation list, built in 1881. We live here with our 5 kids. Mid-April we noticed construction on the baseball field across from our house. We spoke with the construction workers and they told us they were working on installing a new cell tower with Verizon. After contacting the city and the school district, many employees including the Superintendent were not aware of a new cell tower installation. We eventually found out a signed consent was given to Verizon in November 2024. This was not approved in a public school board meeting. We were able to track down the permit and was told this was a fast tracked permit, a 6409 (a) which is a ministerial application and does not allow for public input. It allows for cell companies like Verizon to install cell equipment on already existing monopoles. The caveat is that the pole has to already be existing as a telecommunications facility. Since there was no cell equipment on this pole, and by the Lake Oswego telecommunication code, this should have gone through the permitting as a new cell tower, not an already existing tower. On May 21, 2025 a STOP work order was issued and Lake Oswego city planning told Crown Castle and Verizon, they had to prove the pole has continuously been in use as a telecommunications facility. Crown Castle and Verizon responded that a federally regulated 2014 infrastructure order states a tower does not have to have cell equipment on it and be in active use for it to be used as a cell tower. This is a pivotal point in whether the monopole in question can be used legally as a cell tower or not. Lake Oswego city planning went back to the original installation of the pole (in 1997) and determined that the original function of the pole was 1st as a cell tower and 2nd as a baseball field light. And so with this determination the STOP work order was lifted. The baseball field lights were installed in 1993. In 1997 the school district entered into a lease with Crown Castle for a cell tower collocation. This initially was approved as a cell collocation installation on the baseball field light pole, however was later amended to change the pole to a cell tower. The original poles are still laying on the ground behind the baseball fence. This swap is the difference between the cell tower being permitted today or being denied. Had the baseball field light pole never been swapped, Verizon would have been denied this permit because there is already another cell tower 123 ft away from this new one. Current city code says they have to be at least 750 ft apart. This brought us to look at the approval process for the 1997 cell tower installation. Per city planning this was approved under the 1993 baseball light design review DR 7-93. However, this design review mentions nothing of telecommunication facilities. It also was approved under ordinance 2144. This ordinance stated that if the type of pole is getting changed its required to adhere to setback and other locational criteria of the zone. In 1997, Lakeridge High School was zoned residential. Had this gone through the proper permitting then, it would have required a conditional land use permit, as well as a section 106 review. A conditional land use permit would have required public input for a cell tower installation and a section 106 review would have required a review done on the impact to our historic home. Neither of which were done because it was approved as a collocation on a baseball field light pole. A couple things to note - when this was previously used a cell tower, the cell arrays were higher, above the baseball field lights and it was smaller. It was also less visible with the public golf course trees. Since this whole area has changed with the development of the rec center, both towers are significantly more visibly prominent. Other additional information - I was also made aware this week that both the 1997 and 2024 approvals for these cell towers were not made in a public meeting with the school district. This is a requirement for public property. Due to the historical designation on our house we are also prohibited by the city from making any significant changes to our house that would change visual impact or reduce RF radiation. The school district has stated in previous board meetings they do not put cell towers on elementary school property due to studies that show kids are more susceptible to RF radiation. They've also stated the health concern is when your at the height of the tower. This new installation has cell array that are level were our bedroom windows. This is a concern for our family with 5 young kids. A school in California removed a tower last year due to 4 student and 3 teachers being diagnosed with cancer. Only a very small percentage of school districts in Oregon have

cell towers and many districts choose not to, or have a policy against having them due to the health concerns (this includes West Linn/Wilsonville). Since this tower is only 85 ft from our property, and there is already another one there, this makes 2 towers less than 200 ft from our house. The health concern is real. A local resident and 3rd party RF consultant - Optimal Dwelling Spaces did a RF analysis of all the towers in the district several years ago and LHS has the highest radiation with a reading of 194,200 watts per square meter. This also affects our property value, and is a health concern for kids and the elderly who are the most vulnerable. Since the retirement home is next door this is a concern for elderly residents there as well. Our next steps are meeting with Lake Oswego planning to walk through the approval process. We are concerned about the permitting process as well as the approval process with the school district. No public input has ever been formally considered. We have also started a petition to help gather community support. Below are pictures of the cell tower progression over the years. I'm happy to answer any questions. We are appreciative of the help and support.

Baseball Field Light, decommissioned and no cell equipment summer 2024:



2009 Towers:



What is looks like today, June 2025:



These meeting minutes were approved on _____[date] by the Board members at the meeting.

ADJOURN: 8:16

Submitted by acting secretary: Cyrus Lee