



PALISADES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

7/9/26 via Zoom

Meeting Minutes - Final, approved 8/13/26

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](#).

MEETING START: 7:00 PM (called to order ~7:06 PM once quorum was reached)

BOARD MEMBER ROLL CALL

Position	Name	Present	Position	Name	Present
Chair	Chris Durkee	x	Treasurer + Area 7 Rep	Cyrus Lee	x
			Area 8 Rep	Nancy Sage	x
Area 1 Rep	Jon Thies	x	Area 9 Rep	Meg Wilkinson	x
Area 2 Rep	Charlie Buck		Area 10 Rep	Brice Secord	
Area 3 Rep	Elisa Williams	x	Area 11 Rep	Rob Heape	x
Area 4 Rep	Jenny Cherrytree		Area 12 Rep	David Westerdahl	x
Area 5 Rep	Carrie Love	x	Area 13 Rep	(open)	
Area 6 Rep	(open)				

QUORUM – YES (There are currently 12 seated Board Members. A quorum is 50% or more = 6. Nine members present.)

MOTIONS

Candidate Forum

Motion: That Palisades approach the adjoining neighborhood associations — First Addition, Old Town, Evergreen, and McVey-Southshore — and discuss hosting a candidate forum, with the understanding that each neighborhood would be equally represented and have the chance to provide input on questions and issues important to their neighborhood.

- Chris Durkee made the motion.
- Cyrus Lee seconded the motion.
- Discussion held (see Chair Report).
- Motion passed unanimously.

CHAIR REPORT – Chris Durkee

Candidate Forum

The Chair revisited last month's discussion on a candidate forum. After reviewing the meeting video, he noted the prior vote leaned slightly toward a Palisades-only forum, but not by a strong majority. He proposed collaborating with adjoining

associations for a stronger draw of candidates and public, and shared logistics. Discussion followed: Rob Heape raised concern that partner neighborhoods could dilute Palisades' voice; Meg Wilkinson noted most issues (parking, traffic) are shared rather than unique to Palisades; Carrie Love proposed each association receive dedicated time and its own slate of questions. That safeguard was incorporated into the motion above, which passed unanimously.

Annual Focus – Safety

The Chair proposed safety — traffic, speeding, and parking — as the board's focus for the coming year, citing the pedestrian struck on Greentree at Carter Place, the accident at Overlook & Stafford, speeding on South Shore, and Lake Ridge student parking. In discussion, Meg cautioned against a single-issue focus; Elisa Williams added connection between neighbors as a related priority; Nancy Sage suggested the newsletter do more to surface incidents as they occur; Rob argued land use must remain a focus given the association's land-use mandate and pending development. Carrie noted PNA already covers these topics. Jon Thies asked how to involve the state; Rob reported he had contacted the city manager's office (Lynn Peterson is on vacation, returning next week) and will follow up. Consensus (no formal motion): adopt safety/traffic/parking as this year's throughline while continuing to cover other neighborhood matters, including land use.

VICE CHAIR REPORT – Carrie Love

Per Lake Oswego School District minutes, the district's testing firm (Apex) presented on June 22 a comprehensive analysis around multiple schools and the Adams residence (Overlook & Stafford) in response to cell-tower concerns. No elevated readings were found with equipment on or off; the only high reading came from the Adams family's own Ring camera. Every measurement — power density, magnetic field strength, and electric field strength — came in well below national and international acceptable levels. Carrie will circulate the full report. The Chair noted the results confirm PNA was right to let the Adams family pursue the matter independently rather than make it the board's fight; whether the family continues its lawsuit is unknown.

TREASURER REPORT – Cyrus Lee

- PNA accounts have been transferred to OnPoint Community Credit Union.
- The reimbursement request from Carrie Love has been paid by the city.
- No outstanding reimbursement claims at this time.

LOSD – Jenny Cherrytree

Absent. Cell-tower testing item covered under the Vice Chair Report.

EMERGENCY PREP – David Westerdahl

National Night Out is August 4, 2026. Residents who register a party with the City by approximately July 28 are guaranteed a fire/police visit, and registration may provide the host address liability indemnification. Police and fire will distribute Four From Your Door door hangers during their stops. The Chair challenged each board member to either organize a National Night Out event in their area or ensure a neighbor does. For promotion, Carrie Love will send a single-topic newsletter (with photos from last year) in lieu of yard signs, and Elisa Williams will post on Nextdoor. Carrie will check whether PNA's second free city mailing could still meet the deadline (likely too tight).

PARKS COMMITTEE – Nancy Sage

PNA is preparing a county application to codify current uses of Luscher Farm, potentially including a new driveway entrance (the current one has a safety concern). The county holds a pre-review meeting on August 6. The City (Kira) wishes to engage the PNA board and the Stafford Hamlet on the driveway location, given concerns about impact on the Stafford/Rosemont/Atherton roundabout. Proposal: invite Kira as guest speaker at the August 13 board meeting; Nancy to coordinate.

TRAFFIC & PATHWAYS COMMITTEE – Robert Heape

Stafford Road construction is progressing (curbs, forms, and poles in place; asphalt not yet laid); official completion is still targeted for late fall. EV charging cords at the Rec Center were removed — reported stolen/clipped, part of a series of thefts at multiple locations. Rob also noted an increased skunk population near Stafford/Bella Terra and advised pedestrian caution.

LAND USE COMMITTEE – Meg Wilkinson

One pre-application meeting: a land division approved years ago whose approval expired, now restarting the process; otherwise quiet. On the Hazelia Living redevelopment (Ken's project), deconstruction of the church has begun; the applicant continues working through City Engineering issues. The board discussed whether unsold First Addition cottages — reportedly cut from a ~\$900K launch to the \$600K–\$695K range, with roughly six or more possibly bundled for sale to an investor or converted to rentals — might affect the project; consensus was that Ken's project is distinct. Meg will email Ken to ask.

COMMUNITY HEALTH & SOCIAL MEDIA – Elisa Williams

Community Health & Resiliency Advisory Board (CRAB)

Four From Your Door has been embraced by the City, with police and fire distributing door hangers at National Night Out. The idea originated with a Palisades neighbor (Sunny Hill) inspired by the isolation he experienced caring for his late wife who had Alzheimer's; it was selected as the top idea at the City's January boards summit. On August 13, David Westerdahl will lead a CRAB presence at the Chamber of Commerce Health Fair (Millennium Park, evening), collecting community input on priorities and promoting Four From Your Door. PNA will also have a presence at the City's September 24 emergency preparedness fair.

Social Media

The Stafford Road update remains the highest-interest post; Elisa will post on the South Shore pedestrian bridge and on Rob's June traffic data, and noted survey results also drew strong traffic. Nextdoor has plateaued at 37 followers, which Elisa attributed largely to the platform's algorithm; she asked board members to follow and share the channel and to consider additional channels. Carrie, Elisa, and Chris will meet on social-media strategy.

BOARD RECRUITMENT DISCUSSION

Jon Thies raised how to recruit interested neighbors in his area. Carrie Love proposed a MailChimp approach — pull Area 1 residents, identify those who most often click/read PNA communications, then send a targeted invitation to get involved, using Area 1 as a pilot. Elisa Williams noted residents often confuse PNA with an HOA and suggested developing talking points that appeal to residents' self-interest in having a voice and influence, framing the board as a gateway to broader civic involvement (e.g., Elisa's CRAB Chairship and Carrie's budget committee seat both followed from PNA membership).

NON-BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Nancy Dunis
- Patrick Walsh, candidate for Lake Oswego City Council

ADJOURN: 7:51 PM

These meeting minutes were approved on August 13, 2026 by the Board members at the meeting.

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