

## **FAN/Forest Hills Annual Meeting May 1, 2009**

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6:30 to 7:30 pm Social and Silent Auction  
Meeting called to order by Chair Lisa Shaw 7:30 pm

### **Introductions**

#### **Oregon Legislature and the Budget – Chris Garrett, State Representative**

- Legislature is coping with the economic downturn: \$4 to 5 billion shortfall anticipated in budget of almost \$20 billion.
- Working with businesses that have come forward with their own proposal to increase taxes on business.
- Will have to make cuts in key programs, including education, public safety, and human services.
- Chris supports reforming the kicker law.
- No support in the legislature right now for sales tax.
- Referendum reform is a precondition for serious revenue reform.
- Every agency has come forward with 30% in budget cuts; 5% cuts across the board are the starting point, will fine tune where to cut deeper.
- For budget writers one of the guiding principles is that we ought not to make cuts now that could result in more expense later, e.g. cutting prevention programs.

#### **Lake Oswego Interceptor Sewer (LOIS) Update – Jeff Selby, City of Lake Oswego**

- Showed video about the project.
- Changes to system include shorted floating section and more fixed pilings.
- 75-year lifespan expected.
- For more information, see LOISNews.com
- Jeff is looking for more opportunities to get the word out – call him at 503-697-06514 if you would like him to speak to your group about LOIS.

#### **First Addition Neighborhood Alley Restoration Project – Jordan Wheeler, City of Lake Oswego**

- Great response to the alley cleanup day.
- Still some issues: will trim hedges and overhanging tree limbs this summer. Jordan will be doing inventory in the coming weeks.
- End of summer will fill pot holes and spread gravel.
- By fall we should have garbage and recycling pickup in the alleys in First Addition.
- You will get notice in the mail of when the contractor will be in your alley.

#### **School District Budget – Linda Brown, Lake Oswego School Board**

- School board is being proactive regarding revenue shortfall: will have \$7.5 to 10 million less next year.
- First half of their May meetings will be taking public comments about what's essential to keep.
  - School board meeting minutes are online.
  - Can testify in public and by mail.
- Will not be ending school year early this year, as some other districts have proposed.
- Will use half of the \$3 million in cash reserves next year.
- Will not close schools – elementary schools are all at optimum size.
- Need to rethink fundamentally how we provide education.
- If you have questions, contact Linda at 503-638-1566.

**E Avenue Pathway** – Lisa Shaw

- City will be contacting individual property owners on E Avenue.
- Will be a general meeting about the pathway sometime in the future.

**Hazard Trees**

- Diana Bouwer worked with the City to get bright pink notices posted when hazardous trees are cut down.

**Proposed Code Changes** – Carole Ockert

- City is proposing changes to code for arterials and the buildings that front them.
- Private schools may be allowed to increase their size by 40%.

**Infill** – Jim Bolland

- Public hearings for Infill II began in January and are still going on.
- Planning Commission needs to approve and then City Council.
- Side yard setback: proposing 7.5ft on each side instead of 5ft and 10ft.
- Garage size over 400 sq. ft. to be included in floor area ratio (FAR) – garage not currently included at all in FAR.
- Addressing slightly sloped lots of which there are many in our neighborhood.
- Currently, if remodeling costs more than 50% of value of the home, need to bring it up to code including resolving any portion built into the set back (true of many older homes) – proposing change because this rule leads to tear downs.
- Questions about infill – call Jim Bolland at 503-635-3213.

Maria Meneghin read letter from Mayor Hoffman recognizing Lisa Shaw’s contributions as Chair of the neighborhood association. Lisa is stepping down from this post.

**Tree Committee** – Sharon Gustafson

- Asking for volunteers to do tree inventory.
- FAN has 57% tree canopy, Lake Oswego has 40%.

**Sidewalk on D Avenue between First and Second** – Linda McNulty

- More complicated to fix because of steep hill there.

**Elections**

- New board voted in unanimously.
- Many spots still available on the Coordinating Committee.

**Silent Auction**

- Winners who did not pay tonight please send money to Diana Bouwer, FAN/Forest Hills Treasurer, 860 Eighth Street, Lake Oswego, OR 97034.
- Thanks to Carole Ockert and Linda McNulty for getting gift cards from local merchants.

**Upcoming Events**

LONAC – May 2, 9am at Heritage House

- Councilors Mary Olson and Sally Moncreif will talk about the compromise they crafted on the West End Building (WEB); forum open to the public.

Chris Garrett – May 2, 9am at Chuck’s Place (Second and B, across from Bike Gallery)

- Meet to talk to our State Representative.

Townhall with Richard Devlin and Chris Garrett – May 27, 7pm at the West End Building

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Submitted by Tracey Elliott, Secretary