

FAN/Forest Hills Coordinating Committee Meeting September 2, 2009

Meeting called to order by Chair Maria Meneghin.

Treasurer's report

- \$178.42
- We will need \$135 this year for expenses.

Lake Oswego Centennial Celebration – Maria Meneghin

- 2010 is Lake Oswego's Centennial Year
- Do we have any historical documents to share? Let Maria know – she has to respond soon.

Our Lady of the Lake remodeling project – Carole Ockert

- Revised plan is quite different and within existing code (previous plan required variances).
- "Sixties meets Pearl District": flat roofs, lots of glass, broken up facades.
- Dennis O'Neil, member of the parish, says our Lady of the Lake still wants non-public schools to have more space, like public schools do. Current design fits within code, but just barely.
- Currently, public schools fall under public facility zone which allows up to 35% lot coverage. Forest Hills School has the highest lot coverage at 23%; most schools in the district are closer to 15%.
- Private schools are limited by same rules as for other buildings in the zone.
- City is considering whether all schools shouldn't be treated the same way.
- Planning Commission is recommending equitable solution to make all schools comply with 25% lot coverage.

Tree Committee – Sharon Gustafson

- Lake Oswego's State of the Urban Forest Report, June 2009:
http://www.ci.oswego.or.us/plan/community_forestry/StateoftheForestReport.pdf
- Margaret and Pete Ward have done 30% to 35% of the tree inventory for our neighborhood.
- New AmeriCorps volunteer is Nicole Roscos.
- Chinese Elm at Sixth and D will be recommended as Heritage Tree next spring.
- Sharon wants to step down as Tree Committee Chair and is looking for a successor.

New Public Works Director Guy Graham – Maria Meneghin

- Guy is in charge of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
 - FY2009/2010 items are budgeted for and will happen
 - Beyond that it is a wish list, not complete.
 - Available on the City's web site but very large:
<http://www.ci.oswego.or.us/engineer/documents/CIP%2009-14%20Final.pdf>
 - Guy wants to bring together staff and the public to determine projects to include in the CIP. Have not decided on the process yet.
- Guy was happy to talk to Maria. She would like to talk to him again with more of us from the neighborhood. Contact Maria if you would like to go along on her next meeting with the Public Works Director.

D Avenue Sidewalk between State and First

- Sidewalk has been closed for a long time because deemed unsafe.
- Property owner is fixing it, the lower half between State and the alley.

- May not have been inspected yet so the signs are still there.

Infill – Jim Bolland

- Planning Commission continues to go through the recommendations (since January 2009) – has accepted most of them.
- Planning Commission recommending lowering the Floor Area Ratio (FAR).

Community Development Director Denise Frisbee – Maria Meneghin

- She will meet with neighborhood association chairs quarterly.
- Contact Maria if there's anything you'd like her to bring up at these meetings.

Pre-Application Meeting regarding historic home at Sixth and C – Jim Bolland

- "Landmark home" built in 1888
- Bought by developer and realtor couple – they want to tear it down.
- Historic Resources Advisory Board wants to hear from neighborhood associations and neighbors about this house.

Pedestrian Signal at Fifth Street and A Avenue

- New flashing light activated by pedestrians, plus stop bars 30 feet back from crosswalk.
- We have been trying for 10 years to get this done.
- Big event to celebrate Friday, September 25 at 10am. Want to get as many people as possible to attend.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors – Diana Smith-Bouwer

- Saturday, October 17, 9am to 1pm
- Volunteers help older neighbors or disabled who need help with yard work, debris removal, etc...
- Call Diana at 503-635-0257 if you know someone who needs help.

Forest Hills School

- Forest Hills Plan calls for meetings with the school at least once a year to discuss any issues, areas of common concern. Maria asked for volunteers to join her – 3 neighbors volunteered.

Streetcar – Dave Jorling

- Environmental Impact stage – being done sooner than expected because of Stimulus money.
- Selecting committee this month – Dave has applied and, if chosen, would represent the neighborhood.
- Portland is pushing hard to get the streetcar at least as far as Nevada Street.

Neighborhood Association Meeting Schedule

- For the past several years we have not met in July, August or December.
- Committee voted unanimously to reinstate July and December meetings.

Library possibly at First and B

- City is considering possibility of library as north anchor for First Street; 4-story building, including shops.
- It is not a given that if the library moved that the current site at Fourth and D would revert to R6 zoning. The neighborhood association should discuss at some point what would be acceptable to us if that site were to continue as public use.