

**FAN/Forest Hills Coordinating Committee Meeting  
February 3, 2010**

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Committee Members attending:

Tracey Elliott, Sharon Gustafson, Anne-Marie Simpson, David Jorling, Carole Ockert, Maria Meneghin, Dennis O'Neil, Jim Bolland, Diana Smith-Bouwer

Other attendees:

Darrel Condra, Karl Ockert, Chris Clee, Carol Halvorson, Cliff Halvorson

Meeting called to order at 7pm by Chair Maria Meneghin.

Lake Oswego to Portland Transit Project – Dave Jorling

- Committee last met January 20.
- Considering the legal status of the line and general sense of the right-of-way.
- Continuing streetcar across Willamette at railroad bridge is not under the purview of this committee.
- John's Landing residents and businesses prefer streetcar be on Macadam.
- Draft Environmental Impact Study: considers many possible impacts including rare native plants, sacred Native American ground, etc...
- Next meeting is February 17, not sure where – contact Dave Jorling for location if you want to attend.
- Cost of project has not been brought up lately.

Institutional Code Update – Carole Ockert

- City Council enacted code language: “lot coverage not to exceed 30% for a school built to accommodate at least 100 students and that has at least two grades within the range of K-12”. Site could contain a mixed use development that includes a school. Passed with no discussion.
- Carole thinks the language is confusing: code could potentially cover online schools; “mixed-use development” could include additional unspecified uses.
- Many people participated in Planning Commission process – we should have put more effort into the City Council decision.

Code Audit – Maria Meneghin

- Denny Egner asked to meet with her and showed her samples of another city's code, mostly to compare their organization of the code language with Lake Oswego's.
- RFP specifies that work shall be completed by June 30, 2010.
- Per Denny, there is still a possibility of separating the two issues – code cleanup and “policy stuff”.

Infill

- Planning commission is finished with its report and ordinances; decided not to hold back on anything.
- No change to height limit on steeply sloped lots.

- March 9 – tentative date for City Council
- April 6 – public hearing

#### Tree Committee – Sharon Gustafson

- Tree permit at Third and C to cut tree in public right-of-way. Business owner asked to have it removed and the City approved.
- Tree permit at Seventh and E to cut tree that is growing into power lines, dying.
- Historic house at Sixth and C – no new demolition permit (first one was incomplete).

#### City Council Updates – Maria Meneghin

- Transit-oriented Development presentation to Lake Oswego and Tigard City Councils: very basic information; Maria passed around handouts.
- January 12 market analysis presented to City Council.
- Multi-year goals include streetcar/Foothills development, LOIS, water agreement with Tigard, Lake Grove plan, WEB, Stafford, Comprehensive Plan, Facilities Plan.
- May take resources away from neighborhood planning to focus on Comprehensive Plan.
- More e-government stuff on the City web site.
- Property tax rate: keeping as is and looking for ways to reduce fees.
- Budget meetings in April and May.
  - Per Jim Bolland, Jeff Gudman’s analysis of the budget is worth reading. Jeff is a graduate of the Wharton School.
- City Council questioning the legitimacy of some “under the baseline” items – may review these for one or two departments a year.
- City Council meetings: no more Monday meetings; keeping Tuesday meetings; will use Wednesday’s to finish up. No decisions will be made after 10pm unless there is a compelling need. Moving towards shorter meetings – downside is less public discussion.
- Public comment periods: will make clearer with meetings will have these; shorter time for citizen comment period.
- Reigning in boards and commissions: will make them stick to their charter and make sure that City Council liaisons attend the meetings they volunteer for.

#### Comprehensive Plan – Jim Bolland

- Excellent document that still reflects the thinking of the people.
- Available at the library and City Hall.

#### Library – Dennis O’Neil

- Last year \$900,000 from library district; going into the general fund. May not get that much this year.
- We should remind the Mayor and City Council that we want the library to stay in downtown.
- Same budget, same hours.

- Maria thinks the City will build a new library within the next 5 or 6 years.
- FAN/Forest Hills should discuss what we would like to see at the current library site once a new library is built elsewhere.

#### Annual Meeting

- Jim Bolland offered to play music.
- Would like to make it more social, shorter program.
- Maria will invite Brant Williams and Jane Blackstone to talk about Economic Development. Diana suggested she also invite Bob Galante, LORA Director.
- Alternative: speaker about local real estate market, perhaps banker from Bank of Oswego.
- Fund raising ideas:
  - Raffle – last year we made \$125.
  - Sell food – pizza? dessert?
  - Pass the hat?
- Newsletter, not post card, will advertise the meeting.
- Other fund raising ideas not associated with the annual meeting:
  - Garage sale – create map and charge people to add their sale location to the map. Other neighborhoods have successfully raised money this way.
  - Beer and wine tasting, perhaps at Gusto's (where Pike's used to be).

#### Other Business

- Church parking – still bad. Diana has spoken to them about it and will call them again.
- February 8 Planning Commission public hearing regarding proposed amendments to Development Code: “housekeeping” changes, will clarify code inconsistencies.
- Lake Twin Cinema:
  - In March there will be another showing of the Lake Oswego history video. Maria also has a DVD she is lending out.
  - In April Drew Prell will start remodeling the theater.
- Sensitive Lands – Second Look: February 4, 6pm at the WEB
- LONAC will talk about streetcar, Saturday 9:30am at the Heritage House
- Jeff Gudman contacted Maria about speaking to the committee – perhaps at our April 7 meeting.
- New Finance Director – may want her to speak to us.

#### Coming up

- By laws – need to start reviewing
- Slate of officers for coming year

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Submitted by Tracey S. Elliott, Secretary