

Treasurer's Report— \$374.35

Forest Hills Plan

Sarah Selden from the City reviewed the revisions made to the First Addition/Forest Hills Neighborhood Plan to include Forest Hills. Recommended Action Measures under Conditional Uses include improvements to the shoulder area along the north side of Andrews by Forest Hills School to upgrade parking area off the roadway. A debate over whether Recommended Action Measures are effective was tabled for another meeting. Under Street Design and Traffic, Recommended Action Measures include planning, engineering and design of alternatives for the intersection of Country Club Road/C Avenue and Iron Mountain, and installing a median island on Country Club Road west of this intersection to restrict use of center lane by cut-through traffic.

Stephanie Miller commented that while many neighbors do not like flag lots, they were not willing to prohibit flag lots in Forest Hills. Similarly, no consensus was reached on trees: some people want to save trees, such as the Douglas Firs, while others are afraid of them (liability, maintenance, etc...).

At the annual meeting, neighbors will vote on accepting these changes.

Updates

Tree Committee (Sharon Gustafson): The Tree Committee has commented on all tree permits; suggested a tree list; OSU Forestry Department is interested in researching whether Douglas Firs with storm damage are, in fact, real hazards as is commonly believed among arborists.

Infill Task Force (Jim Bolland and Brad Beals): For side yard setback, task force is advocating minimum 7.5 ft on each side instead of allowing 5ft on one side and 10 ft on the other for 2-story homes. Also recommending design review for single family homes. Need overlays instead of one-size-fits-all for the entire city. At upcoming City budget hearings, many people will be testifying in support of more neighborhood planning positions.

Upcoming Events

Development at 555 Second Street: Open House April 11, 4 – 7 pm

Clean Streams Plan Meeting: May 8, 6 – 8 pm, Fire Station Conference Room

DRC Hearing on Blazer Development at Fourth and B: Monday April 16, 7pm, City Hall, Council Chambers. Developer is still asking for a significant reduction in open space requirement. DRC will be taking testimony.

Celebrating Community: Open House at West End Building, April 11, 2 – 8 pm, all City departments will be available, free food, etc...

LONAC: Saturday April 7, 9:30 am, Heritage House. Speakers will be Jane Heisler about the City budget and another City staffer about Urban Forestry.

FAN/Forest Hills Annual Meeting: Friday May 4, 6:30 – 9 pm. Will begin with ½ hour for socializing; dessert potluck (Lisa and Chuck will provide the coffee). Topics to cover will include the Forest Hills Plan, alley cleanup project, R-6 survey (will talk about it); will ask how people feel about the amenities in our neighborhood (library, ACC, etc...).

Other Business

ODOT Safe Route to School Grant \$250,000: Lisa is writing grant application now for pathway on north side of E Avenue from Fourth to the school.

Community Center: Task force wants to make a single recommendation. Lisa personally thinks \$76 million is too much; she prefers scaled down or phased in options but this opinion is in the minority.

Parking around Safeway: 4 hour parking limit on Fifth between A and B. Post Office may be close to working a deal with B or A to lease parking for postal workers.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 pm