

FAN/Forest Hills Meeting
March 5, 2008

Treasurer's Report – Diana Boucher

- \$226.80 account balance
- Fund-raising ideas welcome.

New Questions or Comments about the Neighborhood

Missing a street sign at intersection of Iron Mountain, Andrews and Atwater:

- People are getting lost.
- Diana (who works for the City) agreed to investigate.

Stop signs project:

- Just a couple of signs are coming out; should be done in a month.
- In six months will assess impact of the new stop sign pattern.

Six corners intersection at Country Club and Iron Mountain:

- City staff are drawing up a few ideas before stakeholders meeting.

Korean Church Development at Tenth and C:

- Church has not been able to negotiate a new place so proposed residential development is on hold.

Sidewalk on D near State Street:

- Closed because dangerous.
- No money to fix.

City Council:

- Mayor Hammerstad leaving at end of this term, as are several City Councilors.
- Lisa Shaw encouraging us to run.
- Dave Jorling announced he is a candidate for City Council.

Sting operation at Fifth and A:

- Pedestrian injured there recently in the cross-walk on A.
- 32 tickets given; could have done more.
- Will be another sting in April.
- City planning to enhance safety with bumped out curbs, possibly signage and lighting.

Lake Interceptor Project:

- City signed agreement with Lake Corp.

Lake Grove Village Center Plan:

- Planning Commission accepted the task force recommendations.

Meet and greet new City Manager Alex McIntyre:

- March 20, 5pm to 7pm at the West End Building, Willamette Room
- For more information, call 503-635-0257

Impact of “No on 9th and F” Signs

Ed Swartz commented that he feels these signs detract from the character of the neighborhood. He’s wondering if we can come together as a group to say that it is time to take them down. Point has been made. The project is not going forward.

Lisa Shaw said Rosalie’s group (who are behind these signs) is asking when we will be voting on this. We will **not** be voting on it.

Maria suggested that the signs would be less offensive if they said something more positive like “We support low density” rather than attacking a specific project.

Jack Hoffman expressed surprise that people who come to the neighborhood meetings would believe that the City could change the rules if they wanted to tomorrow to allow this project to go forward. He counts at least 15 steps that would need to be taken to accomplish the necessary code changes.

Lisa said she has been trying to educate Rosalie about the process. No change like this will happen overnight. It could take at least 2 years or more.

Sean thinks the more attention we give these signs, the more entrenched the people with the signs in their yards will become and will insist on keeping them.

Lisa thinks these signs are a distraction from the issues we could be working on. No consensus was reached about asking people to take down these signs.

Annual Meeting / Newsletter

- Forest Hills Carnival is April 25
- Annual Meeting will be Friday, May 2 at the ACC
- Norma and Linda volunteered to put together the newsletter.
- Inviting new City Manager to speak.

Right of Way

- Need to discuss what we want and don’t want
- Will discuss at next meeting April 2

New Business

Matt Simpson was contacted by Code Enforcement about a fence and enclosure abutting the fence that he built to screen his utility trailers. The City says the enclosure is too close to the property line and the fence is too tall. He’s willing to move the enclosure (gate side) back to 10 feet inside the property line. He says the fence has been there and at that height for 35 years and should be grandfathered in.

General agreement that code enforcement is done on a complaint basis and is not applied consistently which can pit neighbor against neighbor.

Neighborhood association did not agree to intervene on his behalf.

Minutes submitted by Tracey Elliott, Co-Secretary