

## **FAN/Forest Hills Meeting November 5, 2008**

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Meeting called to order by Chair Lisa Shaw

### **Attendees**

Committee Members: Tracey Elliott, Tim Green, Lisa Shaw-Ryan, David Rudawitz, Maria Meneghin, David Jorling, Carole Ockert, Jim Boland, Linda McNulty, Dennis O'Neil, Peter Sweet.  
Other Attendees: Chris Grubb, Anne-Mari Simpson, Cynthia Blanchard, Kathy Burke, SaraLea.  
Special Guest: Brant Williams

### **Neighborhood Updates**

Treasurer's Report – Diana Bower

- Balance \$104.32
- Looking for fund-raising ideas

**Tree Committee** – Lisa Shaw-Ryan reporting for Sharon Gustafson

- Sixth and C: large sugar maples removed from City right-of-way, hazardous
- David Odum, City arborist, has left the City; no plans to replace him in short-term. Will use contractor on as-needed basis.
- Tree Committee will continue to comment on tree permits as they have been doing.
- Still waiting for City to implement notification for hazard trees; recommended red sign in yard at least one day before with number to call.
- Tree inventory: Pete and Margaret Ward have done a good bit of the inventory for First Addition.

**Infill Task Force** – Jim Bolland

- Last meeting of the task force for this iteration.
- Open house not very well attended.
- Public hearing January 26 or 27.
- Currently, if remodeling costs more than 50% of the value of existing house, owner must fix non-conformities, including removal of portions of the house that extend into the side-yard setback. This tends to encourage tearing down the house rather than remodeling. Infill task force is trying to get this removed.
  - **Action item:** Jim will draft a letter from the neighborhood association in support of removing this provision. We will vote on it at January meeting. Will try to email draft to committee before that.
- Also recommending that if subdividing the lot, adjustments to minimum width be allowed so lot can be subdivided without creating a flag lot. This is consistent with Forest Hills addendum to our neighborhood plan which specifies a preference for side-by-side housing development when lot partitions are sought.
- Design Review Commission for single family homes: this is controversial; the development community is opposed.
- Preliminary report may be on the web in December.

**Alley Trash Pickup** – Lisa Shaw-Ryan

- Lisa has been working on this for 7 years.
- John Turchi has been pushing this. He will be leaving Council soon; predicting that Sally Moncrief will take over this issue.
- High priority for the City.
- City will clear vegetation in the alleys to the 18' line; property owners will be responsible for keeping it clear after that.

- Contract recently renewed with Waste Management, the world's largest garbage hauler.

**Facilities Update** – Brant Williams, Director of Capital Projects, City of Lake Oswego

- Brant is responsible for the West End Building (WEB) – tasked with informing the public and gathering feedback.
- New council will make decision what to do with the WEB. They will consider public and private uses.
- Reviewing all City facilities.
- Facilities needing most immediate attention: City Hall, South Shore fire station, Maintenance Services building.
  - Replacing City Hall could cost \$11 million (non-essential services, i.e. no Police or 9-1-1) to \$15 million (with essential services) for same size building; “right-sizing” brings price up to \$18 million.
- City needs to do a better job of maintaining its buildings.
- If library and Adult Community Center were to be sold for private use, zoning would revert to that of surrounding neighborhood, e.g. R-6 in the case of the library.
- Council work session November 17 at 4pm at the West End Building:
  - Adam Davis of Davis, Hibbits & Midghall will present results of public opinion polling and focus groups regarding what typical Lake Oswegans think about the WEB.
  - Urban Land Institute will present their report.
  - CB Richard Ellis to report on real estate property values, etc...
- Public Open Houses at the West End Building:
  - Wednesday, November 12, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
  - Thursday, November 20, 6:00-8:30 p.m.
- Find out more at: [www.ci.oswego.or.us/Council/WEB\\_information.htm](http://www.ci.oswego.or.us/Council/WEB_information.htm)

**New Business**

Sidewalk closed on D Avenue at State:

- Sidewalk is unsafe and in need of repair; has been closed for months – not a real solution.
- Lisa recently showed Alex McIntyre, City Manager, so he is aware of it.
- **Action item:** Linda McNulty to draft a letter to the City asking for a plan to resolve the problem. We will vote on it at January meeting. Will try to email draft to committee before that.

Lighting at Fifth and A:

- Lisa still pushing for it; was to have been installed this summer.

Planning Commission:

- Couple openings. “At-large” seat vacated by Mary Olson who was elected to City Council.

Future of the Library:

- Mayor-elect Jack Hoffman told Dennis O’Neil that he would like to have a meeting about the library and consider other locations within the downtown.
- Chris Grubb said that the focus group on the WEB (he was a participant) emphasized keeping the library, ACC, and City Hall in downtown.
- Lisa recommends the neighborhood take the position that the library and Adult Community Center stay in the downtown area.
  - Lisa will discuss this with Chamber of Commerce.
  - Dave Jorling recommended including requirement that City facilities be accessible to mass transit.
  - Maria Meneghin will generate a draft of the position paper.

- Lisa will contact the other downtown neighborhood associations about doing the same.
- Peter Sweet will arrange for a meeting with the other downtown neighborhood associations.
- We will discuss this further at our January meeting.

**Next meeting:** January 7, 2009

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Minutes submitted by Tracey Elliott, Secretary