

FAN/Forest Hills Coordinating Committee Meeting – January 4, 2012

Committee Members attending: Maria Meneghin, Tracey Elliott, Darrel Condra, Carole Ockert, Karl Ockert, Chris Clee, Jim Bolland, Dennis O’Neil

Others attending: Donna Lowe, Glenn Lowe, Peter Sweet, Cynthia Blanchard, Kathy Burke, Bonnie Cartwright, Rev. David Alexander, Jeff Gudman

Opinion Survey review & approval – Karl and Jim

Draft survey was discussed and amendments suggested. Survey was accepted by the committee as amended. Plans are to distribute the survey in February and have the results compiled and ready to be presented at our Annual Meeting in May.

Pre-applications update – Carole and Jim

Former nursery site at the corner of A Avenue and 6th Street:

The Bank of Oswego is interested in building a bank there with parking on the adjacent residential property; however, no application has been filed yet. We agreed to table our discussion of the potential zoning change for the residential parcel.

School in church at Tenth and C:

City mistakenly gave the school an occupancy permit without having them go through the land use application; the school began operation this fall. Now the City has given them until the end of January to submit the application. One issue is proper sight lines for ingress/egress; another is the requirement for a sidewalk along C Avenue. Resolving these may require giving up some parking which is barely adequate now for the church operations. The church pastor stated that while they like being a resource for non-profits such as this school, they also do not want to lose parking; board meetings are on-going and they are not committed yet one way or the other.

Comprehensive Plan Summit on Housing & Density – Chris

The second community summit is scheduled for Thursday, February 2 from 5:30 – 8:00 PM at Lakeridge High School. Program will include a motivational speaker followed by small group discussion (6 tables for each of the 4 topics); discussion will cover housing and density, neighborhood hubs, land use, and annexation.

Other Business

“Triangle” at County Club, Tenth and Bayberry:

Currently this area is represented by the Country Club-North Shore Neighborhood Association. The City asked Maria to draft a letter recommending this area be represented by FAN/Forest Hills and they will forward it to the neighbors in the triangle. The boundary change will first be considered by the Commission for Citizen Involvement; then the City Council will need to approve.

Councilor Jeff Gudman confirmed that the City’s budget for annuals has been cut; perennials will be maintained.

Water rates will be going up 25% in March.

Reminder: advisory vote in May on the streetcar