

Larkspur Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting
August 22, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance:

Sue Sullivan, Molly McDowell, Marty Decker, Kristin Willis, Diane Berry, Kelsie Greer, Nicky Merritt (Central Oregon Villages)

Meeting Begins: 6:01pm

Public Comment:

Wondering about update on bear crossing apartments on Bear Creek: Sue- knows that they are in the permit process but not sure what phase. She will look it up online and email the question asker with information.

Question about development on corner of Chilliwack and 27th – wondering about parking spaces. Sue: They do not have a complete application, but some information is available online. The city has requirements on parking, Sue will send information directly to the neighbor via email.

Next general meeting is scheduled for November. At this time the board will attempt to recruit someone for the Land Use role as the previous position holder has resigned.

Good Neighbor agreement Discussion: With Nicky Merritt, Central Oregon Villages

Q: Has there been an effort to speak with the businesses in the area? **A-** Nicky Merritt (Central Oregon Villages)- yes, Nicky went to those businesses personally and talked to most folks. Was not able to get in contact with one of the managers. No comments from the other businesses.

Sue: My understanding is that this is not an enforcement agreement, correct? **A:** Yes, the enforcement is an internal document that is signed by the participants of the village.

Nicky: This is a second draft after receiving very few comments from the first draft. This is not meant to be an editing session but a way to address questions/ comments.

Note: The boundaries of this agreement are identified by the included map.

The buffer in the map is a no camping zone that the city would be able to enforce while they are working on that No Camping Code. If you live in that zone, the police can enforce no camping on public property around your house. To be clear, you can call the police if someone

is attempting to camp on your private property regardless if you are on that zone. The 500-foot perimeter is enforceable under that agreement.

Nicky will edit language to make it clear that the good neighbor agreement is available/pertains to everyone in the neighborhood, not just those within the boundary.

The final draft will go to the city of Bend with the application. Council's approval will make it official.

Nicky- This is just a tool that we can use for communication, we are not closing the door on anyone who wants to have a conversation at any point.

Q: Will there be 24hour professional security? **A:** There will be trained individuals who will be managing the site, and there will be a professional security company that will make 2 rounds per night. It was cost prohibitive to have 24 hour security on site.

Comment: As written it sounds like businesses participated in the agreement, even though they did not. Nicky will reword to address that.

Sue: It use to be that the city provided mediation services, but they no longer do. Who will step in and assist with that? **Nicky:** The thought is that they Neighborhood Association (NA) could bring it to the attention of the Central Oregon Villages and the City should multiple concerns come into the NA. Would not expect the NA to pay for the mediator though it is not clear who would (typically split by the parties involved).

The finalized Good Neighbor agreement will be posted to the Central Oregon Villages website. The Village Manual will also be posted.

Marty: Could the security plan be posted in the Good Neighbor Agreement? Or maybe the explanation for the choices made could just be posted to the website. **Nicky:** We have changed it from just on-call to having a trained individual or staff member present. Do have an on call contract as well that a security person can be called upon to assist.

Q: Can there be something added to the Good Neighbor Agreement that references where to find the security plan.

Q: is there a way to have transparency on data? **Nicky-** yes, we will be tracking that and doing an annual report. Can keep everyone updated on how things are going. **Q:** maybe some quarterly reporting. **Sue:** Perhaps a line can be added to the good neighbor agreement that says that central Oregon Villages will send out regular data reports. Will also get data from the Bend Police.

Neighbor questions from the open house will be added to the FAQ page on the COV website.

Q: There is a bus stop close by that children will be going to. Will this be addressed? **Nicky-** proposing to the city that COV will be able to do a security sweep of that area during the daytime. That was a proposal to the city so it will ultimately be their decision. **Comment-** would like to see security for the bus routes as well.

Q: wondering where the vehicle access for the village will be? **A:** It will be off of Greenwood.

Q: Will there be any green areas inside the village? **A:** There will be a shared greenspace and a pergola with picnic tables under shade (if it is all approved). They will not be kicked out during the day so expecting less loitering around the area. Hoping that they will be most comfortable inside as if it is their own home.

Q: Will the residents of the village personal possessions be limited to inside the structure? **A:** Yes.

Q: Is this the only shelter that COV has? **A:** There is a two-unit site in downtown Bend.

Q: The Manual applies to each village that is supervised. **A:** yes.

Q: At the end of three years, where will these people and shelters go? **A:** Part of the strategic plan is to find a permanent location and moving it to that place. We are already looking for that location and doing the work to prepare for that time.

Q: Have the fence and structures been finalized? **A:** I have proposed structures and fences but it is still open for discussion.

Q: Will there be parking for residents? **A:** Yes, there will be some parking available inside the village.

Q: Will RVs be permitted? **A:** No.

Sue: If you get the Good Neighbor Agreement on your website site, the NA website will link to that rather than put our own doc up so people will see the most recent version.

Next steps: This will be presented to the City on Wednesday Sept. 7th. They will review it in the work session. If they approve the report and supporting documents, then they are planning on having us present to the City Council on the 21st with the phase 2 budget.

Sue: When you make some changes to this document, do you expect a signature on it? **A:** yes, the board chair, the pastor at the church and Nicky will sign it and then it will be presented to the City staff. If I get word that the date for the city is going to be later I will let you know.

Comment: Would like to make sure that the community is not spoken for without more input from the community.

Sue: For clarification, signing this agreement is only acknowledging moving forward with this agreement, not as an opinion for the shelter itself.

General Board Business:

Sue will cover the landuse role until it is filled in November.

The board will use NA funds to promote the November board elections on Facebook.

Sue: Will try to pull together a summary for the next meeting for landuse.

To find Zoom recordings of the NA Board meetings, visit the NA website and click on the tab for Meeting minutes- will be posted under what's the Buzz.

Meeting adjourn: 7:50pm

Net meeting, September 19th.