

LARKSPUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING – SEPT 18TH, 2023; 6:00 pm
Bonta Gelato - 924 SE Wilson

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Approve Minutes of Board Meeting of June 19th, 2023- no minutes

- II. Existing Officer Reports
 - a. Vice Chair- no news
 - b. **Secretary/Treasurer**- \$9,000 in budget. Most of this is used for general meeting mailers.
 - c. Membership - no news
 - d. **Land Use** -
 - a. 3 short-term rental applications, land use variance they want to make it into a dog kennel and salon, on rawhide (by the rock gym)
 - b. Old Les Schwab on Franklin- high-density apartments and mixed-use, 3 stories. Think that they are going to add an egress on the other side. Let's pay attention to how they address the traffic coming out of there onto Franklin.
 - c. Wildflower (15th and Wilson) is possibly breaking ground June 2024- Neighbors met and walked the property to mark trees the neighbors would like to keep. Commercial has not been axed but it is much smaller than originally proposed. 1.4 acres is officially agreed upon to be commercial. Will be built in three phases- grows as the demand grows. Could be 3-4 years before the whole thing is done. Crossing to the Larkspur trail is still under consideration. This is one of the last portions to get developed and will likely not be finalized before they get to that phase.
 - d. Parkrose- Also likely not going to break ground until next year
 - e. Pettigrew, Percel and Bearcreek roundabout project- no paperwork has come through yet.
 - e. **Website**- goal to improve our use of the website. Luke will take over posting.
 - f. **Transportation** (Luke)-
 - a. Transportation fee, going to charge us on our utility bill.
 - b. Hopeful to get the sign readers up on Bearcreek- need it on the westbound lane, near the 25 mi/ hour sign. They had one for about a week and then took it down. Needs to go on the corner of 10th and Bearcreek.
 - i. Take a picture of where they put it up and send the info to the traffic people at the city.

- c. On Franklin, many people are jaywalking at 2nd. Dangerous to drivers and walkers. Good item to bring to the neighborhood street safety meeting
- d. Pettrigrew is open again

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- e. Transportation Utility fee meeting is Monday, Sept 25th, 6-7:30pm at the Larkspur Community Center. Open meeting for anyone.
- f. Thur. Sept 21st. 5-7:30pm, this is for the NA Board members. Luke will go to get our To-dos and how it will work. 25 project ideas to share.
 - i. Typically a large chunk of money, split it up based on districts, now they are going to prioritize throughout the city. There is a list of projects that we look at, neighbors come together and write down where their biggest issues are.
 - ii. **SIDE NOTE:** NA could pay to put flags at some tough crossing spots, like Franklin and 6th
 - iii. Tamara can come up with a list of places to suggest for speed signs.

III. Old Business

- a. Confirmation of Planned Activities for 2023
- b. New Board Member technology- suggestion from Old Farm District. Has one or two emails. The tech guy then has a redirect set up to personal email accounts if it is in your wheelhouse. If we are going to change our name (decide that at the general meeting), then we can also change our emails. Can the Old Farm tech guy set that up for us?
- c. Website payment transfer- Done
- d. Zoom - will sign up again.

IV. New Business

- a. General Meeting- in November. Have to firm up the date.
- b. Bear Creek/15th Future Plan- (Tamara)- Bear Creek between Alden and 13th. Looking at the property In front of the bus garage. The city is looking to vacate properties to turn them over to affordable housing. When Tamara was on the NA board before, the vision was that this would be the Eastbend Library. Contacted Patti Adair when this came up. Then was in contact with Ray Mayo, would be slightly bigger than the current Eastbound library. If the library bought it, shave off small square footage from the central library. Brainstorm would be- the library would buy this and partner with the city, library on the bottom floor and affordable housing above. Gives low-income kids in the neighborhood a place to go in the summer for AC. Ariel Mendez contacted Tamara from the City council and suggested contacting parks. Wrote to the parks board. **Call for RFPs is out and the city will be reviewing in October.** What is not going to happen here, is that they will not be single-family homes. This entire quadrant, up to the firehouse is all going to be vacated (vehicle storage, all public works, etc). Would like to be on the front end of the changes here.

- i. **Next steps:** Getting City council and the City that we are attuned to the fact that this is happening and want to see it done well.
- c. Neighborhood Street Safety Program
 - i. Sept 21st, 5:30pm

Public Comment-

- Skyline to Bear Creek- Eastbound traffic goes too fast at this point. Want the speed limit reduced so you can get out turning left safely. Needs to be residential speed.
- How to keep bike lanes clean with the posts up? Street sweepers can't get in there.
- Neighbor-
 - where Virginia takes off of 15th, that street has not been repaved in decades. Cyclists are avoiding that street. They repaved the other end where a bad dip was.
 - Craven Road south of Cessna, tree roots. People are avoiding them and going into the other lane. Not a lot of street maintenance in that area. Can write to David Abys, head of the road maintenance dept.

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