

STAFFORD HAMLET
COMMUNITY MEETING

Minutes

January 10, 2023

Chair Bill Markt called the January 10th Community meeting of the Stafford Hamlet to order at approximately 7:06 pm on Zoom.

Attendance:

- ❖ Board Members Present: Erica England, Patty Mamula, Bill Markt, Cathy Meyers, Andy Munson, Len Schaber, Danielle Weber, Kelsey Vu
- ❖ Excused: Richard Fiala, Bill Long
- ❖ Absent:
- ❖ Staff Present:

Bill Markt welcomed attendees to the meeting and provided a recap of last month's speaker Richard Herman from Friends of Luscher Farm. He also detailed questions that were asked and answers that were given.

Update on Luscher Farm Master Plan with Ivan Anderholm and Kyra Haggart (City of Lake Oswego):

Kyra Taggart began by giving the history of the Luscher Farm property. She said there are 152 acres and eight properties. She said that they have been purchased over time. Some of the properties have specific requirements on usage, and she said Rudy Luscher's will had specific requirements for his property. She said the master plan dates from 2013 calls for trails, gardens, the community supported agriculture (CSA), historic core, an agricultural and environmental educational center. The plan also mentions Raseekh. Kyra said one goal is to improve access on and off Rosemont for safety reasons. The City would also like to improve parking and the number of garden plots that are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) friendly. Ivan Anderholm said it was a good summary and he would be happy to answer any questions.

Mitch Jones asked what is the likelihood of projects happening at Raseekh? What would occur there? Kyra Haggart said the the project will happen at some point, though the timeline is unclear. The project has been delayed, and it could be done in parts. The fields behind Hazelia are likely far off. The community garden work is likely attainable.

Patty Mamula asked about the CSA and the garden expansion. Kyra Haggart said in the open space there is a network of soft surface trails. The garden expansion would be near number 16 on the map. There was a follow up question about a property that was surrounded by Luscher farm, and Ivan Undersold said the city does have an interest in acquiring the property but the owners are not interested in selling. Ivan said the property has a residence and business and that they are not interested in selling any time soon.

Rick Cook asked about what would parking look like and future visions for the area. Ivan Anderholm said they would like to change the access to the farm and garden to a different spot on the map. They would need to talk to Clackamas County about changing the access since the property is in the County. He said the County was looking at the higher speeds traveled. He said the access to the east that they have studied would go through Clackamas County Transportation for review and approval. Ivan said the city would like to improve safety.

Rick Cook asked about the educational center. Ivan Anderholm said it was being considered on the Violet Lang (Firlane) property. The City would use the house that is there. There would be a covered shelter or barn for classroom space.

Ivan Anderholm said the old horse arena could become an open air pavilion in the future, but there is no clear access to the site.

Ivan Anderholm said the City would be engaging the community on future plans. He said there have been changes since the Master Plan was created. He said that there was a ropes course called for in the plan, but that ropes courses are not as popular and likely not what the City would want today. He said there will be a white oak planting event in the future. He said that there would be more community engagement when the athletic fields at Raseekh are talked about again.

Rick Cook asked if Metro is doing anything with the creeks? Ivan Anderholm said there is no development plan. They are still working on contracting. Ivan said he thought Metro was focusing on waterways more now.

Bill Markt asked how does land acquisition work, when does it occur, and when do you decide to annex? Ivan said the primary driver of annexation is uses not allowed in Clackamas County that are called for in the Master Plan. He said that annexation allows for items in the master plan to happen. He said the acquisition policy is driven by the City Council. He added there is not much land in the urban growth boundary (UGB) that can be park land.

Rick Cook asked if there was an update on the Raseekh park project? Ivan Anderholm said the Recreation and Aquatic Center is moving forward. The City is closing the funding gap, and the School District has money identified. The projects for the golf course property site are under contract. The clubhouse will be renovated. He said the Raseekh property is currently postponed due to a lack of funding. Kyra Haggart added the Raseekh property could be done in phases. The timeline is unclear for when anything could happen. She added that doing Raseekh in phases would complicate logistics and construction.

Bill Markt thanked Kyra and Ivan for coming to the meeting. He added that if the Hamlet can help, please do reach out.

Carol Yamada asked if the bike course on Sunnyslope has opened. Ivan Anderholm said yes, it has opened and was redesigned by a specialist. He said that it was redone, reinspected, and the consultants were very helpful. He added there is no on site parking.

Hamlet Board Elections:

Bill Markt reported all candidates were elected. Katy Krider and Tate Morgan have left the Board. Danielle Weber and Erica England have joined the Board.

Bill Markt said that Danielle Weber has been helping out on technology a lot, and he appreciated it. He thanked both old and new Board members.

Trees Update:

Andy Munson reported there are some trees left. He will apply fertilizer to them. He would like to get more seedlings in February or March as they are much cheaper then. He said about half of the seedlings have survived.

Andy said that is was unclear how to gauge community interest in buying more trees. He said one option is to check local nurseries. He said the Oregon State University (OSU) extension has cedar and Doug firs. He said one local nursery with good information and a large variety is Bosky Dell.

Neighborhood Captains Update:

Patty Mamula reported there was no news. She will be meeting with Andy Munson soon. She said they did not get a lot of answers.

Adjournment: Chair Bill Markt adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.