

STAFFORD HAMLET
COMMUNITY MEETING

Minutes

November 8, 2022

Chair Bill Markt called the November 8th Community meeting of the Stafford Hamlet to order at approximately 7:02 pm on Zoom.

Attendance:

- ❖ Board Members Present: Richard Fiala, Katy Krider, Bill Long, Patty Mamula, Bill Markt, Cathy Meyers, Tate Morgan, Andy Munson, Len Schaber, Kelsey Vu
- ❖ Excused:
- ❖ Absent:
- ❖ Staff Present:

Update on Stafford Road Project - Jonathan Hangartner:

Jonathan Hangartner came to the meeting to provide an update on the Stafford Road project. He said the goal is to improve traffic safety and flow. He said the County is halfway through design. They are refining design and working to coordinate with the utilities. Starting now and going through 2023 will include work on right of way acquisition, and coordinating with affected property owners. Starting in 2024 will be construction, and this includes utility relocation and road work.

Jonathan Hangartner said the County is working on realigning Johnson Road. The Johnson Road work will include reducing skew, reducing the grade, a left turn lane from Stafford onto Johnson Road, and a right turn only onto Stafford Road from Johnson Road. The County will be building a new roundabout at Childs Road. The County is also adding bike lanes along the project corridor. The bike lanes will be six feet.

Jonathan Hangartner said the traffic impact will likely be over two construction seasons. He said that the area is a constrained corridor and this makes construction more difficult. He said that the County is going to try to maximize road access. He gave a sample schedule of what could happen. He said the first construction season may include culvert replacement, grading and realignment, utility pole relocations, and limited closure of Childs and Johnson Roads. The second construction season could include closing Stafford Road to finish intersections, building the roundabout, road paving and substantial completion by the end of 2025. Jonathan said that after discussions with the City of Lake Oswego the driveway into Stevens Park is likely to be eliminated, and Lake Oswego development has been put into the traffic forecast. He added the project is being funded by the Community Road Fund (from the vehicle registration fee) and Systems Development Charges.

John McCabe asked would Childs Road close in phase one, and when would Stafford close. He asked if the Stafford closure could happen during the time when tolling could be implemented. Jonathan Hangartner said yes there will be closures at Childs Road. He said that yes, Stafford Road will close to balance safety and efficiency. He said other people at the County are working with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) on tolling and timelines.

Len Schaber asked if this work is equivalent to what is being done on Tualatin-Sherwood Road. Jonathan Hangartner said the projects are happen at the same time but are different.

A community member asked if this work is being coordinated with the work being done on Rosemont. Jonathan Hangartner said the County has talked to the City of Lake Oswego, and Lake Oswego is open to construction routes. The County may or may not create a signed detour route. He said there is no current plan to change the capacity of the roundabout.

Len Schaber asked how long will Stafford Road close for, and Jonathan Hangartner said the details are not there yet but likely less than 6 months.

Richard Fiala asked what is a construction season? And what is the timeline? Jonathan Hangartner said the first season (in 2024) will begin in January or February to avoid nesting birds. The culvert replacement has to happen in a specific window in July and August. The first season will likely come to an end in October or so. The second season will likely run May to October.

Rick Cook said that there are schools that use Stafford Road as part of their routes, and asked if the School Districts have been consulted. Jonathan Hangartner said they have reached out to both West Linn-Wilsonville and Lake Oswego. Both said they are not concerned and do not anticipate any changes for students.

Jane Comer asked what will the new power poles look like? Jonathan Hangartner said Portland General Electric has the schematics, and that they are likely metal and wider. He said Jane could email him and he would get her details.

Rick Cook asked when the next update would be, and Jonathan Hangartner said next spring in three to four months.

Bill Markt thanked him for coming.

Board Elections:

The candidate for over five acres in Len Schaber. The candidates for under five acres are Danielle Weber and Kelsey Vu. The candidates for at large are Patty Mamula and Erica England. Bill Markt said that candidate applications are on the website. Bill Markt gave each candidate a chance to introduce themselves and speak briefly.

The election will be online and run from December 13 to December 20. Anyone who wants a paper ballot will need to contact Clackamas County.

Trees Available - Andy Munson:

Andy said there are trees in one gallon pots that are available. He said there are 55 cedars. The information is available on the website and the trees are at 4th Quarter Farm.

Neighborhood Captains - Patty Mamula:

Patty Mamula reported she needs more captains, and the goal is to have one for every street.

Bill Markt said there was talk about sending a letter to Lake Oswego about the Luscher Farm Master Plan. He suggested a subcommittee. He said the Hamlet does need more of a link to the City of Lake Oswego. He said any letter would need to be sent in by the 14th of November.

Adjournment: Chair Bill Markt adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm.