

**CITY OF LYNDON  
CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016**

The Caucus Meeting was called to order by Susan Barto at 6:00 p.m. Those present: Jim Baker, Betsy Kramer, Kelly Kramer, Carla Nalley, Becky Ricketts, Cathy Robertson, Mardy Sidebottom and City Attorney, John Singler. Chief Throneberry from Graymoor-Devondale Police Department and several guests were also present.

Mayor Barto began opening up discussion on the fence at Romara Place. Betsy Kramer explained why she wanted to discuss issue again. She stated she wanted time to look at the fence and think about what issues the neighbors are having.

Mark Weber summarized his opinions in 4 points: City's lack of participation and communication with neighbors and HOA, "walling off" neighborhood from park, lack of rational justification for the fence and irresponsible use of funds. Oleg Sayakov admitted the fence is nice but still feels there is no resolution and believes City is more attracted to commercial use of park. He stated once again he wants fence removed.

Bill Brooks stated he respects and understands Council's position but does not agree with decision to put up a fence. He added a few other points and suggested putting up signs when facility is privately rented. He asked City to refrain from doing this to anyone else. Eric Knapp agreed with previous comments and added if security was a real issue a more secure fence should've been installed. He also questions why the back of their neighborhood is the only section fenced and not rest of perimeter.

Eileen Muench informed council there have been two parties by property owner on other side of park that have used Romara for parking. She mentioned there is another tent set up for this upcoming weekend. Mayor informed her City would look into this and no one should be parking in park after dusk.

Mike Uphaus, resident of Blue Vale Way, attended meeting to express his concerns on abandoned properties in Lyndon, especially Lyndon Lane. Discussion was held.

Mayor Barto went back to fence conversation and asked council if anyone wanted to put item on Monday's agenda for action. Kelly Kramer stated he wanted to add discussion to possibly remove the fence. Mr. Weber asked why wasn't discussion happening now. Carla Nalley spoke up and said if she had been on the council when property was first renovated, she would've voted to have fence installed then. Mr. Kramer then stated he is new to council and felt more communication with HOA should've taken place. Mr. Weber commented that it was refreshing someone on council felt this way and Mrs. Nalley confronted him about his tone and behavior in discussions with council.

Council Member, Cathy Robertson stated she doesn't want residents to lose sight on Romara being public park for everyone to use. Council Member, Mardy Sidebottom added that she drives to park because she doesn't live as close as those neighboring Romara and uses front entrance just like anyone can. She also addressed the threatening remarks made at the last meeting and was glad it is not going in same direction.

A resident asked when other sides of Romara will be fenced in because it is discrimination. The Mayor stated it may be very soon. Council Member, Jim Baker responded to an earlier claim that the City doesn't communicate with the neighbors. He brought up the original communications with the HOA when City agreed to put up cones and "no parking" signs on their street during events because they had asked the City to do so. Further discussion was held.

The Mayor asked if Mr. Kramer wants to entertain action to remove the fence and he replied "yes." More comments were made and the Mayor explained the council needed to move on to other discussions.

Attorney Bill Bardenwerper, representing two cases on Monday's agenda gave an explanation of each and answered questions. The Mayor mentioned all other items on Monday's agenda. She also asked the council if they wanted to sponsor Shakespeare in the Park again and if so to let her know what date would be best.

Amy Stuber, resident on Wood Rd, inquired if the speed hump petition submitted to City included her area. The Mayor explained it was only from New Lagrange to Lyndon Lane and she would need to submit a petition for their area. Ms. Stuber also asked if the police department could add patrols on her street during the peak hours (4pm to 6pm). She has a description of a vehicle that speeds every day. She was asked to get the license plate number if possible.

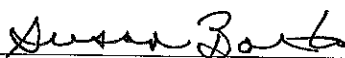
Ms. Robertson asked Chief Throneberry to validate some crime activity she had been informed about. Discussion was held.

Mr. Baker asked if the City could cut back and area of vegetation growing into New LaGrange Rd. Ms. Stuber added another area in the park along the walkway at Romara that needs maintenance. Discussion was held. The Mayor said she would have both areas looked at.

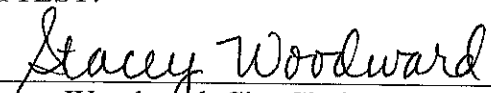
Mr. Brooks asked if the stripe in the middle of road would be repainted after paving on Wood Rd. The Mayor informed him the City doesn't stripe residential roads and the state must have striped the bridge when it was built. She will ask the City Engineer about it for sure but did confirm the stop bars at stop signs will be replaced.

Becky Ricketts asked if the City would order signs for Romara parking. Mayor Barto made a correction, saying there will only be 1 sign ordered.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

  
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Susan Barto, Mayor

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Stacey Woodward, City Clerk