

Bolton Neighborhood Association
November 17, 2015
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm by Bolton Neighborhood Association (BNA) Chairman, Alan Smith. In attendance were 10 Bolton residents and 1 guest. Newer attendees were introduced and welcomed.

Off-Leash Petition Update: David Baker presented a trail map for Mary S. Young Park, showing the two areas currently designated for off-leash dogs. He reported that the West Linn Parks & Recreation Board voted 5-0 against any proposed changes to expand existing hours or areas for off-leash dog use. The Public Safety Board also voted 4-0 against making any changes. David noted that the Petitioners intend to present their case next to the Sustainability Board and ultimately City Council. BNA members discussed at length whether to adopt a resolution on the matter or circulate a petition. In consideration of the noticing and public hearing process already conducted on this issue, the consensus of the members was to have the BNA Chair send a letter to the City Council urging them to honor and uphold the votes of its Boards and Commissions.

Budget Report: Chairman Smith reported recent expenditures on a gavel & pad (\$62), engraving for the gavel pad (\$95) and 300 name tags. The current treasury balance is \$7,206.58. He stated he would also like to purchase some new signs that reflect the NA's new Tuesday meeting date. Alma Coston agreed to inquire with the City to determine whether they could furnish signs before any expenditure is made. There was a short discussion on how the balance of the treasury might be spent. Ideas offered included using it for seed money to acquire land to add to Burnside Park, printing & mailing of a newsletter, and media services (website, Facebook, etc.).

The Chair also appealed to the membership for a volunteer to serve as Treasurer.

A Better Oregon Presentation: Phillip Shilts, from the grassroots organization, "A Better Oregon" explained his group's campaign for a ballot measure to raise the corporate income tax rate on corporations with incomes exceeding \$25 million. Currently Oregon has one of the lowest corporate tax rates among all 50 states and only a small percentage of Oregon-based corporations have incomes that exceed that amount. The group will promote use of the increased revenue for senior services, education and health care. People interested in collecting petition signatures can contact A Better Oregon at 971-249-2424 or www.abetteroregon.org.

Thanksgiving Event: David Baker announced that a community Thanksgiving potluck is taking shape. The intent is to make this event available to people in this area who do not have friends or family to dine with. He noted that the Robinwood Station would waive the rental fee if a neighborhood association was a sponsor. Chairman Smith asked if there was any objection to BNA sponsoring this event. No objections were voiced.

Geer St./Burnside Park Update: BNA Vice-Chair, Steve Miesen presented a 3-page letter and map to the Parks & Recreation Board on November 12. The letter requests acquisition by the City of West Linn of a parcel of land adjacent to Burnside Park. Most of the land is highly problematic for development due to steep slopes and the need for a lift station to pump waste to the nearest sewer line. While the request is under consideration by the Parks Board, letters of support could be helpful.

Emergency Preparedness Minute: Kris Duncan asked the membership if they had taken any steps to better prepare for a disaster on the date of the "Big Shake Out" on October 15. Chairman Smith said he placed some hard soled shoes next to his bed and urged his daughter to do the same. Kris Duncan said she was fishing on the Copalis River on the Washington Coast when the loud speakers and sirens went off. Knowing it was the day of the test, she left the beach and climbed to higher ground to see how long it would take. She concluded she might be "toast."

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.