

BNA October Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 7:08pm on 10/18/2016
2. The September minutes were read. Alma suggested a correction for it to state foundation instead of association. The amendment was and passed with a preponderance of votes. The amended minutes were passed with preponderance of votes.
3. The August minutes were read and passed with a preponderance of votes.
4. League of Women Voters debate will be held on Oct. 19th. The BNA was invited to submitted 3 questions to the debate. Suggestions:
 - a. What is your vision for the Arch Bridge Area?
 - b. What is your vision for the Bolton Neighborhood in the context of the West Linn water front?
 - c. What is the role of neighborhood associations?
 - d. At what time do you include NAs in city planning and what is their role?
 - e. What is your position on maintaining the current density in WL or increasing it?
 - f. What are the neighborhood plans?
 - g. What should be the government's role be to establish the commercial tax base?
 - h. How do you encourage a vibrant environment that will provide residents with shopping opportunities and the city with a commercial tax base?
 - i. What can be done about the lack of a grocery store in the Willamette Neighborhood?
 - j. What could they do to make a balanced council?

Finalized questions:

1. What is your vision for the Bolton neighborhood in the context of the West Linn water front?
 2. What is your position on maintaining the current density or increasing it?
 3. At what time do you include NAs in the city planning and what is their role?
 4. How do you encourage a vibrant environment that will provide residents with shopping opportunities and the city with a commercial tax base?
5. Nomination:
 - a. President: Steve Misen
 - b. Vice President: Alan Smith
 - c. Secretary: Peggy Kirkendall
 6. Nomination Committee: Roger Straus & Kathryn Frederick - 503-344-6825
frederickproductions@comcast.net available to contact for future nomination.
 7. Election will be at the November meeting.
 8. Residents' concerns:
 - a. Citizens access to the city council during their planning meetings including the goal setting meeting either through a public meeting or a survey ahead of time.
 - b. Why are the League of Women's Voters not holding a mayoral debate? Rebecca thinks it tis because of the chamber of council form and high school forum.
 - c. Incorporate the questions we asked in our goal setting.
 - d. The underutilized property task force had a meeting Thursday this last week. During it they put a request for information together to get information on how people would want to use the excess spaces. City manager said we are no longer a bedroom

community. Need to start looking at community centers and services to families and children.

- e. Bolton Primary – possible overcrowding in a two years. The school is currently at 385. Japanese garden is in the work.
 - f. Burnside Park has calmed down considerable and the signs were being requested. The public safety issues have decreased considerably.
 - g. Possibly lowering 43 highway speed lowering.
 - h. Hammerlee park tree work – unfunded capital projects. Currently \$50,000 slated for that. 30 trees cut down because they are currently concerned about them rotted from the top. This would leave about 15 trees in it. How bad are they really? Members said they wanted more information. What is wrong with them, how old are they? Are there any historical society issues? Peggy suggested getting a tree tester. About \$2200 to take a tree down. Should be evaluated by a real arborist, independent arborist. The idea of using BNA money to hire someone to do it if an expert is needed. We put it on the agenda.
 - i. The parks board is considering buying a steep property near Mary S Young Park.
9. Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm

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