

Bolton Neighborhood Association Minutes

11/15/2016 (*approved 12-20-16*)

22 present

October Minutes read. Minutes approved by preponderance of hands with one correction that "chamber of council" should read "chamber of commerce."

Call given for additional nominees for BNA officer particularly for Secretary since Peggy Kirkendall is no longer interested.

- No additional nominees came forth this evening, so Steve Miesen is the lone candidate for President and Alan Smith the lone candidate for Vice President. Kathryn Fredericks and Roger Straus managed the ballots and voting process so there would be a physical record of the vote, rather than a hand vote. Steve Earned 20 votes. Alan earned 20 votes. Each earned one abstaining vote, and one visitor to Bolton observed, but did not vote. Kenji and Kris each earned write-in votes for secretary. Kris declined and Kenji was absent. Steve and Alan were applauded for their willingness to serve.

D. Pakes told of extensive efforts to get police and 1st Student Bus Company to address school-time speeding on West A. Dylan checked out radar gun from police and monitored for three days. Collected lots of evidence of speeding including one 63mph, one 53mph, and 38 mph of one school bus. He photographed the readings with his cell phone. Speeding occurs 3 times a day: in a.m. is primarily parents, at lunch there are groups of students in cars speeding to buy lunch, in p.m. (3:30-4:45) there are students and parents speeding.

Based on Dylan's data, Officer Stradley assigned enforcement for a number of days and even came out himself and issued tickets (10-15 of them). Speeding calmed down, but picked up when the police presence stopped.

Dylan is looking for a more permanent solution. There are many families with kids on West A now. Various ideas discussed:

speed bumps (Can be hard to get. No success getting them on Burns)

Empty police car parked there can be deterrent.

Towable speed reader trailer with flashing lights can help, but it is only around for a while then disappears

People are responding to his "Drive like your kids live here" a bit. Cost \$26 for two. We could buy some more.

Bob McCarthy will investigate speed bumps. Dylan said there was a kind TVFR would tolerate.

The section from the Highway 43 intersection to Webb is worst area for speeding.

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Kris Duncan and David Baker will bring this West A. issue up at next Public Safety Advisory Board Meeting. They are working on teen safety and this is not the only trouble spot in town. Their group is discussing Education, speed bumps with cut-outs for TVFR, and enforcement (50 citations were issued at West A. during recent enforcement according to David)

More Topics of interest or concern:

Two new smaller parcels added to Burnside Park at little or no cost.

Lights are up at Maddax Woods. Very family friendly, connecting kids to nature, and there is a great horned owl audible most evenings.

There is a slippery leafy build up problem on the Burnside Park Willamette Greenway Trail. Maintenance is very uneven. Bob McCarthy proposes a Resolution sent to Parks requesting the leaves be blown off the trail at the end of each year. This passed with a preponderance of hands. Steve will bring it up at next Park Board meeting.

David Baker mentioned Park Department has material budget if we want to do some culvert pipes to drain the muddy sections of trail where the creeks wash over the trail. We could do it as a work party.

Alma said BNA's donation to the plaque cost for the sculpture in Willamette Park has not been received. Alan said it was charged to Pay Pal on the Willamette Falls Heritage Foundation site, and we have the receipt. Kathryn says the procedure is to file a complaint with PayPal. Alan will follow up.

Goal setting brainstorm for next year:

1. Speed Reduction on West A.

2. Sidewalks on Burns

3. Roger says let's look at our old goals and evaluate are they done? Or still current:

Arch Bridge Planning-still current, new name: West Linn Willamette Waterfront

Old Bolton Firehouse – still current

Poppert Property to expand Burnside park- done

Purchase new signs – done

Fight off-leash petitioners excessive demands in Mary S Young- done for now, but may come up in Parks Master Planning

Create email- not working yet, need to do

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Refine MAP your neighborhood emergency preparedness program to make participation more comfortable, use some social media, depart from flawed model, make it work for us.

West Bridge Park Planning- stalled due to ODOT, but we need to participate in West Linn Waterfront Planning

Expand Native plant restoration in Burnside when addition is made- still current

4. Observe or engage EDC on issue of Willamette Waterfront

5. Have representative of BNA on various advisory boards. David and Kris are on Public Safety. Steve is on Parks.

6. Participate at the earliest stages possible in the West Linn Waterfront Planning as a Neighborhood Association. Bob McCarthy says we need to be involved in HOW the process proceeds, because HOW it proceeds often determines the result.

7. David suggested talking to Public Works about failing aspects of storm drains and pipes in Bolton. Pressure city to replace infrastructure. We are one of older neighborhoods.

8. Roger suggests work on increasing participation in BNA. Everyone has lots of ideas: use water bill for announcing, make NAs easy to find on city website, have minutes on website and easy to find, make a BNA flyer and use the one free mailing per year that city allows to announce an open house at library with cookies or snacks, make a BNA website or Facebook page to increase social media presence which is better for reaching younger families. Brian, Roger and Elizabeth will work on it, make the meet and greet for families, ice cream social.

Alan proposed he work on the one yearly flyer for early next year, advertise a meet and greet at library with snacks, list Facebook page on flier.

Adjourned

Minutes by Rebecca Adams

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