

Bolton neighborhood Association minutes,  
2016.12.20

12 present

Meeting called to order at: 7:02 PM

Comments on agenda: parking will be discussed in resident concerns.

Minutes read by Secretary, Kenji

Moved to accept and seconded to accept minutes as record. 10 in favor, 0 opposed.

Accomplishment:

Poppert property

New bna signs purchased

Off-leash petitioners demands fought

Pocket park

Steve, Kris, David on city advisory boards

Introduce councilor elects: Terri cummings, Rich Sakelik

Distinguish our goals presented to council from internal goals. Our goals:

MAP

Email

BNA increase attendance

BNA citizens to join advisory boards

Waterfront economic

Keep eye on west bridge park planning

Alan observations: Focus on safety and ongoing road/pedestrian concerns as #1, #2 Burns sidewalks. Bolton FH is coming up – We would like to create a community center

Richard recommends BNA join EDC meets 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> week of the month on Thursday. Rebecca mentions community task force

Steve suggests ½ of Randall, all of Geer, Holmes street added to burnside park as a goal

Approximately 11-12 neighborhood associations bringing in goals, Alan would like to prioritize rather than bring a list.

Refined and prioritized goals:

1. Advocate old Bolton Firehouse public community center
2. Act on West A speed reduction
3. Early BNA participation in waterfront planning
4. Linear park – tear down house so we can begin our work parties
5. Create Burns Sidewalks
6. Upgrade aging storm drains to reduce flooding
7. Include Geer, Holmes, ½ of Randall sts. in burnside park.

Terri commented on speed bumps: had some removed at suncrest, City said they'd rather not do speedbumps. TVFR told city they didn't like speedbumps on suncrest, may have room for compromise with types of bumps.

Roger moved to adopt goals as written, seconded  
11 approve, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

Resident's concerns:

Bob brings up parking on W A st issue. Reads the story written in the Tidings, 57 signatures to keep as is, many citizens were angry. 7 were tired of students and parents knocking on door asking if they can park.

-Bob mentions that drivers leave a lot of garbage, block bike lanes.

-Aeric confirms litter is a big problem with high school foot traffic on Broadway. A lot of parents wait in their cars.

-Peggy comments that there are a lot of small children on Broadway – no sidewalks, and low yardage, so kids are generally in street. She considers not fair to parents and children.

-Rebecca thinks it's good that high schoolers active in government. It's their right to petition the government, but feels we have met them halfway

-Peggy thinks we've met them more than halfway. Comments that on game nights, Broadway is reduced to approximately 1 lane.

-Alan asks if students have brought the issue up to council, Bob mentions petition was based on the story, not yet on city's agenda.

-Question of what action we should take. Pre-emptive resolution? Or wait until action.

-Peggy wants us to include reasons in any resolution so that it's well understood. Priority of safety

-Alan would prefer with holding onto petition, Bob agrees.

-Terri says during campaign season, a mayor candidate suggested parking structure built for kids. From a sustainability standpoint, would prefer bus riding.

-Alan thinks would be great if bus companies could name buses, may bring up.

-Rich thinks it would be ideal for youth council to come up with that sort of solution to utilize existing resources

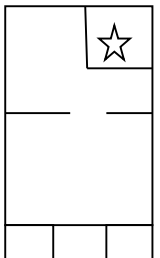
-Kathryn says will be tough. Cool kids won't ride the bus.

-Peggy spoke to assistant principal 20 years ago and was told that parents were the real trouble.

-Conclusion: Bob will hang onto petition.

Firehouse:

Jason says viewing was delayed. But was intended to be open to private developers. Peggy says this is once in a lifetime opportunity to have a fully fledged community center and BNA needs to take a leadership role and broaden our vision for what can happen in the community center further what we've been used to. Idea that people just want a larger place to meet is true, but there's another reason. Peggy draws space. Load bearing walls, cubicles in



space, BNA could only use starred area, small in corner. When opened up, Sally mentioned could be used for dances, reunions. Larger than many similar spaces, no other options for winter use. Peggy would like BNA to brainstorm uses for the space. 1450 square feet 150-200 people for an event. Doesn't include bays, kitchen area.

-Jason draws expanded layout

-Rebecca asks what groups may want to rent space to help defray costs

- community preschool

- Lions club would love a space for board meetings. Ability to have food would be better, they are putting together a proposal. They've had trouble getting space in firehalls, churches

- Girl scouts possibly Oregon city, west linn, lake Oswego have 63 troops.

Questions about parking: street parking exists. May be able to negotiate with TVFR for parking.

Richard asks if working kitchen – was a working kitchen, is a mess.

Engineers report says needs new wiring, improvement to plumbing, structural upgrades to bays. No estimate for cost to fix. Roof is in good condition.

-Alan asks Jason to find out when the rescheduled viewings would be. Peggy will follow in as well.

Rich asks about possibility of making it a Neighborhood Association community center. Peggy says that plan is for all of West Linn to be welcome there. Could be a thing that ties all the NAs together, all share in management and operation.

Peggy is asking other members of BNA to participate in brainstorming for what could be done with the space and give ideas to the firehouse task force. Alan will give everyone email address to submit ideas.

-yoga class

-brass band concert

-tai chi

-clothing exchange

-storytelling

-PhD classes

-Movie nights

-Dances

-Art classes

-Coffee house with jazz

-Gardening classes

-Childhood development classes

-Blood pressure screening / health fair

-Vocational training

-Ivy pulling

-Sustainability classes

-Playgroup like a preschool play space

-Indoor playpark

- Drop-in babysitting
- Community swapmeets
- Community musical group practice space
- Community theatre group
- Memory café for alzheimers patients
- chess club
- poker hall
- fundraising space

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Alan moves that we direct the BNA firehouse task force to start the request for proposal information process (RFPI) in January. Seconded Unanimously approved, none opposed. Meeting is Adjourned. Next meeting is in January in library at 6-7:50 pm on Jan 17<sup>th</sup>. February will be third Wednesday (22nd)