

BOLTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION March 15, 2010 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM in the Bolton Primary School Cafeteria.

Bolton Principal, Holly Omlin-Ruback updated us on the progress of the school's new garden project planned to provide fresh produce for West Linn's Food Bank as well as instruction for the students. She also invited us to stop by and check it out!

Our District 2 Metro Councilor, Carlotta Collette came to speak to us about Metro's People places. Open spaces.. She brought copies of the 9/15/09 report and the urban/rural reserves map dated 2/25/2010. Our request was for a discussion of the urban designation of the Stafford Triangle.

There was concern that West Linn's infrastructure improvements or upgrading not enable a push into the Triangle. The single qualification for rural designation seems to be soil quality--which they have determined to be minimum in this area. Providing infrastructure to the triangle because of terrain is thought to be a deterrant to high density development.

Wildlife disturbance and displacement was also a concern, projected population projections were questioned. Metro land purchases to preserve habitat were discussed. Presently way over ten thousand acres of vacant or underutilized employment land is inside the present Urban Growth Boundry. This is Metro's priority. It was pointed out that there is a great pool of residential real estate for sale in all 3 counties. Metro is trying to work with developers presently to use these available areas.

Representatives from the School District returned for a second appearance