

HIDDEN SPRINGS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

June 30, 2014 Minutes

West Linn Adult Community Center
Scheduled 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by President Erik Van deWater; Megan Bowes, Vice President, was also present.

QUORUM: Quorum was established with 16 members present

OFFICER REPORTS: No reports were read at this meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No unfinished business was discussed at this meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Members of Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVFR), <http://www.tvfr.com/>, were present to introduce themselves and discuss 4th of July safety tips and wildfire prevention.
 - a. Piseth Pich is our direct contact for TVFR West Linn. His contact information is (503) 259-1192, piseth.pich@tvfr.com
 - b. Calls to TVFR from January, 2014 – June, 2014 were 700 – approx. 80% were medical calls
 - c. TVFR added a Medic Unit to the Bolton fire station
 - d. Firefighters suggest we all keep our eyes open during the 4th of July holiday and summer in general – watch out for our neighbors who might be using fireworks, keep an eye on our parks for firework use and/or questionable activity
 - i. If you should see anything noteworthy, call the police non-emergency number to report (503) 635-0238
 - ii. It is better to report a questionable incident so they are aware of activity
 - e. Firefighters mentioned that if damage is done to someone's home and/or person by illegal fireworks, the person handling the fireworks, and quite possibly their parents are responsible for damages
 - f. Firefighters are looking to create "Fire Wise" communities
 - i. Discussing how to protect your home, maintain open spaces, etc.
 - g. Piseth talked a bit about how TVFR is funded
 - i. Their funding comes from our property tax levy
 - ii. Because of the way the levy was proposed and voted on, they are able to budget approx. 5 years out
 - iii. This gives them the ability to make adjustments and add services based on our calls to them
 - iv. For information about the levy, visit www.tvfr.com
 - h. Someone asked the question about a new facility
 - i. Piseth responded that a new facility is being discussed
 - ii. Location is not certain at this point; they are looking at 3 locations, West Linn is one of them
 - iii. More information on this can also be found at www.tvfr.com
2. Consideration of Creating a New Neighborhood Association
 - a. Discussions have been taking place among the residents of the Hidden Springs Neighborhood Association (HSNA), Rosemont Ridge Neighborhood Association (RRNA), and The City of West Linn (City) to merge to two neighborhood associations, thereby creating a new neighborhood association
 - b. RRNA has been inactive for approximately 3-4 years
 - c. Former RRNA President Dean Stewart spoke to the group addressing the reasons for going inactive and the reasons for merging the two NAs

- i. As RRNA is fairly built up, no new issues have come up specifically affecting the residents of that neighborhood. As such, interest in the neighborhood meetings waned and they became inactive.
 - ii. When looking at the two neighborhoods, similarities exist that make it sensible to merge:
 - 1. Both neighborhoods are pretty much built out
 - 2. No issues, pending or forthcoming, exist that would affect home owners
 - 3. No commercial activity in either neighborhood
 - 4. All home owners want to make sure they have a voice should something occur that would affect them and their neighbors
 - 5. Home owners are concerned that without a neighborhood association, they might lose their identity and not have a way to voice concerns – to neighbors or the City
 - d. Someone at the meeting expressed that merging might make for a rather large NA
 - i. It was noted that the new NA would still be smaller than the existing Willamette NA
 - e. People at the meeting expressed concern and ideas for getting neighbors involved/more involved
 - f. People expressed ideas about setting up a new NA that would include:
 - i. Writing by-laws
 - 1. Reviewing existing by-laws of each NA
 - 2. Taking the best from each to create a new set of by-laws
 - 3. Adding by-laws that make sense for a combined NA
 - ii. Getting some direction from The City
 - iii. Stating new NA objectives
 - iv. Have a Mission Statement and/or Charter
 - g. No time frame has been established for creating this new NA
 - i. Members stated they would like to gather both neighborhoods for discussion and a vote by the end of summer
 - ii. From there we can open discussions with The City and put together an action plan
3. Allocation of our Budget
- a. NAs receive a stipend from The City
 - i. As such, we have money in our account
 - b. Many in attendance mentioned using the funds for charitable purposes and/or within the neighborhoods
 - c. Others mentioned using the funds to bring people within the two neighborhoods together
 - i. To promote interest and attendance at NA meetings
 - ii. To better define NAs to those who do not know about or understand why we have them
 - iii. To discuss merging the two NAs
 - iv. To encourage people to add their email addresses to our mailing list so they are able to keep up to date on City and neighborhood activities, events that might affect neighborhoods, etc.
 - d. A Motion by Scott Howard was made to table the budget vote until the next meeting; Joan Hallinan seconded, and it was passed unanimously

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm