

June 28, 2016 Marylhurst Association Minutes

1. President Oakes called MNA meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Twenty four members and three guest were present, thus, MNA quorum of six was met.
2. Ms. Doanne Brown moved to approve the agenda, second by Mr. Rod Schmall, vote passed with none opposed.
3. Ms. Burke moved to adopt May 24, 2016 minutes with typo correction in third section, second by Mr. Ralph Olsen, passed with none opposed.
4. Treasurer Boucher reported current balance of \$5,291.27 including expenditures for sign renovation materials: \$153.16 and ink cartridges for NA records and communications: \$147.98.
5. West Linn's new City Manager Eileen Stein was introduced and explained her background as Springfield Oregon's Assistant City Manager for eleven years, City Manager of Sisters Oregon for eleven years and recently, Mt. Angel City Manager for the last three years. She has previously worked in public works, regional sewer, transportation and intergovernmental legislative matters. She said she looks forward to becoming more acquainted with West Linn. President Oakes recommended looking at Neighborhood Plans. VP Cummings added Imagine West Linn.
6. Parks Director Ken Worcester presented the originally approved "Phase II" plan for Marylhurst Heights and Valley View Drive street improvements that could cost approx. \$750,000 and a draft with a few changes that might cost approx. \$300-400,000 instead by reducing "Overflow" parking spaces from 18 to 13 and use grassy area for parking during summer months. Valley View Drive could be 28 ft. with a "street tight" sidewalk, approx. 6' wide. A narrower street without the usual "beauty strips" could help reduce impacts to adjacent property owners regarding grade changes and storm-water runoff".

A member asked if City had any preliminary numbers regarding storm-water management. Mr. Worcester said, "Not yet, we want to hear from NA before taking it to public works".

A member commented that traffic problems might get worse with street widened and public parking installed. Another member asked, "How much land on south side is necessary to widen Valley View?" Mr. Worcester said, "I am not exactly sure but approximately 10 feet, more or less depending on existing conditions".

A member asked if speed bumps or other traffic control measures might help. Mr. Worcester said, "Parallel parking on Valley View might help slow traffic". A member commented, "I have never seen anyone ticketed for speeding on Suncrest and have never seen the leash law enforced. There are no leash law signs at the park. Has studied the need for overflow parking?"

A member commented that traffic seemed slower when cars were parallel parked on the north side of Valley View near proposed parking lot area. Mr. Worcester said the presence of on-street parking might help reduce traffic speed." A member asked if city would consider turning the narrow section of Valley View into a one-way street. Mr. Worcester replied, "We will be looking at all options." A member expressed hopes that the City does not "cheap out on storm water management". VP Cummings inquired about the timing and process of decision. Mr. Worcester said, "I am not sure how it would be decided since the original plan would not likely change by more than 10%. We will probably know more by next fall."

President Oakes asked if members would like to have a show of hands to advise Mr. Worcester about MNA member's preferences so far. A member objected to the idea of voting without prior notice. VP Cummings stated, "MNA bi-laws allow votes on any agenda items noticed in advance. Votes on items added to the agenda are not allowed until the next meeting".

Mr. Koll moved to "proceed with plan for street that would minimize adverse impacts on the houses on the south side and not proceed with a formal parking lot", second by Mr. Olsen. Mr. New moved to amend motion to include overflow parking as proposed by Mr. Worcester tonight, second by Ms. Beckman. Discussion: A member asked if new plan met parking requirements. Mr. Worcester said he believed it would. Counting the new street parking spaces, there would be about 40 spaces total and the grassy area could be for parking during summertime.

Mr. Rand withdrew his amendment.

Mr. Koll moved to, "Proceed with new plan presented with emphasis on minimizing adverse impacts to houses on south side of Valley View, second by Mr. Cummings. Votes: 21 in favor, one opposed, two abstained.

President Oakes and Ms. Burke reminded members to participate in Economic Development Survey. President Oakes also explained that the notice mailed out regarding proposed CDC code changes (Project CDC 16-01) pertains to properties near water resource areas.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

The next meeting will be July 26, 2016 at the Robinwood Center at 7:00 PM.

Minutes, including information from City, submitted by MNA Secretary, Teri Cummings