

Neighborhood Association Presidents Meeting

January 20th, 2016

7:00pm

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by NAP Chair Ed Schwarz.

NA Presidents, or their representative, present were:

- Ed Schwarz – Savanna Oaks President
- Kazi Ahmed – Robinwood President
- Karie Oakes – Marylhurst President
- Tracy Gilday – Skyline Ridge President
- Ruby Friesen – Hidden Springs Secretary/Treasurer
- Alan Smith – Bolton President
- Gail Holmes – Willamette President
- Doug Vokes – Sunset Vice President
- Brenda Perry
- Russ Axelrod

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Amendments Bolton president needs to be changed to Allan Smith.

The October 2015 meeting minutes, as amended, were approved.

Community Comments

There were no community comments.

NA Reports

Savanna Oaks (Ed Schwarz) – Voted to oppose the 100+ units going in due to commercial and traffic engineering concerns. The neighbors hired an attorney and testified to the planning commission and the development application was denied. It then went to the city council and the developer was denied again. They are working with the property owners and residents to see what would be acceptable to be in that place for possible future development. There will be a meeting with the property owner on Tuesday Feb. 2nd, 2016. This property is located in Willamette NA but abuts Savanna Oaks NA. Savanna Oaks has set up a committee to update their bylaws.

Robinwood (Kazi Ahmed) - Looking into the water codes and city council is reviewing them. Robinwood had a meeting Tuesday January 19th where a representative from Every Kids Right

to a Safe Route to School came and wanted Robinwood to join their campaign. Things are going well in general. LOT meetings are getting better and more civil. A meeting is scheduled on January 27th for feedback on Hwy 43 improvement planning at 5:30pm. Kazi would like the city to inform the NAP's about meetings prior to posting on Next Door. Robinwood is wanting to apply for a tourism grant for recreational programs between Westridge park and Cedar oak. This grant would be used for involving residents and citizens to get involved in kayaking. Every year the city gets \$20,000 for tourism grants from the county that comes from the hotel tax. You need to show that you are bringing people outside our city into this event which would bring in tourism in order to receive this grant. Russ recommended collaborating with the Parks and Recreation Dept. and to come to their next meeting and get on the parks board agenda to talk about this. Feb. 12th, 2016 is the next advisory board meeting.

Bolton (Alan Smith) – Alan talked about the buying of the Poppert property and adding it to Burnside Park. Bolton is exploring the option for city to acquire the property. Alan talked about spending NA stipend as seed money in a show of interest. Bolton wants the old Bolton fire station to become a community center, and they have detailed plans for it. They have possible tenants and users for this facility.

Bolton is one of the few neighborhoods with affordable housing and lots of kids. Would like to see the Fire Station turned into a community center. Need to hire someone to check out hazardous materials.

Willamette – (Gail Holmes) - City paid for two signs and Willamette paid for one. There are trolley steps along 10th and Willamette Falls Drive with three sets of stairs. They were trolley steps for the Mill Workers and Willamette is working with the city to clean this up as they are slippery. Willamette would like to put up a sign to show this history and significance of these steps and what it is about. Willamette would love to see a trolley depot. Parks Dept. is willing to clean these trolley steps and plant Rhododendrons nearby.

Willamette Falls drive is a big problem with traffic especially if I-205 is backed up.

Would be great to get a flashing light for the crosswalk at Fields Bridge Park. It is supposed to be 30mph and cars drive too fast. Submitted to transportation board. Would also like to put a stop sign at Dollar Street and Willamette Falls Drive.

Willamette voted no on the Tannler proposal property due to business codes and significant traffic. Transportation is a big issue. Willamette would like to work with the property owner to explore the option of having a hotel on this property and realign street. ODOT is limiting where you can put a light.

July 2nd, 2016 there will be a marathon running through the Willamette neighborhood. This race is coming from Portland. Great for tourism. Police had a controlled explosion yesterday 1/19/2016.

Hidden Springs – (Ruby Friesen) Trying to organize a social to get more people involved in their neighborhood association. Did not have a meeting in January but will have one in February. One of the agenda items will be an election of officers for Hidden Springs. Tracy mentioned that the city will mail out information to your entire neighborhood one time per year. This would be great if the city could send a flyer out to residents for this social.

Ed will contact Bill Relyea (Parker Crest) to get the NA book from this summer's list and Tracy remembers a few people interested in becoming board members.

Sunset Neighborhood – (Doug Vokes) Sunset had a meeting on Oct. 15th and a follow up meeting on November 10th. The school district was invited. There was a lot of questions and discussion about the proposed amount of parking spots for the new school and community codes. The school district was planning for 30 parking places and the neighborhood thinks this should be doubled. Bond passed in 2010 for the park to be partly used for parking. Issue of when the school district may have changed their plans. The neighbors formed a S.O.S.P – Save Our Sunset Park Committee and someone got hold of the deed to the park. The deed said that the property can be only used as a park and an attorney was hired to see if there was merit to that. The school has made their recommendations to the planning commission. Will have another meeting next week and in Feb. – Sunset neighborhood has 900 homes. Meeting in November everyone was happy. Trying to find a middle ground. Russ will talk to the school district about the amount of property being used in the Sunset Park. Parking area was scaled back due to fire access.

City is working with school district on this. Lots of people going down Summit Ave. due to Skyline.

Skyline Ridge – (Tracy Gilday)

New Neighborhood Directory and Services to residents. City printed this for us for free.

Egging problem sent out alert on Next Door.

Dog park area – Neighbors pulled out invasive species.

Make sure you tell neighbors that the babysitters listed in the Neighborhood Directory are just those that volunteered but they are not endorsed by NA or City.

Marylhurst – (Karie Oakes)

Met in October and had continuing recommendations for transportation issues and actively participated in TSP update. Got a letter from TSP was not the right venue. Neighborhood volunteer attended and presented to the Transportation Education Committee. Brenda said lots of people make up this committee such as police, fire, planning commission members. She said they take photos and investigate your issue. Very well run committee. Goes in order of the people that show up and explains options and solutions to the issue. Discussed NA signs for meetings. They are not functioning very well. They approved some money for some new signs.

They are now meeting here in Robinwood as the Adult Community Center (A.C.C.) is under construction. Report on land use pre-app conference.

New Business

Stipend Policy from last year. Municipal Code 2.1 – Last year we revised stipends for all NA's and this was sent to the city and has been pending on their agenda for a while. Ed would like to see this voted on by the City Council before June.

Brenda mentioned that the NA map for Hidden Springs and Rosemont Summit needs to be corrected as the merger did not go through. This map came out last January 2015, and needs to get fixed. Ed will send an email to get this fixed.

The city is looking to NAP's for suggestions and changes to the municipal code 2.1. Kazi said we should set a goal to review and mark it up for changes. Ed will incorporate the changes/markups and will get pulled together before next meeting.

Russ – talked about boundaries for the Savanna Oaks and Willamette NAs. Come up with pro's and con's and see if you want to move forward to change boundaries. Start with Teresa Zak and proceed according to Chapter 2 code. NA's decide boundaries not the city.

Kirsten Wyatt & Alissa Preston (HR) to get input on Citizen Engagement Coordinator. Ed had a few things to add to this job description.

At its Feb. 21st meeting the City Council will have a short list of candidates for city manager's position for review. Public testimony will be accepted.

Russ wants to hear what the NAP's want to work on this year to build on effectiveness of the NA's. Please come up with some clear objectives.

Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Chair Schwarz adjourned the meeting at 9:25pm.