

Neighborhood Association Presidents Meeting

February 25th, 2016

7:00pm

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by NAP Chair Ed Schwarz.

NA Presidents, or their representative, present were:

- Ed Schwarz – Savanna Oaks President
- Kazi Ahmed – Robinwood President
- Tracy Gilday – Skyline Ridge President
- Megan Bowes – Hidden Springs Secretary/Past Vice President
- Jim Brown – Hidden Springs/President
- Frank Heuschkel – Hidden Springs/Vice President
- Teri Cummings – Marylhurst/Vice President
- Bill Relyea – Parker Crest
- Alan Smith – Bolton President
- Gail Holmes – Willamette President
- Doug Vokes – Sunset Vice President
- Brenda Perry – Councilor
- Russ Axelrod - Mayor

Approval of Meeting Minutes – The January 2016 meeting minutes, as amended, were approved. 5 approved to 1 abstain

Amendments - Bolton's president needs to be changed to Alan Smith.

Community Comments

There were no community comments.

NA Reports

Savanna Oaks (Ed Schwarz/President) – Last meeting invited the owner the property of Tannler and Blankenship to discuss possible uses of that property. Having a hotel was one idea. Productive Savanna Oaks meeting with Willamette president in attendance.

Robinwood (Kazi Ahmed/President) – Would like to invite Jim and Frank to the Robinwood NA meeting. Had their meeting last week with 37 residents who came and participated. Lieutenant talked about the evacuation emergency plan in regards to LOT and also had the developer from 18000 Upper Midhill Drive.

New information hasn't been submitted yet. Also had Lance Calvert from public works give an update on Hwy 43 City transportation projects on city website. Robinwood talked about backing out of the Kayak run this year, but intends to resubmit for next year.

Bolton (Alan Smith/President) – Announcing seismic old Bolton Fire station tomorrow and are upgrading their plans.

Willamette – (Gail Holmes/President) – Haggen is auctioning off the grocery store in Willamette. Fields Bridge Park needs a flashing light as traffic does not slow down for pedestrians even when the speed limit is 35mph. Another transportation concern was getting out of Dollar street and Willamette Falls Drive, they would like a stop sign put in there. Gail talked to Officer Henley about a solution to slow down cars, and he mentioned putting out flags and Gail was worried that people would steal them. Talked about the idea of a medical clinic on Blankenship and Tannler property. Reviewing their Bylaws and making sure they are updated. Working on an action list and will work with city council on this. On Sunday there will be at Commissioners meeting at 7pm.

Hidden Springs – (Jim Brown/President) – Interest in the Fire station that is purposed and Hidden Springs and Bay Meadows. Post development on Rosemont and Parker to fill in that area. Jim Brown is the new Hidden Springs president and Frank Heuschkel is the new vice president.

Sunset Neighborhood — (Doug Vokes/Vice President)

Jan. 26th was regular meeting and main order of business was Sunset school. SOSA had a special meeting on Feb. 9th, and the plan was different than the one they were proposing. Sunset Neighborhood is coming up with a petition and going door to door. Issue was the design of the school and the 2010 park. Statutory provision the deed to the park has to be renewed. There is concern with the plans for the parking lot and water runoff.

Skyline Ridge – (Tracy Gilday/President) – Skunk population increasing. Creating a NAP list for all Presidents, VP's etc.

Marylhurst – (Teri Cummings/Vice President) – Had NA meeting this week. Valley View is the way to get to this trail and is a half street if that. More traffic going through Valley View. No money to widen that street. Heard from several people. Put a local access only on Hillcrest and a stop sign on Valley View which hasn't worked. President went to transportation meeting and the plan and with Suncrest and Valley View Corner.

What is going to be the plan for the park? City said that phase II would be to develop the parking lot. Tracy brought up driveway through Carriage Way and why it was not closed off to traffic.

Barrington Heights – (Meredith Olmstead/President reports via email)

Spring heralds the start of plans for our Annual Fire Wise Day, to be held this year on Saturday, May 7th in the BHT. Some changes will occur this year:

We have asked the City, via our Mayor, to investigate moving the date of the Annual City Clean Up Day from April to coincide with the Fire Wise Day. This date is set in stone for us by the US Department of Forestry. This change of date will benefit us by

1) Freeing up the close to \$1000 we spend each year on yard debris removal. Many of our residents take advantage of the free removal on Fire Wise Day. While this helps us to remain more fire safe, the cost is over DOUBLE what we receive from the City in stipends for the year. We have had a small reserve in our account, and have used it in the past, but those funds will not last past this year. Moving the City wide cleanup date would be a tremendous financial help to us at 0 cost to the City. (This is a service of West Linn Refuse. We are simply asking for the City's influence in moving the date.)

2) A larger scope of work is planned. We will coordinate with our Homeowners Association the ODO Forestry, the ODOT, and TVF&R to complete the "firebreak" at the top of the I-205 hillside (with ODOT's permission). The above funds, should they become available, will be used for the large equipment necessary to clear large stands of vegetation and trees on this fire break area.

Since 2012, the Oregon Department of Forestry has classified the I-205 corridor at our hillside as a "high fire risk area". This area directly affects 5 of our NA's, not only through directly adjacent lands but also from the close proximity to wind blown embers in case of fire.

We ask your support, fellow NA's, in our quest to move the Clean-Up Date to May 7th, 2016. An added bonus is the usually better weather in May, giving all our residents more incentive to clean up their yard debris, giving us all a more fire safe City.

We also invite you to participate with us on this date. Working together, we can make our Tree City USA also a Fire Wise City.

Thank you,
Meredith Olmsted
President, BHTNA

Parker Crest – (Bill Relyea/President) – Salamo and Rosemont from Rosemont Middle School and Parker Rd. Meeting March 16th at 7pm and all NA. City has it designated at 42 not 46 lots. Immediate concerns of going through the PUD and getting a kick back and what is an R10 to R5 and get credit for what can't be developed. This affects Oppenlander field and comprehensive plan affects the livability. Unfortunately does not hold the developers to this. Comprehensive plan takes into account the livability. Other issue is on Parker Rd. to April 7th pre-application meeting to annexation and zoning map to 3001 Parker Rd. and development. A Zoning map change means there has to be a comprehensive plan change. Zoned for future R10. Skate Park has smaller lots due to the PUD. Can move down to R7.5 – 5. The concern is the impact to traffic, ball fields and adult CC and middle school with greater density. Need to bring up to codes. Developer with need to help with development and maybe paving the Oppenlander parking lot. We want them to take care. Tomorrow is that last day to send update to the newsletter. Facebook page Parker Crest NA. Send updates to Kirstin for your NA up to 300 words.

New Business

Municipal code 2.1 – Ed sent out a copy to the NA with the idea of any changes. Ed has three suggestions:

1. Section 3 on p.1 – Neighborhood district. City not implemented this. Not sure this is necessary and should strike section 3.
2. Section 4 on p. 2 C and subsection 4 IV. – Change this to once per quarter. Tracy said to follow it to two times per year per stipend recommendation. Ed will send Jim the policy and minimum number of meetings etc. – Also suggested having a cap on how much money you could save up.
3. Section 6 on A3 – NA appeal is related to appeal or 500ft. zone in diameter. If another NA is within this 500ft. they should be able to appeal this.
4. Bill Reye – Citizen involvement Ci2-Ci5 – Comprehensive Plan p.2-5 – Would like to city to match funds to help Parker Crest to take care of the wetlands. Ex. Tanner Creek and wetland through Hidden Springs and Parker Crest. Had beautiful ponds to take kids to go fishing to. Should have a direct reflection to referencing the Comprehensive Plan. Russ recommends that NA function should be consistent with how its described in the Comprehensive plan. Purpose of NA in section 1 and section 2 should be reflective of language in our Comprehensive plan.

Discussion for citizen involvement. Table it for next meeting. Terri recommend being balanced with appointed vs. elected. Candid input and most unrestricted opinions.

Planning for 2016 – Any suggestions, or goals you would like to achieve (Skyline Ridge – bylaws) Bill would like to see a rebuttal time to city staff where applicant doesn't necessarily have the last word. Gail wanted to know why CERT vs. Mapit is being used. The person on Nextdoor wants to know what sort of training we are getting with Mapit? Public Safety advisory board is doing this. Russ started this in his Neighborhood. Captain Henelly also is a part of it. Ask Kirstin on webinars for specialize training. Ask Kevin Bryck to help with bylaws or look at Ed's or Robinwood's bylaws. Jim is an attorney and wrote their bylaws.

Russ said they are in the process of hiring a city manager and there is an online survey that you can send to your neighborhood. We have only a few more weeks. They are looking for feedback immediately.

Look for WL city's solicitation on this.

Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Chair Schwarz adjourned the meeting at 9:02pm.