

Neighborhood Association Presidents Meeting

West Linn City Hall

August 30, 2016; 6:00 pm

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by NAP Chair Ed Schwarz.

NA Presidents, or their representative, present were:

- Robert Jester – Barrington Heights
- Alan Smith – Bolton
- Karie Oakes – Marylhurst
- Bill Relyea – Parker Crest
- Kazi Ahmed – Robinwood
- Ed Schwarz – Savanna Oaks
- Jim Farrell – Skyline Ridge
- Doug Vokes – Sunset
- Gail Holmes – Willamette

Others present included Courtney Flynn, Citizen Engagement Coordinator; Bob Martin, City Councilor; Russ Axelrod, Mayor; and Eileen Stein, City Manager.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approval of the July 2016 meeting minutes was tabled until the September meeting.

New Business

Community Development Director – Steve Worthington from Prothman Company sought members' input on the desirable qualities for a new Community Development Director. Mr. Worthington and Prothman have participated in similar searches for approximately 15 other communities ranging in size from approximately 12,000 to 50,000 residents. Ms. Stein stated her reasons for wanting to hire a new Community Development Director. Members are encouraged to email Ms. Stein with any comments or suggestions regarding this issue.

Old Business

Traffic from Willamette Christian Church – Joel Dombrow (Lead Pastor) and Sherri Oswald (outreach and Operations Director) from the Willamette Christian Church were present to discuss the parking and traffic situation. A letter from Meredith Olmsted, Barrington Heights NA, was circulated to the members and other attendees. Members expressed their concerns about the use of parking in the Safeway lot and that the church had hired flaggers to control traffic on Salamo. The church indicated that the flaggers have been asked to wait until there is a group of people present before stopping traffic. Members also asked about lengthening the time between services to allow the parking to clear out. It was also suggested that perhaps the crosswalks could be sued by people crossing Salamo instead of stopping traffic in the middle of the block. Concerns were also expressed about the church expansion and why

they could not make parking available on-site. The church had concerns that these changes would negatively impact their attendance and/or be too costly.

Revitalizing Rosemont Summit NA – This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Review of Draft NA Pamphlet – This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Chair Schwarz adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm.

Joint Meeting with Committee for Citizen Involvement

After its regularly scheduled meeting, the NAP met jointly with the CCI to discuss methods for community outreach regarding the Bolton/Arch Bridge/Willamette revitalization project. John Morgan solicited input from members on how best to reach out to the community to gather input on the community's desires for the Arch Bridge area.