

Neighborhood Association Presidents Meeting
January 14, 2015
6:00 PM

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by NAP Chair Ed Schwarz.

NA Presidents, or their representatives, present were Ed Schwarz representing Savana Oaks, Mike Selvaggio of Willamette, Sally McLarty of Bolton, Doug Vokes of Sunset, Karie Oakes of Marylhurst, and Bill Relyea of Parker Crest. Kazi Ahmed of Robinwood arrived at approximately 7:15 PM.

Also present were Neighborhood Association liaisons Councilors Russell Axelrod and Brenda Perry.

Presentation by Councilors Axelrod and Perry

Councilor Perry circulated a document with several discussion points regarding Neighborhood Associations and possible updates to Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code concerning citizen advisory groups. The discussion points included:

- Boundaries
- Agendas
- Individual NA Goals
- Communications
- Attendance
- Quorum
- Moving Forward

After discussion it was decided that each NA President should review the discussion points and return at the next meeting prepared to discuss them in detail. The goal is to further enhance Neighborhood Associations in the city.

Discussion of Updated Work Flow Document

Ed Schwarz passed around copies of the updated workflow document from the city. This document included revisions to remove any mention of NAs sharing their email lists with the city. It also clarified that the city will work with each NA to create and mail one postcard per year to all residents in that NA.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from the November 20, 2014 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

NA Reports

Savanna Oaks – Ed Schwarz mentioned a new, 22 house development proposed for Weatherhill Road. He also mentioned that there will be an attempt to set a Guinness Book of World Records record by having over 850 people simultaneously plant blue camas bulbs in the White Oak Savanna Park. The present record is 850 people and is held by a town in the United Kingdom. The world record attempt will be held on Earth Day, April 18, 2015.

Bolton – Sally McLarty plans to meet with Metro Councilor Carlotta Collette to discuss the Arch Bridge plan and the designation of Bolton as a “Town Center.” Residents of Bolton would be happier with a designation of Main Street” than “Town Center.” There is a proposal to turn the old firehouse into a West Linn Historical Museum. Bolton neighbors are concerned about the proposed widening of I-205 to three lanes as it could potentially remove the protected exit lane which currently exists on the I-205 bridge over the Willamette River.

Marylhurst – Karie Oakes has new to report as they have not met since the last NAP meeting.

Sunset – Doug Vokes reported that Sunset is trying to get someone from the school district to attend their next meeting. Now that the school bond passed they are looking for information as to the district’s plans for the expansion of Sunset School. Sunset School is the oldest school in the district and is over 150 years old.

Robinwood – Kazi Ahmed stated that at their meeting held on January 13, 2015 they learned that the Parks Board voted 6-1 to exclude the Robinwood Station from the property list. This could potentially mean that the city could look to dispose of the station and sell it to the highest bidder. Kazi noted that Robinwood Station is a tremendous community resource. In 2014 they donated over 10,000 lb. of food from the Station’s garden to the West Linn Food Pantry. Volunteers have donated close to 100,000 hours of time to the rehabilitation of the station and its surroundings. The city is redoing some of the neighborhood water lines. The hope is to use the street repaving to be done as part of the LOT project to cover the water line work so the city does not have to pay for the repaving. Finally, residents were recently informed that the LOT water plant project is apparently going to take up to 16 months longer than originally projected.

The next meeting date was set for February 25, 2015 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.