

Neighborhood Association Presidents Meeting
April 16, 2015
7:00 PM

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by NAP Chair Ed Schwarz.

NA Presidents, or their representatives, present were Kazi Ahmed of Robinwood, Tracy Gilday of Skyline Ridge, Alan Smith of Bolton, Karie Oakes of Marylhurst, Bill Relyea of Parker Crest, Ed Schwarz of Savanna Oaks, Mike Selvaggio of Willamette. Also present were Neighborhood Association liaisons Councilors Russell Axelrod and Brenda Perry. Richard Fiala, a resident of the Stafford Triangle, was also in attendance.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The February meeting minutes were not prepared in time for the meeting and will be approved at the next NAP meeting.

NA Reports

Savanna Oaks – Ed Schwarz reported that the White Oak Savanna Park was host to a Guinness World Record attempt for the most people planting bulbs at one time. The current record is 850, held by Great Britain. Our attempt fell short but we were still able to get 650 people to the park to plant Blue Camas and Trillium. It was a wonderful day and a fun time was had by all.

Robinwood – Kazi Ahmed stated that Robinwood held a candidate forum for the upcoming mayoral election. Robinwood continues to experience issues with the Lake Oswego / Tigard Water traffic, especially with construction trucks. Councilor Perry will try to get a copy of the Murray-Smith contract to help in monitoring for code violations.

Marylhurst – Karie Oakes reported that Marylhurst finished their recommendations on the Transportation System Plan for the City Council and Transportation Advisory Board. Marylhurst's meeting attendance is increasing. Marylhurst will participate in Take Care of West Linn Day. Finally, they will also have a booth at the movies at Marylhurst Park.

Skyline Ridge – Tracy Gilday reported that the porta-potty was installed in Skyline Ridge Park one month early this year. The city has estimated that a flush toilet will cost \$60,000 – \$80,000 to install.

Willamette – Mike Selvaggio reported that Willamette is looking to add a couple of new NA signs as well as an information kiosk. They are also looking to establish consistent policies on traffic resulting from new development. At their most recent meeting, Representative Parrish discussed the Urban Forestry Initiative which is now before the legislature. Councilors Axelrod and Perry also attended their last meeting. Willamette is looking to update its by-laws which were last updated in 2011. Their attendance continues to increase. There continue to be parking issues at Fields Bridge Park.

Bolton – Alan Smith was recently elected President of Bolton NA. He reported that Bolton is continuing to raise the Town Center issue with the city. They would like to present designs other than the one being put forth by the city. Members have concerns about the siting of the replacement Bolton reservoir. Future Bolton NA meetings will be held at the library as their attendance has outgrown their current meeting location.

Parker Crest – Bill Relyea reported that members are concerned about a rezoning of property on Rosemont Road without sufficient notification to the NA. The notification that was received came too late for meaningful citizen input. The Parker Crest NA plan says that this area should remain rural. The lateness of notification and lack of citizen participation in the rezoning is in conflict with Goal 1 – Citizen Input.

BHT NA, Sunset NA, Hidden Springs NA, and Rosemont Summit NA were not in attendance.

Presentation from Richard Fiala

Richard Fiala discussed the current state of Stafford Triangle development and two bills which were put forth during this legislative session. He discussed the “Stafford Compromise” which was approved by 85% of Stafford landowners. He offered to discuss these issues with individual NAs at their next meeting.

Merger of Hidden Springs and Rosemont Summit NAs

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Municipal Code Chapter 2 Update

A discussion was held concerning changes to Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code dealing with NAs currently being considered by the City Council. Concerns expressed by various NA Presidents included:

- This might present an opportunity to realign some NA boundaries to better reflect the residents’ beliefs as to which NA best fits with their location within the city.
- There was agreement that the current NA stipends are too low and need to be increased. The fixed allocation given to each NA regardless of size should be increased.
- Everyone was encouraged to review the recommendations from the 2013 NA PowerPoint presentation to the City Council.
- It was noted that Chapter 2 does not currently include language about stipends. This should be included in the NA Presidents recommendations to the City Council for Chapter 2 updates.

Alan Smith made a motion to present one slide (“Recommendations”) from the 2013 PowerPoint presentation as-is to the City Council. Karie Oakes seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Next Meeting

Ed Schwarz will review the City calendar and send an email with a few suggested dates for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.