

Robinwood Neighborhood Association of the City of West Linn

Minutes March 8th, 2016

Meeting of the Robinwood Neighborhood Association(RNA) called to order at 7:02pm.

Agenda approved.

Guests and Introductions: Emily Smith, new Manager of Robinwood Starbucks

February 2016 Minutes approved by voice vote, motion by Mary Hill, second by Peter Lang.

Treasurer Report: Balance remains \$1366.20

Guest Speakers:

Richard Seals, COWL CFO on City Finances and Budgets – City Annual Audit finished with clean opinion, perfect score. Refinanced 2 bond issues at 2.2% saving about \$400K in interest costs and beating Fed rate increase by 2 weeks. City credit rating updated to AA+. PERS rates increase looming with potential increase of \$500K per biennium and the city budget is 60% personnel therefore this is not a good time to increase city staff. New live online dashboard at bottom of Finance web pages showing real time updates to 10 city funds. Parks maintenance fee money shown on this dashboard. Reservoir bond were backed by water rates therefore no vote was required.

John Morgan on Economic Development for West Linn – On contract to city for 6 months replacing departed Director. Works for cities up and down west coast from office in Salem. Public sector throughout career, stints as city manager, has consulted for West Linn in the past. Tasks: Working with the 7 person citizen Economic Development Committee to move process forward. Responsible for Arch Bridge project. Audit of department and staffing and codes looking for efficiency to set tone for new permanent director. Also any other projects as required. Demand drives Planning staff to focus on code administration. Help community implement community goals. Building persistent capacity to thrive. Office hours at city hall Tuesday and Wednesday. Neighborhoods Associations need to be truly representative.

Announcements, City and Community Events:

18000 Upper Midhill development meeting 3/16 6:30pm at Station. On Planning Commission docket April 20th. Lions' Club Bowlathon in Wilsonville on March 20th.

Updates:

Community Garden: Lisa Clifton - Lettuce starts available, 6 pack for \$2. Just seeded tomato starts. Preorders available for pickup by May. Seeking new members with 80 hours required.

Robinwood Station: Randall Fastabend - Need to tell story of Station from beginning for Planning approval. Repair Fair Event at Station with 11 repairers will repeat in September. New LED lights in Commons.

Committee and Community Reports:

Parks & Rec: Storm damage at Midhill Park cleaned up.

Community Development: Kevin Bryck - Neighbors wants to see Cedaroak Boat Ramp plans.

Public Works: Tony Bracco - ODOT repaved strips on 43 and potholes filled by city.

Emergency Preparedness: Christine Steel - Continuing Map Your Neighborhood program.

Ramping up meetings in homes or other venues. Teen driver safety effort this spring.

Two openings on Public Safety Advisory Board. 100 volunteers searched for missing person.

Old Business: LOT Emergency Response Planning: Action requested from the City staff.

Follow-up to February's questions that were not answered in the presentation by Lt. Stradley of WLPD. Neighbors are not receiving answers from COWL and LOT regarding day to day security plans and operation.

Motion by Mary Hill, second by Lamont King to forward the questions submitted on behalf of RNA to the city council with a request to direct staff to provide answers and/or firm dates for answers as security plans are finalized and updated over time. Adopted by voice vote.

Adjourned at 8:30 Attendees: 25