

Robinwood Neighborhood Association of the City of West Linn Minutes May 10th, 2016

Meeting of the Robinwood Neighborhood Association (RNA) called to order at 7:03pm.

Agenda approved. **Guests and Introductions:** Char Marier from Upper Midhill.

April 2016 Minutes approved by voice vote, motion by Mary Hill, second by Duane Funk.

Treasurer Report: Tony Bracco - Balance remains \$1366.20

Guest Speakers:

Courtney Flynn, WL Citizen Engagement Coordinator - Started one month ago from Detroit. Communication for county commission and editor. Recently received MPA degree. Working throughout city including library. Working with CCI.

Commercial Break - Starbucks providing coffee and snacks with Zero Waste goal with reusable urn and cups. Caffeinated vs Decaf controversy ensued.

Thomas Frank, Chamber of Commerce President - 14 year resident concerned about turnover in small business community. Challenge matching customer profile with 80% of population working outside of city, therefore not using local business during daytime. Predominance of home based businesses. Focus on home based businesses, promoting networking at Lunch and Learn events. Opening Doors twist on revamping Chamber. Annual business directory revamping then updating website and community calendar. Pop-up shops in spaces that have gone dark for home based businesses to try out. Partnership with Pamplin to print citywide flyer with paper donated by local mill.

Bob Martin regarding Committee for Citizen Involvement - Reformulated CCI with two councilors, chair of Planning Commission and members from Historic Review, Chamber of Commerce, Neighborhood Presidents and 2 citizen at-large members. First goal is to examine code for increased and earlier citizen participation in land use. CCI to make recommendations to the Planning Commission. Strengthening NAs as a way to increase participation through attendance and training. Two way communication versus city publicizing decisions already made. Citizens free to attend and participate.

Peggy Kirkendall - spoke regarding Bolton pocket park history and current efforts.

Announcements, City and Community Events:

Chamber Luncheon May 20th 11:30 at Round Table, all you can eat for \$7

Committee for Citizen Involvement meeting May 17th at 5pm in Bolton Room at City Hall

City Council public hearing for Sunset School Appeal May 23 and 24 at 6pm

Open House by Public Works at Bolton Reservoir site Friday 5/20 4-6 pm ish?

Take Care of West Linn Day projects on Saturday May 14th

Society of Young Magicians show June 4th 1-3 pm at Station - benefit to pay the Station.

John Nilsen Band Sunday 5/20 at 7pm at Station

Updates:

Community Garden: Lisa Clifton - Seven varieties of basil available for \$2

Robinwood Station: Randall Fastabend - No new indoor precipitation.

A couple small morning camps in garden this summer.

Robinwood Picnic 2016: on Saturday August 27th. Seeking Volunteers.

Committee and Community Reports:

Community Development: Kevin Bryck - See CC meeting on Sunset School appeal.

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

Teen Safe Driving with Autocross at World of Speed Museum in Wilsonville in late July.

Public Works: Tony Bracco - Tree down in Midhill Park and sidewalk being washed out.

Adjourned at 8:30 Attendees: 25