

Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association Meeting
March 5, 2013
7:00 PM

Minutes

President Ed Schwarz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. In attendance were 10 members of the Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association (SONA).

Minutes from the Feb. 5, 2012 SONA Meeting were approved 8-0.

Old business:

- 1 A member provided updates on the proposed application for 5 homes on Bland Circle at Falcon Drive. The application is scheduled to be heard by the Planning Commission on March 20, 2013. Concern was voiced on a number of issues including: 1) excessive tree removal; 2) traffic problems; 3) health issues involving the quick access of emergency responders to the properties; 4) noise and pollution, not to mention the eyesore of possibly 15 garbage and waste containers congregated in the proposed traffic circle. A resolution was proposed and adopted with a 10-0 vote to oppose the development. (See Attached Resolution)
- 2 A member provided an update on the Metro grant proposal to acquire the last 5.65 acres of the White Oak Savanna Park and the Metro tour of the park on March 2 2013. It was noted that the Natural Resource class from North Clackamas School District has volunteered to spread 1" of gravel on the existing trail this Spring (the gravel has already be delivered) and plans are still being formulated for day lighting the buried creek on the border of the WOS along Tannler Drive.
- 3 A summer ice cream social was discussed and a committee was appointed to look into ideas and requirements of a community event at Douglas Park during the summer. Committee: Dave Rittenhouse, Tony and Brenda Perry, and Roberta Schwarz.
- 4 Roberta Schwarz reported on the upcoming Run/Walk fund raiser for the WOS to be held at the Rosemont Ridge Middle School on Apr. 14.
- 5 The annual SOLV day was noted for Apr. 20 and members were asked to volunteer for community events.

New business:

- 1 The Chairman reported on the new Citizens Advisory Group for the City of West Linn which will include the Neighborhood Association presidents as unpaid city employees.
- 2 Dave Rittenhouse reported that there is another push to eliminate the "de novo" clause for appealing decisions of the Planning Commission to the City Council. The discussion included a debate as to whether there was misinformation about past appeals and whether the whole matter revolved around the LO Water Project. No action was taken at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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Resolution

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 5, 2013 the assembled members of the Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association passed the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association is in opposition to the proposed Falcon Place 5 unit subdivision (SUB 12-01) on the site located at 23112 Bland Circle in West Linn.

Our reasons for this opposition include:

1. This project proposes the removal of 10 significant trees.
2. This project would exacerbate already poor traffic conditions by adding up to 50 car trips per day to this residential neighborhood.
3. The safety of the residents of this subdivision and of its neighbors would be put into jeopardy because of the lack of access for proper fire and safety equipment into the development.
4. A maximum of 15 garbage receptacles would be placed where they pose safety, noise, and aesthetic concerns for the neighborhood.
5. The blind corner and narrow street at this site location pose a traffic safety concern for the residents of the development and the neighborhood.
6. There is a bus stop around the corner for high school students and one in front of the location for middle school students and this is a further concern with the development of this 5 unit development at this location.

For the above stated reasons SONA opposes this 5 unit development proposal.

Aye: 10

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Submitted by

Edward Schwarz, President

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