

WNA

Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2014

I. Call to order

Michael Selvaggio called to order the regular meeting of the Willamette Neighborhood Association at 7:05 pm on May 14, 2014 at Pacific West Bank branch in Willamette.

II. Attendance

The following persons were present: Michael Selvaggio, Beth Smolens, Elizabeth Rocchia, Andy Rocchia, Rae Henry, Gail Holmes, Kathie Halicki, Christine Selvaggio, guests; Roberta Schwarz and Ken Warner.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes were approved as read.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Pacific West Bank Balance: \$1,709. Unchanged from April report.

V. Open issues

- a) Benches in Willamette: Elizabeth Rocchia following issue, Beth Smolens had started a community grant request for the 1200 dollars needed to finish the benches. Community grants will be voted on by WLCC on June 3, 2014. We will hear after this if benches grant receives any money.
- b) 8th Avenue: Jim Milne not available to discuss this evening but has provided a written request for reopening 8th to be considered by the WNA. WNA wishes to move forward with request to the city to reopen the issue of opening 8th while construction occurring on 8th. Beth will follow up with an email to the city staff and connect with Jim and the Transportation Advisory Board.
- c) Baseball Association Follow Up: Jason Daily could not make the meeting tonight but Ken Warner had a letter from him addressing the concerns brought to his attention at the meeting in March. As follows:
 - 1. Parking: nursery on Dollar maybe can provide temporary parking-Ken interjected that Ken Worcester was in touch with owner and they are considering this...more to follow. School district declined to let them use the property on Dollar. Shuttles are cost prohibitive. They have emailed parents not to park on Borland, it has not been very successful but they

continue to try and control parking. The new parking area construction is delayed due to contractor error, this will be completed as soon as possible but not before the end of baseball season. They will use temporary no parking signs on Borland to help prevent illegal parking.

2. Tournaments set for most weekends between Memorial Day and mid-July, they are planning off-site parking at Athey Creek School with shuttle.
 3. Tournament calendar to be posted at Restroom notice board.
 4. Breaker installed at scoreboard to keep them from coming on spontaneously.
 5. Ken working on scouts to build kiosk for the field.
 6. Jason Dailey welcomes feedback and concerns:
president@westlinnbbaseball.org www.westlinnbbaseball.org
- d) WNA Officer Nominations: no new nominations came in at the meeting.
Current officers nominated:

Michael Selvaggio- President

Julia Simpson-Vice President

Elizabeth Rocchia- Treasurer

Beth Smolens-Secretary

VI. New business

- a. West Linn Historical Society: Beth provided overview of historical society plans, membership, new website, and requesting community involvement. Announced Rummage Sale planned for 5/31 (8-3) and accepting donations for the sale. Roberta Schwarz mentioned a historical plant noted in the Savannah Oak Park-called "Purple Snake Wart". Plant not seen since early 20th century-is historical. She asked about the historical society covering this issue. She was encouraged to follow up with an email about the plant and details about history for the website. Beth provided feedback that the historical society is an inclusive organization that is capable of covering a variety of historical preservation issues for our area and will depend on community input, enthusiasm, and involvement.
- b. Planter at 11th: needs to be adopted, E Rocchia and E Smolens will work this Saturday on it. Will purchase some rose bushes and put in other plants donated from Elizabeth and Beth's yards.

Motion: WNA to donate \$75 for 3 rose bushes (red, pink, yellow) to be planted in the 11th Street planter. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

- c. Roberta Schwarz attended meeting to help explain the current situation and status of the “Cut the Red Tape” CDC Amendments that are going before the WLCC for a vote. There are some proposed amendments that are concerning and multiple neighborhoods have officially opposed several. Discussion on various amendments was heard. The following WNA resolution was voted on and passed unanimously with a vote of 8

Several of the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan (CP) and Community Development Codes (CDC) currently put before the West Linn City Council for a vote, bring up numerous concerns for the members of the Willamette Neighborhood Association (WNA). As reference for our concerns, the # 7 Goal of the WNA Vision Statement states:

- **“We partner with the city and it’s planners for effective planning for all of West Linn.”**
- **“We abide by and actively influence improvement to the regulations, laws and initiatives that impact our neighborhood.”**

The WNA would not endorse any amendments to the CP/CDC that would alter or limit our ability to participate in “effective planning” or “actively influence improvements” as stated in our Vision document. We have particular concerns with regard to the proposed changes in the hearing process in Amendments 4&5. We urge the City Council to defer approval of the Amendments until concerns brought up by the City’s Neighborhood Associations as well as the Planning Commission have been addressed.

VII. Adjournment

Michael Selvaggio adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Beth Smolens, Secretary