

**WNA**  
**Meeting Minutes**

7/10/2014

**I. Call to order**

Julia Simpson called to order the regular meeting of the Willamette Neighborhood Association at 7:18 pm on July 10, 2014.

**II. Attendance**

The following persons were present: Julia Simpson, Mike Selvaggio, Beth Smolens, Elizabeth Hall, Brad Woebke, Tomas Pudil, Kathie Halicki, Jim Milne, Midge Pierce, Reena Heijderman, Christine Lewis, and guests; Mike Mahoney, Rob Morgan and Jeff Parker.

**III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

The minutes were approved as written.

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Not given.

**V. WNA Officers Voted In for 2014-2015 (unanimous)**

Mike Selvaggio-President

Julia Simpson-Vice President

Elizabeth Rocchia-Treasurer

Beth Smolens-Secretary

**VI. Guest Speaker: Rob Morgan and Mike Mahoney on: Tannler/Blankenship project by Jeff Parker**

- Mike Mahoney and Rob Morgan presented the rationale and benefits for supporting a rezoning to allow multi housing units to be designed and constructed on the hillside at the Tannler Blankenship site originally approved for an office complex (from OBC to R2.1 for roughly 10 acres of the 11 with the frontage of the property being set aside for commercial building at a later date).

1. 80,000 sq. ft. of vacant business space for lease in West Linn.

2. 31% commercial property is vacant.
  3. Hotel and retail not viable in site
  4. Need for more multi-family housing.
- The projects claims to positively impact:
    1. Economic impacts: money to the school district, money for area businesses.
    2. Apartments 1,2,and 3 bedroom over 200 units
    3. Decreases car trips and parking needed.
  - **The WNA at this time is not prepared to support or oppose the zone change for the project as they felt they needed more detailed information.**

## **VII Opening 8<sup>th</sup> and Dollar**

### **Midge Pierce**

- Opening 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Dollar: Jim Milne reviewed pros for the opening of the intersection:
  1. Relief of congestion on WFD
  2. Will increase safety measures at Dollar
  3. Support traffic flow to new businesses in the shopping center.
  4. Improves emergency access on and off of 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Opposition to opening at 8<sup>th</sup> and Dollar: Midge provided a list of reasons she opposed the opening of the intersection.
  1. “Turn Dollar into another interstate by-pass.”
  2. “Encourages traffic to cut through”
  3. “Would choke off entire streets between Dollar and WFD”.

4. "It would make the area leading to Main Street and eye sore".
5. "Does not fit City goals for walkability/livability".
6. "It would have a negative impact on main street"
7. "It would encourage development of Borland Road".
8. "Unfair policy to solve ODOT's interstate problems on the backs of residents without the resources to fight it".

- **WNA will continue the discussion-no decision was made. Mike Selvaggio, President requested Midge and Jim to work at developing a panel of individuals capable of contributing any factual content on the potential positive and negative impacts of opening the intersection.**

#### **VIII Elizabeth Rocchia**

- Had requested last month for the WNA to supplement the city grant of \$1000 to finish the bench repairs. The estimate was for \$1200.00 and we needed to come up with \$200.00 more.
- **WNA (Christine Lewis) moved that the WNA provide \$200.00 for bench repairs. Motion was seconded by Reena Heijderman. Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM

Elizabeth Smolens, Secretary