

Willamette Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

9/10/14

I. Call to order

Michael Selvaggio called to order the regular meeting of the Willamette Neighborhood Association at 7:01 pm on September 10, 2014.

II. Attendance

The following WNA members and guests were present: Mike Selvaggio, Beth Smolens, Elizabeth Rocchia, Kathie Halicki, Andy Rocchia, Angie Zimmerman, Lois Roby, Pauline Beatty, Reena Heijderman, Shannen Knight, Gail Holmes, James Milne, Christine Lewis, and Jody Carson. Guests: Roberta Schwartz, Russell Axelrod.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes were approved as written.

IV. Treasurer's Report

WNA account at Pacific West Bank has \$2,874.95 (\$400 spent on benches)
WNA US Bank account has \$2,329.33

V. Guest Speaker: West Linn City Council Candidates, Russell Axelrod and Jody Carson

Both candidates were provided approximately 10 minutes during the meeting to provide their political statements and literature. Both candidates answered questions for the membership.

VI. Tannler Development

This discussion took place after the WLCC candidates had completed their presentations and left. Gail Holmes reviewed the West Linn CDC and the developer's application and provided a summary of the issues for the membership to consider about this proposed zone change (to allow apartments instead of commercial buildings). The issue will be in front of the Planning Commission on October 1 at 7 PM. After discussion, the membership developed a position on the issue and formed a motion that passed without opposition.

RESOLUTION

of the

WILLAMETTE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

To the City Council of West Linn:

The Willamette Neighborhood Association respectfully represents as follows:

Whereas Community Development Code 21.010 exists to accommodate and expand the city's economic potential; and,

Whereas Community Development Code 21.030 provides for more than one dozen uses, including mixed use residential, for Office Business Center zoning; and,

Whereas the development project on Tannler Drive and Blankenship Road (Project ID ZC-14-01/PLN-14-01) is likely to have significant impacts on the surrounding community; and,

Whereas potential stresses on local infrastructure and public services are issues of concern for Willamette residents and businesses; and,

Whereas it is the sense of the Willamette Neighborhood Association that a change in zoning of the Tannler Drive property brings up concerns regarding traffic and pedestrian safety – especially with regard to the different impacts of residential versus commercial traffic; and,

Whereas it is the sense of the Willamette Neighborhood Association that a transparent accounting of financial impacts to area schools as the result of a zoning change has not yet been provided; and,

Whereas existing comparisons to current zoning allowances have been based on maximum allowable units rather than practically feasible units; and,

Whereas it is the sense of the Willamette Neighborhood Association that an prudent and thorough examination of a zoning change will consider the long-term best interest of the entire neighborhood rather than the short-term most marketable use of a single property; now, therefore,

Be it resolved:

1. That it is the position of the Willamette Neighborhood Association that the existing Office Business Center zoning for the 11.3 acre property on the northwest corner of Tannler Drive and Blankenship Road should be retained; and,
2. A copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the West Linn City Council and recorded in the minutes of the Willamette Neighborhood Association.

Resolved on September 10, 2014.



Chair – Michael Selvaggio

VII. Discussion of plans for the upcoming year

Elizabeth presented the issue of having received stipend money from the city and encouraged discussion about how to use for the good of the community. WNA historically has been a catalyst for community involvement in a variety of projects that have made a positive impact in our community. Elizabeth had prepared a historical

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list of what the neighborhood monies and volunteer efforts have accomplished on behalf of the community. They include:

- **WNA activated by neighbor Ruth Offer in 1990.**
- **Funded benches along WFD with the help of 8 families and businesses in 2004-each bench costing \$500.**
- **Funded “designer” waste cans along WFD.**
- **Funded and coordinated flower bed beautification project on WFD: 1995-2010. WNA residents and businesses continue to provide the volunteers for monthly maintenance of the flower beds. City now coordinates this effort.**
- **Funded 3 bike racks along WFD with the help of the local bike shop.**
- **Coordinated volunteer efforts to sell t-shirts and water bottles for the Willamette Centennial in 2008.**
- **Coordinated financing for the Willamette Living History Tour 2008-2013.**
- **Provided volunteers and money to a variety of events and projects over the years, including but not limited to: Halloween in Willamette, Willamette Centennial Committee calendar, Walking Tour Brochures, Willamette Historic District national designation celebration in 2010, Farmer’s Market, Willamette Living History Tour, Old Fashioned Fair and Parade, and the Holiday Parade.**
- **Coordinating and implementing repair and refinishing benches in 2014: \$1950.00 (\$1000.00 city grant and \$950.00 from WNA and local businesses). Hired Shayne Blanton.**

Beth Smolens mentioned sidewalk repair in the WNA as a possible future use of money. Jody Carson clarified some rules about this:

- Homeowners are responsible for sidewalk that border their property.
- Transportation Safety Board is the community advisory committee to address concerns about sidewalks to.
- Setting up a local improvement district may be a way to help finance the effort for improving sidewalks.
- Richard Seals may be able to come and speak to the neighborhood about this.

VIII. Announcements From The Floor

1. **Shannen Knight**-summarized her experience dealing with the city as the Willamette Main Street Promotions Chair in charge of coordinating the Farmer’s Market. An email was sent to WLCC outlining her concerns over the city fees charged to the Farmer’s Market. Multiple concerns over lack of city support for the market was discussed. After communications with Councilor Tan, Shannen was added to the CC agenda and will have an opportunity to talk with them.
2. **Lockfest**- September 13, 2014 from 10-5 pm; includes lock tours, mill tours, jet boat rides, McLean House also has event on the same day.
3. **Offer’s House**-pre-application approval and moving forward with subdividing their lot and building a small home next to their home on 5th. Elizabeth Rocchia attended and states the home will fit in the historic district well. She mentioned a website of interest where the designer has developed a variety of small bungalow home styles that have been developed in small communities with common areas.
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Concept was thought to be of interest as West Linn continues to build in the small remaining spaces it has. They are called “pocket neighborhoods”. <http://www.rosschapin.com/>

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM

Elizabeth Smolens, Secretary