

WILLAMETTE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 11, 2015

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Selvaggio, President; Julia Simpson, Vice-President.

ATTENDEES: Kathie Halike, Terence Shumaker, Lonnie Shumaker, Arnie Peterson, Kathleen McDonald Peterson, Russ Axelrod, Mark Childs, David Sorenson, Laura Heidgerken, Holly Sorenson, Lynn Hannah, Don Kingsborough, Margaret Mathies, Sandi Gadow, Gail Holmes, Steve Tekauber, Erle Miller, Pauline Beatty, Kazi Ahmed, Shannon Vroman

The regular monthly meeting of the Willamette Neighborhood Association was called to order at 7pm.

MINUTES: The minutes of December 2014 and January 2015 were adopted as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The report will be read at the next monthly meeting.

REPORT ON THE LOT PARTNERSHIP BY GUEST SPEAKERS, Kazi Ahmed, Robinwood NA President and Shannon Vroman, Robinwood NA member: Kazi reported that the RNA will ask the City Council to enforce the 28 month project agreement (The original contract was 32 months; the second contract brought to the City Council was 28 months). A resolution from the WNA urging the LOT Project uphold the 28 month agreement was requested.

A delay should incur a penalty. The neighbors in the LOT area received a letter which indicated a project delay of 16 months. Kazi and Shannon shared the issues and difficulties of living in the LOT neighborhood: the noise, the trucks and equipment taking up road space, the bumpy road all on a daily/nightly basis. People who need to sell their homes are not able to. Russ Axelrod stated that the City Manager is the one to enforce the deadline requirements.

Mike Selvaggio projected a possible resolution for everyone to see. The resolution was discussed, amended and adopted with 13 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PROJECT REPORT: Mark Childs, President, Community of Faith on 12th and Willamette, explained that additional programs necessitate the building of a new restroom and the raising of the occupancy allowance from 49 to 99. The City requires a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). Discussion ensued. Mark said that 110 parking spaces are located within one block of the Community of Faith, which would allow the group to conduct Sunday services if needed. (Currently, Sunday services are held at Trillium Elementary School on Sunday mornings). This project may help to create business in the area on Sunday mornings. Parking and traffic issues were discussed. Mike asked the Church to address these issues in a letter. The pre-application is already completed.

NEIGHBORHOOD SIGN DESIGN: Mike displayed a sample neighborhood sign with the words: "City of West Linn" on the top line and "Willamette Neighborhood" on the bottom line. After discussion, it was agreed to add the word "historic" to "Willamette Neighborhood." Payment (does the City pay for one or two signs?) and location of the signs is yet to be determined. The graphic of a house on the sign was discussed. Of the 4 choices (color, 4; black, 3; off-white background, 6; white background, 6) there was a tie between the white background

and the off-white background. It was agreed (8 votes) to have white lettering with the house background to match. Per group discussion, Mike will ask Elizabeth Rocchia to simplify the house design, add the word “historic,” add the white lettering and background and then bring the new design back to the next meeting for review.

TRAFFIC ON WILLAMETTE FALLS DRIVE: several issues were discussed:

1. The crosswalks on WFD are difficult to see in dense traffic or bad weather because there is no sign or light up above the walks between 12th and 14th streets.
2. Zach Pelz, the TSP planner requests pictures of traffic issues (these can be sent with the app, “Your Gov.”)
3. WNA will have a traffic committee to work on WNA traffic issues.

CITY COUNCIL GOAL SETTING RESULTS: goal packets were distributed and discussed.

FARMERS MARKET: Main Street will run the Market this summer. The fees will be waived for this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES:

Mayor Kovash steps down at the end of February.

WNA will ask the City to send a mailing to all WNA households in the near future.

A kayak locker is now installed where the Tualatin meets the Willamette River.

FOR NEXT MONTH: Several agenda items will be moved to next month—possible new sponsored bench placement; update on hotel development. Julie Parrish may be a guest speaker, depending on her schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Simpson

Willamette Neighborhood Association

February 11, 2015

Mayor John Kovash

22500 Salamo Road

West Linn, OR 97068

Re: Lake Oswego-Tigard Water Project

Dear Mayor Kovash:

The Willamette Neighborhood Association would like to add its voice to the concerns regarding project delays associated with the lake Oswego-Tigard Water Partnership (LOT) project currently underway in West Linn. Specifically, in regards to the letter from the Robinwood Neighborhood Association dated January 16, we would like to echo the sense of urgency felt by the residents and businesses who are inconvenienced beyond the originally-estimated project duration.

We urge the City to thoroughly explore its options in this matter in enforcing the conditional use permit, whether that takes the form of legal action, negotiated adjustments, or

remuneration from LOT. Further, we hope that as the project progresses, the City can ensure that LOT provides regular and transparent reports on progress so that our neighborhoods can be kept up to date as to any further changes.

We believe that any benefits to West Linn residents must be balanced against a transparent and accountable process.

The Willamette Neighborhood Association stands ready to offer what support it can in assisting the City as it addresses these concerns.

Respectfully,
Michael Selvaggio
Chair, Willamette Neighborhood Association

Cc: West Linn City Council
City Manager Chris Jordan
Zach Pelz