

Draft-Willamette Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

4/8/15

Michael Selvaggio called to order the regular meeting of the Willamette Neighborhood Association at 7:02 pm on April 8, 2015

I. Attendance/Introductions

The following WNA members and guests were present: Officers, Mike Selvaggio, Julia Simpson, Elizabeth Rocchia, and Beth Smolens. Residents and guests: Debbie Meyers, Arnie Peterson, Claude Bonfiglio, Kathie Halicki, Sara Wohmann, Midge Pierce, Andy Rocchia, Mary O'Malley, Kathleen McDonald, Sandi Gadon, Doug Vokos, Pauline Beatty, David Baronberg, Donna Ragan, Roberta Schwartz, Thomas Frank, Russ Axelrod, Don Kingsbarough, John Adams.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes were approved as written. The minutes will be submitted to the City for posting.

III. Treasurer's report

WNA account at Pacific West Bank has \$2,593.93 (17.76 for snacks not shown)
WNA US Bank account has \$2200.33

IV. Update White Oak Savanna (Roberta Schwartz)

4/18/15 Event planned at the park to break Guinness record for planting the most bulbs. 1000 bulbs are planned. They have prepared Blue Camus and Trillium. Also discussed; update on efforts to purchase land adjacent to the White Oak Savanna in order to create parkland.

V. Councilor Russ Axelrod and Councilor Thomas Frank

Axelrod Update:

Economic Development-Farmers Market: moving to Sunday 11-3, market is working to bring in more produce and possible music programs from Youth Music Project.

Citizen Engagement-Neighborhood Associations: Councilor Axelrod is working with NAs to reinvigorate their organizations.

TSP: update and evaluation of city transportation system plan. Looking at returning bus service "up the hill" in West Linn.

National Heritage Area: the Willamette Heritage Area Coalition has applied and received approval for Nation designation which will increase activity, planning and funding opportunities for the area. April 23 in Coos Bay there is a Heritage Commission Board Meeting planned.

Frank Update: Outreach and Feedback: explained how people can get involved and how the City government is developing ways to reach out and get feedback from residents on council goals.

TSP-ODOT: trying to get \$ into 10th street corridor, Senator Devlin has a proposal that could deal with HWY 43. “Orphaned Highway Bill”.

Economic Development-Arch Bridge: master planning commenced, plan for increasing community feedback, assign Development Committee.

City Properties: city looking at various properties and developing plan for them.

Utilities-LOT: delayed 9 months at the water treatment site, street work is moving forward to completion closer to schedule.

Utilities-Bolton Reservoir: council approved site.

Utilities-Water: reviewed discussions on water rates, replacing/repairing water pipe infrastructure. Voter approved rate increase.

Utilities-Fiber Network: exploring internet service through city as a utility.

VI. Julie Parrish

Overview given of work going on at the capitol. Majority of work non-partisan:

- Legislation to improve veterans in Oregon access to health services and housing. Veterans clearly underserved in our state.
- Flaw in Education laws looking at making corrections in constitution
- Urban lumbar program; exploring using urban grown lumbar, taking out trees when useful life is over.

VII. Traffic Committee

Early stage fact finding at this time. Will advocate for traffic calming measures to help restrain 205 using WFD. There is a way to vote on TSP issues and give input through City web site. Michael will push out the link for residents.

Heard concerns from neighbor on WFD near Field’s Bridge Park, there was a car parked on side of the road that rolled down to trail. Both lots were full.

VIII. Announcements:

Annual clean up in April for other trash items, flyer out in city water bill.

Tool Library mentioned at WNA meeting is on Parks Board agenda to discuss.

West Linn Historical Society is having first event at the West Linn Library on Sunday 4/26 from 3-5. Explanation of mission, programs, and membership. Living History performance, Pictorial Museum, and refreshments too.

Trail update; grindstone art project through Willamette Falls Heritage Foundation. Donations needed.

IX. Next meeting: May 13, 2015 at the Pacific West Bank conference room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Elizabeth Smolens, Secretary