

Willamette NA Minutes May 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by president, Mike Selvaggio.
Announcement: a lost marmalade cat from 5th Avenue is sought by its owner:
A descriptive flyer will be on the WNA word press site

Treasurer's report:
WNA US Bank account : (yoga \$) \$2,793.44
WNA account with Pacific West Bank: \$2576.17

Minutes of the April 8th meeting were distributed and approved

Robinwood LOT Update: Mr. Kazi Ahmed asked for help in supporting the residents of Kenthorp and Mapleton Sts because work on the LOT project has become more disruptive and confrontational. He asked the WNA to ask the city of West Linn to enforce existing rules protecting residents' property and to review the construction schedule. Interest from other neighborhoods might help.

Residents adjacent to the construction area told of damage, inconvenience, confrontation and threats from workmen with the construction company. The neighborhood streets are narrow and big wide equipment has caused property damage with risks to safety. Appeals to city staff have proved unsatisfactory. Mr. Ahmed and his neighbors urged WNA to stay alert and be involved should a similar situation ever occur in our area.

Stafford zoning issues: Mr. Richard Fiala described a proposed compromise presented by the residents of the Stafford Hamlet. Metro decision is driven by density projections that anticipate residential, commercial and industrial growth. He presented the following documents which will be posted on the WNA word press site:

1. The Stafford Hamlet Compromise: The area around Borland Road would be designated as urban reserve and remaining areas to the north would be protected and preserved as rural with some areas rezoned.
2. Stafford: A Joint Statement: Lake Oswego, Tualatin and West Linn agree that (a) one or more of the three cities be the governing jurisdiction of any future urbanization, that (b) transportation, sewer, and water infrastructure be assessed, funded, and impact evaluated and (c) residential and employment densities be compatible with cities' existing comprehensive plans
3. names and email addresses of county and city officials to whom WNA members can send support for the Stafford Hamlet Compromise

Clackamas County Commissioner, Mr. Jim Bernard addressed the dilemma of a) what land should be left alone, b) what land should have a designation and c) what land should be developed. Transportation will be a key factor as the pressures of traffic increase. Metro is able to adjust the Urban Growth Boundary to accommodate growth therefore communities need to prepare with a vision plan.

Mr. Fiala said Clackamas County and Metro have disregarded plans suggested by the Hamlet and want to designate the entire triangle as urban reserve. The majority of residents in the area favor limited growth and relief for large lot (80 acres) owners. The area is mostly rural. Also the WL/WLVL school district predicts 3 primary schools, 2 middle schools and 1 more high school would be needed if the area were fully developed.

The Stafford Land Owners Assn represents very large parcels with investment owners many of whom are non-residents.

Mr. Fiala urged the Willamette residents to support the Stafford Hamlet Compromise by contacting county and city official because Willamette could be adversely impacted.

two Town Hall meetings of interest on this subject:
Thursday, May 28th 7pm at Stafford School
Saturday, May 30th 9am at Stafford School

Midge Pierce requested a comprehensive transportation plan be developed before any action is taken.

Jody Carson said that before Metro can include any more land into the UGB, it must find a city willing to provide services and governance.

Eric Miller of the Utility Advisory Board stated that water treatment facilities are already at "max". Expanded or new facilities would have to be financed with bond issues.

Announcements:

Angela Dreyer asked for ideas for inclusion in the Arch Bridge project. She passed out paper for people to write suggestions.

Mike Salvaggio spoke of the recent death of Jim Milne and passed out information on his remarkable life.

Mike also encouraged everyone to vote. Encourage all neighbors as well.

The June 10th WNA meeting will be attended by councilors Tan and Perry plus Mike Stradley from the WL Police Department.

Midge said the Transportation sub committee is collecting ideas for improvements.

Shannen Knight said the Farmers' Market had obtained permission to hang a banner across Willamette Falls Drive. The market will be held on Sunday this year.

Andy Rocchia suggested a concrete curb along the edge of Fields Bridge Park would prevent cars from parking over the slope and possibly rolling. Also he said more structures were to be built in the park and asked that the WNA be included in the decision process.

Next WNA meeting June 10 at 7pm Pacific West Bank.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm

Elizabeth Rocchia
(for Beth Smolens)