

Willamette Neighborhood Association Minutes

Date: October 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by president, Beth Kieres. After introductions, the minutes of September 10 meeting were read, amended, and approved.

Attendance: Beth Kieres, Elizabeth Rocchia, Kathleen Conroy, Andy Rocchia, Keith Steele, Peter, Toll, Cary Cummings, Teri Cummings, John Kovash, Ron Whitehead, David ?, Roger Woehl, BJ Walton, Carol Walton, Danny Schreiber, Gwen Rose, Officer Moyer.

Treasurers report

Balance: The treasurer reported a balance of \$2273.90 in our account.

Activity: Expenses which previously would have been reimbursed by the city of West Linn are now drawn directly from the city's account at the Pacific West Bank with a bankcard held by Beth Kieres. There were food expenses totaling 155.99 for the group that built the Centennial Path in Willamette Park on October 4th.

Guest Presentations

School Bond Measure Presentation: Keith Steele spoke about the issues of Bond Measures 3-307 and 3-308 and the necessity to pass both to maintain and improve district school facilities. Andy Rocchia asked after the status of the Boeckman property on Dollar St and was told Randy Sebastian had defaulted and the school district planned to Roger Woehl explained that there was a slight drop in enrollments this past year but growth was a little over 1% and is projected to continue yearly. Roger also reported 500 students are now in portables. Both Willamette and Stafford schools have portables and a new elementary school is being planned.

Candidate presentations: The following candidates each made presentations, answered questions and took part in general discussion: Kathleen Conroy, Terri Cummings, John Kovash and Ron Whitehead. Highlights of the discussion were: street improvements, fees on the water bill added without being voted on, improvements to the process of city governing, examining existing building codes and improving them to prevent bad outcomes of infill properties-especially in the historical district, improving communications to citizenry through the CCI or Committee for Citizen Involvement, the potential role of neighborhood associations or the League of Neighborhood Associations in this effort, and finally improving city governing and planning with relationship to all types of growth problems from traffic to dealing with developers.

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Committee Reports

Police Report: Officer Moyle suggested again that cars not be left with valuables since more car break-ins had occurred recently.

Centennial Committee Report: Danny Schreiber spoke about the last event of the Centennial Committee; the Willamette Lamp Light Tour on September 20, 2008. This event was extremely successful and the tour was oversold by about 30 people. The feedback was very positive and members of the cast and crew discussed making it an annual event in Willamette. All were in favor of this. Danny and Nicole Schreiber produced the event this year and would be willing to continue being involved in conjunction with the WNA in planning for next year as well.

Planning Commission/City updates: WNA is waiting to hear about planning commission meetings agendas dealing with the Holiday Inn Express proposed on Willamette Falls Drive.

Planter clean-up: October 18, 2008

New Business: Gwen Rose has offered to be the secretary for the WNA. She was appointed Secretary.

Next meeting November 12, 2008, 7pm, at Pacific West Bank in Willamette Marketplace.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Kieres and Elizabeth Rocchia

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