

**BHT Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2010
West Linn Adult Community Center**

Present: Officers Steve Garner, President; Margaret Tolan, Vice-President; Margaret Juarez, Secretary/Treasurer. Members of the association were present representing a quorum; an attendance register is available upon request.

Call to Order at 7:00 by Steve Garner

Introductions and Review of Agenda

Presentation by Kevin, President of the League of West Linn Neighborhoods: Kevin shared the history of the formation of the league from Imagine ... West Linn. He stated their mission was to do education and outreach. Dues apply at \$20/year per single and \$30/year per couple. The meetings are open forum and sample topics were Emergency Preparedness, HOA and storm-water maintenance. Approximately 50% of the HOAs, in West Linn, were not meeting regularly or active and not collecting annual dues. Meetings are held on the second Saturdays of the month at Pacific West Bank. Kevin may be reached at leaguechair@gmail.com. Following was a question and answer period of topics members were interested in like "What are fire hazards city-wide?"

Action Item Follow-Up from Previous Meeting:

- **Research Goal 5:** Frances distributed information packets to members regarding her findings. Including:
 - Goal 5 Inventory from the City website
 - Chart – Status of Goal 5 Implementation Program
 - Goal 5, Open Space Inventory
 - Map – Local Wetland Inventory
 - Map – Significant Riparian Corridors
 - Map – Wildlife Habitat Inventory
 - Explanation of Goal 5 from Oregon.gov
 - West Linn Tidings article from July 5, 2007 "City falls behind on Goal 5 planning process"
 - Daily Journal of Commerce article from January 4, 2010 "Solar code proposed for firefighters' safety"
 - West Linn Comprehensive Trails System Master Plan
 - Community Development Code and Amendments to the Code and Map

Frances shared the history of Goal 5 and determined the ODOT space was not in the goal 5 inventory nor was the property included in the "Wildlife Habitat Inventory." One article stated the proposed code for firefighter safety requires a gap of 2 feet between panels when installed on a residence. If this safety code passed, the project will lose approximately one third of the panels resulting in increased costs. Parts of the ODOT property were in Goal 5 for wetlands and riparian area maps.

- Rick recalled a recent meeting with the ODOT district manager whereby the manager stated he was concerned with slope stability but was pushing for status quo. The ODOT representative stated that by caring for adjacent property, i.e. mowing ODOT land, residents were trespassing. As a result, Rick has contacted the BHAOH to send a letter from the HOA requesting

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maintenance of the property, neglected for some time. Address the letter to Jim Whitty, Manager, Office of Innovative Partnerships and Alternative Funding at ODOT.

- **New Action Item:**
 - **Research city codes for building along open space inventory.**
 - **Question: What is the city's proposed code for firefighter's safety when installing the solar panels?**
 - **Does adverse possession "squatter's rights" apply? State land may be excluded.**
 - **Find information regarding grass fire started about 2 years ago when a barge on the river clipped a PGE high-tension line.**
 - **Look for information on crime/fire historically in West Linn on trails including the Tualatin River Wetlands Trail.**
 - **Research ODOT turning down other development opportunities on the property like park and athletic fields, i.e. soccer and basketball and swimming pool, because it was too unstable. The slope and tiers were installed to stabilize the hillside devastated when material was quarried to fill the gaps and gullies to install I205. Request denial letter from city.**
 - **Determine who is responsible for planning!**
 - **ODOT would like a categorical exclusion on the property, when will the application be submitted?**
 - **When does public input stop?**
 - **Identify 5 Key Issues.**
- **Discussion:** Does it make sense to spend roughly \$20 million to drop 17,000 panels with a lifespan of 25-30 years with a cost that will take approximately 100 years to recover.
- **Fundraising:** Dave will organize as necessary.
- **Resolution:** Given the findings of member research, many feel it is unreasonable for the city to pursue a relationship with ODOT by supporting the solar highway. One member suggested a resolution be adopted by BHT NA stating: "the BHT Neighborhood Association advises the West Linn City Council that BHT NA strongly opposes the proposed Solar Highway and Trail Project and any kiosk or other public access features. BHT NA hereby requests, the West Linn City Council rescind their resolution supporting the Solar Highway Project, and cooperation with ODOT and PGE, approved at the June 22, 2009 City Council meeting", and that it be delivered to the city council. A motion was made by Bill Weber with a second by Margaret Tolan. Following discussion, a vote occurred and the motion carried unanimously. A register of vote is available upon request.

New business: Many trees planted on parking strips are becoming large and causing upheaval of the sidewalks in Barrington Heights. The HOA requested BHT NA send a letter to the city for updates to the street tree plan. Lynn mentioned this is a problem in her neighborhood and spoke with an arborist that said any tree planted in a strip less than three feet is planting a disposable tree that will become too large for the space in roughly 7 years.

Meeting adjourned by Steve at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by Margaret Juarez, secretary.

Resolution by the BHT Neighborhood Association
Opposition to the proposed Solar Highway and Trail Project

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Approved by Members on January 13, 2010.

Attested:

Stephen B. Garner

President, BHT Neighborhood Association

Margaret Juarez

Secretary, BHT Neighborhood Association

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Date