

# **Bolton Neighborhood Association**

## **DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

February 16th, 2016

### **Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Bolton Neighborhood Association was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on February 16th, 2016 in TVFR Fire Station 58 by President, Alan Smith.

### **Present**

Members were asked to introduce themselves to the group.

### **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved after review and additions.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were reviewed verbally and will be distributed at the next meeting for approval.

### **New Business**

**Pocket Park:** Alan discussed the most prominent issue which was the urgent vote coming before city council on March 14<sup>th</sup> to change the designation of a lot located at 21395 Willamette Drive from city property to park to prevent it being returned to the county. This was followed by questions from the members about how this might affect the city approving additional projects in the neighborhood. After questions were answered, Alan encouraged those who wanted the park to take around a petition and to turn them into him by or on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business**

**Budget:** Alan gave the total amount currently available in the budget and asked for suggestions on how to best use the funds. Members suggested the following:

Set aside a reserve amount, Ice Cream Social, Operating Budget to include tech support, printing, Solvd Donation to purchase tools for Steve, Garden and yard care services for the tiny Bolton Garden, Insurance for the Bolton Fire Station. Members were asked to come back with budget numbers for the next meeting.

**Burnside Park:** Steve Miesen updated the members on the next steps to obtaining city council authorization to negotiate a sale price with the owner of the property that cuts into Burnside Park.

**Public Safety Advisory Board:** David Baker gave a report on the MAP Your Neighborhood program and also that they were going to focus on Teen Driving with emphasis on the dangers of talking and texting on cell phones.

**Old Bolton Fire Station:** Peggy along with Bob and Jason reported on the latest meeting with the mayor. Bob talked about talking to the previous engineering firm to request they do an update on their previous evaluation. This may save both time and money and would then allow us to get a bid to do the work from a contractor. Alma suggested the preschool might consider asking New Life Church to use their unused basement which was once a preschool. Peggy indicated she would recommend this to the preschool.

**By-law changes:** Alan discussed the need to reevaluate the voting section in our by-laws and bring them into alignment with the other neighborhood associations and state law. This will likely come up at the next meeting for a more formal discussion.

**Communication:** Alan brought up the difficulty of using Mail Chimp effectively so it isn't labeled as spam. Katie will check with our email provider to determine how to change the settings.

#### **Agenda for Next Meeting**

The next meeting will focus on changing the by-laws, discussion and development of a budget and additional updates.

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 by President, Alan Smith. The next general meeting will be at The Bolton Fire Station on March 15, 2016, at 7:00.

Minutes submitted by: Peggy Kirkendall

Approved by: