

Bolton Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes DRAFT

May 17th Meeting.

1. Meeting called to order
2. Discussion of the Agenda. Agenda was...
 - a. Agenda discussion
 - b. Read April's minutes
 - c. Ice cream socials: volunteers
 - d. Cancel July & August meetings
 - e. Update on Transportation Advisory Board (Hwy 43) decision
 - f. Discuss financial assets
 - g. New by-laws on table.
 - h. New city manager to visit June meeting

Added to the agenda was the letter everyone got (about CBC 1601), emergency preparedness and petitions. President decided to skip this discussion on the new by-laws, as the by-laws are on the table for anyone to read.

3. Last month's agenda is missing, so we skipped that with a preponderance.
4. The CBC 1601 notice was mailed to everyone. People are concerned, because the letter mentioned that "the value of your property may change". It says, on June 1st, there is a public planning commission meeting, to cover ordinance 1647 (available online). It proposes various amendments, involving CBC definitions "conservation easement and dedication".

There appear to be four amendments. First is plan unit development, a provision for developing property. In most cities, there is a 3 acre minimum on planned unit development. West Linn doesn't have that minimum; the commissioners think that is a loophole, and they are working to close it.

Next is a zone usage code, which is prompted by a company that tried to have a unit on Blankenship road, with commercial on the first floor and residential on the top floors. The current code has no limit to the amount of commercial usage you have in a mixed building.

Next two are the water usage codes, which deal with what you can do, in the proximity of a stream or creek. Currently, the code allows the city to require conservation easement, and it allows the city to take a water resource away from people via eminent domain. The proposed changes will strike out eminent domain completely, and strike out parts of conservation easement.

It is suggested that Bob Martin show up to explain what this means, as he is spearheading this effort. It is suggested that everyone go to the planning commission meeting, to figure out what's going on. Many things are suggested, and the ordinance is passed around. It is suggested that we hold the next meeting in the library, since the new city manager starts that day.

A motion is made to invite Bob Martin (or someone he designates) to speak to us at the next meeting, to explain Ordinance 1647. Motion is seconded and carried with a preponderance.

5. Update on Transportation Advisory Board (highway 43). They are delaying the tentative concept plan that they're coming up with for Highway 43. The delay is because there are talks about Metro putting new bus stops on 43; the board wants to see what comes of that, before moving forward and discussing where they want to put crosswalks. The entire tentative plan is online, for those who want to see it.

It is suggested that we do this in a large group meeting and give them feedback about their plans. The Bolton and Sunset Neighborhood Associations will be the most impacted. A joint meeting with them is suggested. Inviting Lance (director of public works) to the next meeting is suggested, so he can do a show and tell about Highway 43. Having a dedicated transportation meeting is suggested.

A motion is made, to invite Lance to the meeting and hold the meeting at the library. We want him to focus on Bolton. Motion is carried with a preponderance.

6. Should we cancel the July and August meetings? Thanks to all these new stuff going on, we have decided not to cancel those meetings.
7. Financial assets. We have \$7000 in our account. Steve speaks about expenditures, and he likes the idea of saving the money for a rainy day. Spending the money on ivy pull tools is suggested, which leads to a discussion on a proposed grant for renovation.

A motion is made to adopt a budget that includes a \$2000 operating, a \$3000 prudent reserve, \$500 for ice cream social and up to \$1500 for purchase to tools to remove invasive species. Someone suggests putting a public trash can in the city, which could cost money. Someone suggests having a financial committee or a budget development committee.

A new motion is made, to authorize acquisition of tools to remove invasive plants within the neighborhood association boundaries, for up to \$1500. Motion is carried with one opposed and one abstaining. A minority report is given by the dissenter, who believes that the motion is confuting too many things, and there is a possibility of negative repercussions, if the Maddox Woods grant doesn't go through.

Peggy volunteers to look for a commercial trash can.

Sally's letter about the budget is read to the group at large. She wants to spend money to purchase on the triangle property, by Burnside Park. She suggests involving Bolton Primary School with this initiative. She also suggests purchasing a trash can by the Miliken Street bus stop.

President Alan starts a budget committee. Kris, Lynn, Lidia and Alma volunteer to be part of it.

8. Petitions. Miguel reports about a door to door petition. He thinks going door to door can lead to problems, because it conflates temporary residents and property owners. Sometimes, the property owners aren't informed, sometimes the residents aren't. When going door to door, you should be aware of which type of person you're dealing with. This applies to gathering informal surveys, as well. So let's be careful, both when writing petitions and when going door to door with them.
9. Emergency Preparedness. Kris has a map of our neighborhood, which she plans to color-code, as we talk to people and get them prepared for emergencies. If you want Kris to give a talk in a specific area, contact her.
10. Ice cream social. There is a question of when we will have it, as last year, we had the social coincide with a presentation by a community orchestra.
11. Move to adjourn. Passes with preponderance.