

April 18, 2017: Minutes passed 10-0.

Bolton Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2017 held at Station 58 on the corner of Elliott Street and Buck Street, West Linn, Oregon 97068.

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm by President Steve Miesen.

1) Discussed changing the order of the agenda to allow visitors presenters to go first, and then to allow guests to hear updates on the Old Bolton Fire Station, and then read minutes from previous meetings, and after that to go into resident concerns.

2) ODOT representative talked about the upcoming work that will occur on I-205 between the exit off I-5 and the start of the Abernathy Bridge. Repaving of the road will occur after the national Independence Day annual holiday. Overpasses will be resurfaced and the 10th Street and Highway 43 intersections will get ADA upgrades. Most of the work will take place at night.

Question if ODOT will improve the area near 10th which flooded? Not this project, but Stacey added if the widening of I-205 happens that is the time the issue about flooding would be addressed. One of the plans is to add extra lanes sometime two years out from this current resurfacing project.

Please get on-line and go to www.I205construction.org to view the project and other plans ODOT has for the freeway.

3) Chairwoman of the BNA Old Bolton Fire Station Task Force on the results of the BNA's response to the City's request for Proposals. The City received only three responses to the city's very public call for proposals on the old Bolton Fire Station and the old city hall or more commonly referred as the old police station. A total of three, count 'em, three responses were received by the city. Two for the old police station and one for the old Bolton fire station. The BNA's response to the proposal was the only one for the old Bolton fire station.

The old police station received two responses. One from the Clackamas County Tourism Board, and one from the Mill. All three responses were reviewed by the city's Underutilized Property Task Force. Surprisingly the BNA proposal split 3-3, and the Clackamas County Tourism Board passed unanimously against the Mill's proposal. No one in that Task Force meeting asked any questions about the BNA proposal for the old Bolton fire station.

The 3-3 tie makes the BNA proposal appear weaker as we prepare to go before the city's Budget Committee and then the City Council. The Clackamas County Tourism Board response requires no money for the city to invest in the old police station. The BNA proposal would require the city to support a renovation that could be part of a Bond measure that may or may not be on the upcoming ballot in May elections. It was reported that the Parks and Recreation Director will present the proposals to the City Council, and the call went out for neighbors, not only Bolton, but city-wide need to speak at upcoming city hall meetings that include citizen task force meetings. Interestingly the city council did not have a council member present at the Underutilized City Property Task Force.

The Food Pantry guests were encouraged to present their desire to be a major resident of the old Bolton fire station. The pre-school did not have a guest at the meeting, even though the school committed to being another major resident of the old fire station. There was discussion on the depth of commitment the pre-school has been showing, and perhaps that it was not being perceived as enthusiastically as the West Linn Food Pantry by the Underutilized Task Force as well as the city council and the city staff. Peggy to follow up with the pre-school to gauge their level of interest. The BNA officers to follow up with an email informing the Bolton neighbors of the current status and ask them to write and show up.

4) President Steve Miesen reported with glee that the city of West Linn were recipients of a regional flexible grant funding from the state. The funds come from the federal government to Metro who awarded the grant to West Linn for the Highway 43 reconfiguration. It was the first time in the city's history that they had won the grant. The grant is projected to cover initial implementation of the plan between the city limits line at Marylhurst University on down to Mary S. Young Park. That section includes the controversial intersection redesign at Hidden Springs and 43.

5) Reading of the December 2016 and February 2016 Minutes passed by a vote of 7-0 to post.

6) Resident concerns:

a) About once a month Failing Street between 43 and Buck is jammed on both sides of the street with parked cars. No idea why that was happening. Neighbors are urged to watch for that.

b) West A families were asking about the status of the dilapidated house in the new linear park between 43 and Caufield. Discussed and decided to mobilize the neighbors to email the city. As of the writing of the draft of these minutes, the dilapidated house as well as surrounding concrete on the property was demolished and hauled away. Currently there is a pile of branches and some rubbish. The VP wrote the city asking about when we can bring in a work party to start pulling ivy. Received a message from the city that the survey will be the next step. The BNA expressed interest in the ideas to appoint at least \$10,000 of the surplus budgeted expense for the park to be used for design. Also grave concern on the pit where the creek runs underneath 43.

d) President Steve encouraged all participants to give input to the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan. What the city receives in comments is how the plan will be finalized.

President Steve adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Minutes recorded by Alan Smith, VP BNA.