

BOLTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING JULY 18, 2017, MINUTES

7:09 pm, meeting called to order by President Steve Miesen.

Present: 28 attendees.

June Minutes read. **MOTION:** To accept the amended minutes passed 11-1.

Alan suggests to talk about the Parking Zone before the Pocket Park. Alma wants to report on Ice Cream Social of July fifth.

PARKING ZONE: Peggy reported that the last city council meeting that addressed this issue went on for hours, then when it came time for the work session, the Mayor said the participants can leave it they wanted, and telling the audience there was misinformation about the parking issue. A member of the audience did speak. Peggy reported there was excellent testimony given by the audience, and that ten or twelve people testified. Rebecca stated that testifying was a good thing. The students had not dominated the conversation. It is complicated, but the value of testimony was needed. Peggy said the comments by City Council were going to push the school board to figure this out. A parking garage was proposed in 2010 to the school board, but they denied. Parking is not a new issue. The school district is not hurting for money.

Rebecca, a new attendee to the meeting, asked who can vote? All property owners, businesses, public entity, and residents within the boundary of the Bolton neighborhood each have one vote.

Bob read the resolution letter that tells the City Council where we are at with the parking issue. Rebecca agreed that this is a straight forward letter.

Summer received a letter June 19th from the city that the parking signs were removed because the streets were not included when the original zone was enacted: Easy Street from First court down to Willamette. She would like to add it. There are safety issues involved. When original zones enacted, these streets were not in. Now is a good time to add Easy Street back into the permit zone.

Someone thought the Easy Street issue should be combined with the letter Bob read. Kim said not to add, because they are two separate issues; a zoning and a parking. Concurred by Scott: the letter is fine, but do not add signs. Do not bundle. Rebecca: Two separate issue one is an ordinance and the other is how we feel as a neighborhood. Jessica asked if fire trucks can get in there? Someone stated that her mother lived there and that fire trucks have had no problem transiting, so no problem with safety for fire truck.

Steve suggested to drop the last sentence in the Bob letter. Tina, graduated high school student, asked if the letter changes the bridges parking? How come parking is not allowed on the bridge? Someone answered that the bridge is an ODOT facility. The bridge is not weight tested, and therefore no parking, but ODOT can do a weight test.

When asked what the BNA can do to help, Tina said, keep the walkways (ROW)

Tina, keep the walkways open to help us, certain areas we can be a little more lenient, loosen up a little to have zones appropriate for students to park, try and get away from 'this is the way it is' outlook. Being willing to work with a professional to survey for more parking. Linda not just students, but also parents need a place to park, we have such wonderful performances at the stage in the high school but visitors can't park. Peggy but our streets are full at night, but not restricted at that time. Scott how in touch is the school with your issue? Last (new) parking lot was less parking spaces. There is a lot more space to make more for the little cars. I get the offers unsolicited to park in my drive way and amazing how grateful they are for the park. Peggy the other problem is we do have small children in tight neighborhood with small yards. It is a safety issue I think the school was remiss. The amount of taxes we pay, the city gets very small cut, but the school district receives two thirds. The number of out of district kids pouring in. Really is a district issue. City Council did what they could at that time, but did not have the power to enforce. Rebecca the out of district students is not identified where they are from, but many come to enroll at Bolton Elementary, Rosemont and the High School. The normal growth is about 1% in district. Rory may be asking Lance, the Public Works director to engage ODOT to measure bridge. Summer: can the paper mill parking be used? Jason: the mill owns the land plus semi-trucks. Scott: old police station parking? Jason: belongs to the mill.

Do you think students would be receptive to shuttle? After school activities is the perceptive problem from the students. Students might be receptive to parking at old Albertsons and shuttle. Let's focus on the resolution. Right now, the resolution needs to be done. Also need to do something about Easy Street, resolution language.

MOTION: To send the amended reading of Bob's letter to the city Passed 27-1:

"Bolton Neighborhood Resolution

We strongly support a continuance of our neighborhood parking permit system which is so critical to protecting the livability of our neighborhood. We strongly oppose any repeal, rezoning or change by any name.

Those of us who lived here before the permit system was instituted remember the ongoing problems between the needs of the school and the needs of the immediate neighborhood.

Therefore, we respectfully request that council affirms their support of the Residential Parking Zone, and that Council request that the School District pursue solutions to the student's transportation needs which do not increase off-site impacts or compromise neighborhood safety; such as, at a minimum, restoring the activity buses and instituting a viable carpooling program."

MOTION: New resolution on Easy Street approved 27-0-1: "The Bolton Neighborhood Association requests that city council add that part of Easy street between 1st Court and Highway 43 to the residential parking zone for reasons of safety and livability."

Ice Cream social report. Alma. There was plenty ice cream. Check written and received. Orchestra was great and appreciative. There was a donation jar for the

orchestra. We gave the donation to the orchestra and they appreciated it. A wonderful occasion and would be good for more people to attend.

The subject of Project No. PA-17-29 proposed action on ROW to be held at city hall on Thursday was raised. A property owner asked the ROW to be vacated. If allowed the owner who received the ROW could demolish existing home and build density housing. That would take away access of pedestrians in particular a safe route to school, the walkability. Please do not vacate this public land. Alma, it is an existing dedicated street, please do not take it out of as a dedicated street. Keep it as a dedicated street as a public right of way. Three attendees committed to attending the hearing on July 20, 2017 at city hall at 9:00 am.

MOTION: That an officer write a letter to the city regarding Project No. PA-17-29 approved 28-0. (After the meeting this evening, the President and Vice President with a neighbor drafted a letter. The letter sent later that night: "At tonight's meeting, the neighbors voted unanimously 28-0 for this letter to be forwarded to the city. With all due respect, I would like to notify the City of West Linn, the Planning Department, and the City Council that the Bolton Neighborhood Association strongly opposes the ROW vacation proposed in Project No. PA-17-29 (adjacent to 5685 West A Street). We would like you to keep that area as a public right-of-way for the city's Safe Routes to Schools plan, as well as for general pedestrian connectivity").

Residents' Concerns:

1) We need a secretary, and to put it on the agenda, that we would nominate a secretary: jobs include get the email intact and send out notices every month. Taking minutes is most crucial though.

2) Failing street area needs a meeting sign.

3) Old Fire Station: Peggy: the City Council approved \$30k for architectural design. Way out in 2021 and the following year another million dollars. CC will be looking to renew a bond or new bond. Will not use up taxpayers' money and can be used for the fire station and other stuff. If we get support that this fire station does not languish. See Peggy for more information.

Pocket Park. Steve. We took out the most laurel I have ever seen taken out. 11 showed up that Saturday. Very successful and very nice to have the treats for the volunteers. All went well. When is our next event for the Pocket Park? If you want to go individually please contact President Steve. Steve will announce the next Pocket Park gardening sometime for September 9th, 2017, and \$50.00 for treats voted to be expended.

President Steve adjourned the meeting 9:00 pm.

Minutes written by Alan Smith, Vice President