

BOLTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING September 19, 2017, MINUTES

7:12 pm, meeting called to order by President Steve Miesen.

Present: 6 attendees

Guest: Jeremy Barnett, property owner on West A (PA 17 29)

August Minutes read: **MOTION:** To accept the amended minutes passed 4-0-3.

Discussion and Updates on Willson Street (PA 17 29) vacation: Most of Jeremy's work are remodels, and in this case tried to salvage and add on to it, but will design to ground up single family dwellings. City requires access from residence to be taken on a lesser than a collector. The house connected to Willson to take its access off Willson. Has had the place for almost a year. The then identified the vacation process to declassify Willson from public to utilities. He will add two sewers from Willson to Broadway. Has an easement but with vacation to become a public utility easement is better.

The intention is to clean it up, there is loose gravel, he is not purchasing land, 40 wide with 15 on either side. He can grade and improve Willson to make more user friendly. Proposes to work with Parks with signage. He does not need the land, the land he gains is a product of the vacation process and not his intention.

The houses are a fire barrier, and connected. They will look like two single family structures.

Doing a shared driveway split? Talked about.

Requesting a variance? Was explored with the city engineer. Not a code issue, but a transportation issue.

There are times that Public Works guides the decision? Being told there is no alternate, but Willson is a trail that is over grown and not taken care of.

Reserve as public space, utilities can be put through, and can be shared? The other is to vacate the right of way? Will be split four ways. There is ten foot path for pedestrian. Whose property is that path on? Technically on all four properties, protected by public access easement, and the path itself will have its own legal description in the contracts. The last five feet join and meet down the hill? Correct. Now we have 40 feet plus the 15 feet setback, are there any setbacks to work into this deal? The only thing that will be built there is fence along that path, don't know the conditions such as 4'foot tall fence. Something I can explore.

Something that we as citizens can focus on, such as a tool shed. There needs to be clear guidelines written into the code.

That entire area becomes a utility easement, but can't be a permanent area, because it will be designated as a public utility.

Driveway included? I don't know.

The whole 40 feet as a public utility? Yes. Limits use that can be planned by owners.

Gain more to build a bigger home? No.

Peggy: I am fed up with stuff city is not taking care of. Build in the contracts and perhaps codification, but the PW Department is not maintaining anything. I think they have more land than they can maintain. I am interested in clean, clear lines, no boats, RVs, broken down cars parked in those areas. City easement homeowners can still do what they please.

Why do the vacation if it does not affect your plans? Driveways are needed. Esthetically it changes my project, and seeing all the foot traffic creates an issue with the driveway.

Sidewalks will match up with existing sidewalk on West A. Willson is on trails plans.

There are benefits to the open space with 40 feet and 15 foot setbacks, but maintenance over time one path and four property owners? City is taking away the Willson street designation.

Is the big tree on the line? It is not. My plan is to take the canopy out, and the dead out. The tree will exist. The beauty will be a full visibility from one end to the other.

Discuss the Randall Street (PA-17-16) pre app conference:

New neighbor attendee: What is the purpose of the NA? The livability and any other concerns. To what point? We can make recommendations. Sometimes we meet with an applicant.

There is a lot of things in West Linn that need attention. Maybe we need to give time to these other issues. My pet peeve is with the parking issues. It is not really being dealt with by the City. Do want to talk about parking issues around West A and on Easy Street that does not have a pathway, and looks awful, and the road going downhill is in ruins and the city will not fix it. They drive over the bollards.

Peggy: These are violations of the city nuisance code. We live in an area where people keep their homes in horrible conditions. There should be arrest warrants for the unkemptness.

One of the tasks of NA is land use codes. BNA reviews these and give comments that have a positive effect on the livability of the neighborhood. This is part of why the NAs are important. You can come here and speak. The core solution is to get enforcement in here, but the enforcement is not happening.

Randall Street conference (continued): Randall is unimproved and wants to vacate part of the right of way. Suggest that we oppose the vacation and that he applies for a variance. It is in a Metro habitat zone, a steep slope and will probably never be a street, but is a corridor for animals that connects to Burnside Park. Helps meet city goals to maintain open space. Pre app has already happened, and now to work with other neighbors on next steps.

West A Parking Permit Zone update: Easy street signs are up, but not uncovered. The CC needs to add the Easy Street to the Parking Permit ordinance. They passed that Resolution Monday last week, but the bags are still on.

It's a police thing, but the city council passes the resolution. Please call the City Manager to have bags removed. It is a school board issue.

Lack of Code Enforcement is getting out of hand. Perhaps to be a project.

Pocket Park: Filled a dumpster to overflowing. Opened up the Park. Transformation is going quickly. Lot of fun. Very successful. Perhaps even saved the heritage cherry tree. Blackberry gloves was a great bargain with Home Depot thanks to our president Steve.

Resident's Concerns:

Town Hall at Adult Community Center coming up this Thursday.

I-205 widening and seismic improvements. ODOT to meet at library with Steve and other interested citizens starts at 2:00 pm. Widening between Stafford Road and 99E.

Would like to get \$50.00 donations for the rest of the year for each event for Burnside Park. Events are more fun with food and drink as inspiration. Will write up a report. A work party is between five and more. Maddox allots \$25.00 for their SOLVD event. **MOTION:** to allocate \$50.00 for the next month. Seconded. One month of SOLVD is two events. Passes 7-0.

From the NAP Meeting. Land use thoughts written by a citizen, copies passed around to each attendee here: "The Citizen's Perspective". Entered into the minutes for publication. BNA should discuss.

WNA, BHTNA, and BNA combine meeting with John Morgan for the Willamette Water Front. We need to be more pro-active. Should include BNA on the waterfront itself. We need to be a part of it. Need to find a venue for this meeting. The date is the Third Tuesday for October in Willamette Police Station which is our meeting night. WNA President has the date set up with John Morgan. Gail will contact Steve about it. **The regularly scheduled meeting for BNA in October may be replaced by a special meeting on the same date of the four affected neighborhood associations of the West Linn Waterfront.**

Bolton is part of the Heritage Trail area, and should capitalize on that. We have the Mill site; the current Mill has tours that are really great on Friday afternoons. Call Jody Carson if you would like to participate on the tour. Willamette Falls Heritage Foundation working on the Locks.

City about to revamp the Mixed-Use zones and is looking to form a committee on that.

Include the Bolton Neighborhood commercial district in the development of the Waterfront. Commercial generates more revenue than the residents. We need to encourage what we have here.

Chimp Mail research for November presentation by VP. Gail Holmes volunteered to help us with Mail Chimp. I will call her.

Proposal the Friends of Maddox Woods have come upon a connection with the Maddox family. They found more boats. Have photos of the boats being launched. Would like to ask for funds from the BNA to donate funds, as much as \$200.00 for signage. 50\$ per sign, four signs, made of PVC and very durable. Maddox Woods Friends is a 503(c). Question has the city given \$150k to the Friends of Maddox Woods? The caretaker lives in the house. The Parks Department has allocated for parking lot and bathrooms, but something else tends to come up. But at some point, there will be a permanent bathroom down there. It is a passive park. City does not give the Friends money unless they apply for it. **MOTION:** BNA to allocate \$200.00 to the Friends of Maddox Woods to put up the signs. Passes 7-0.

President Steve adjourned the meeting 9:15 p.m.

Minutes written by Alan Smith, Vice President