

# The Bolton Neighborhood Association monthly meeting at Station 58 in West Linn, OR

Minutes February 13<sup>th</sup> 2018

**Attendance: 38 neighbors**

**7:02 pm.** Meeting Gavel to order by President Steve Miesen.

1. Lt. Freeman, TVFR, talked about adding Newburg into the TVFR district in the Special Election in March. Measure affects only city of Newberg residents' tax rates. Is there anything that changes? Efficiencies, bringing on more people. TVFR has an ambulance contract with Newburg. Creates a lot more efficiencies.
2. BNA Parking Zone Task Force

Introduction by Task Force: Task Force purpose stated. Draft resolution introduced. Tonight's goal is to read through the draft and make edits and then vote to approve. The goal is to send to Tidings and give to city on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Also, take a vote to ask if the neighborhood wants to keep the parking district intact. Send the resolution to the Tidings when completed. Highlight most important things, and tell them how we worked on this. Put in a press release. There is a law suit that will affect the area greatly without our side being heard.

City created a map and given to the students who support opening up 157-166 spaces in the parking district. That is their goal.

We know the problem. We know the reason for the Permit area. We want to get these points, ideas to be boiled down into one document for us. The students will pitch their solution then we will also voice ours. That is what this document is about. The students position is to give up half of our parking zone. We need a coordinated effort.

We call for a united voice and front to get what we would like. **MOTION TO VOTE: RETAIN THE PARKING PERMIT AREA AS IT IS; NO CHANGES. PASSED: 36 FOR, NONE OPPOSED, ONE ABSTENTION.**

Community comments on 2/20/18 Council Work Session. Please be there at 6:30: any citizen can go and express their personal concern on community comments. Directions given how the process to comment works. Warning: the allotment might be limited to 3 minutes. Also send an email and come with a prepared statement. The 20<sup>th</sup> is the students presenting to the city council. Why can't we do it at home? We have to come together. This resolution is putting it together on your behalf.

The Task Force asked the mayor to place us on the agenda but the mayor indicated it was too late. Our Resolution Document is where we address the primary issues; we testify to elaborate. They are parking illegally. When you testify, point to where it is in our Resolution. Decide to speak to one thing. Have a copy for each council member the city manager, and city recorder. Focus on what we want them to be

focused on. Emphasize about all the reasons why we had the permit in the first place. That has not changed at all. Those are the reasons we did not want to have it open to parking.

Suggestions for changes after the initial reading. Make a note or a mental note then we go back section by section.

Concern that this will be more than West A. Safety throughout the zone. Streets throughout the zone. Elementary bus stops throughout the zone.

Safety part b: West Linn Students in activities cross countries and track teams run that street. They also run sprints on Terrace and Webb constantly all sports teams.

Objections, g. Did we talk to the SD about their responsibility? We are accommodating when the SD should be accommodating. The liability that goes to the neighbor becomes the neighbor that has to deal with the liability not the school. Out of the kindness of our heart we understand but we still feel this is a SD responsibility.

5, final line, cut along Clark and Holly street? They park on Clark and cut through the woods. Additional parking spaces: better not to name names in the resolution. Eliminate names. Maybe do a survey.

Recommendations: last year we asked to help them, one of the things they wanted to park on West A and Broadway, i.e. ODOT Bridges. They are asking for 58 on the two bridges. WITHDRAW SUGGESTION.

Page 3 number 7: what are the monies talking about: the school can go to First Student, but the costs are the same no matter the number of students. The students cannot sign that away. Routes are the core.

Add a statement enforcing the rule.

Under BNA Plan, after a and b, last paragraph, we insist that they provide parking lots driving to school. It is up to the SD to deal with the parking issue. They should have the right to decide for themselves. It is too bold to insist.

We the undersigned, should be changed to we the members of BNA.

Safety point b: designated first responder route. Remove the speed bumps, but add that the increase of parking impedes their response time.

In support of the Safe Routes to school will change that to principles of safe routes.

We hope the SD to encourage kids not to drive, instead of building more spaces.

What is number 2 for recommendations?

I would like to recommend additional parking lots.

Here is the sentence for that: an additional recommendation, provide consistent equal enforcement of the zone requirements, the litter law daily monitoring of compliance.

Remove “all” school sanctioned activities. We are already paying for that and not doing it. Heard that all those activity buses are going to WV.

12 -15 buses each with a capacity of 52 students, but only half full each morning. There is one student per window per chair or none. Task Force counted parking spaces. The School and the City should be doing everything to take off the street.

We feel the SD is not doing their part. SD not obligated to provide parking for every student. SD should say we have provided, but they are not doing that. School District said it is a city problem. I think it is wrong to circumvent the school and going to the city. Task force function is to push it back onto the SD.

Students are going after the neighborhood. **Parking inconveniences the students maybe two years, but it inconveniences the residents forever.** Students are not thinking about little kids. Accidents on A Street because they are thinking about leaving the campus at lunch. On Broadway the kids are out there playing on the streets all the time.

What is adequate in the future?

School has to meet a specific standard, and with increase of population the school has fallen behind the required allotment, but a report that city looked into the school meeting parking code and found out the school is in alignment with the code requirement.

Out of district students number about 600, but no way to know how many are in the Parking Permit Area. The SD will stop out of district enrollments; however, the students enrolled now can continue to finish their education in district. Issue might be in transfer students. How many students are in WV and driving to WL? Once accepted as transferred student, not allowed to be kicked out. Open enrollment is not done this year.

The HS should have a Bolton Board warning students to be good neighbors.

Lack of enforcement.

They should earn their right to park, and if they mess up then they lose it. You don't get something for nothing. The students are asking for it again. We have a case, and they have to listen to us.

They want to open up parking to both sides, that will slow down the speed, but no biking, no pedestrians, no jogging.

Livability: Skyline parking? It is at corner of West A and Skyline, four spaces.

Safe Routes to school: specifically, for elementary schools, say in support of the districts safe route to schools.

Our recommendations is that a parking lot provides safety, versus street parking.

Still open bike lanes, not to take them away. Bikes have the ability to have a thruway between the lots. Students can thank BNA for keeping that open.

Bring in Broadway

Idea of right to park versus obligation to park

ODOT bridge parking. Supposedly Broadway bridge is going away.

Parking zone.

Broadway we don't even have a sidewalk; change objection one and the majority of streets in the zone lack sidewalks.

First Court from McKillikan to Easy St., neighbors take on responsibility of cleaning up the on-parking road. Homeowners are maintaining the streets, but realize it is the city's responsibility by code. Neighbors can *not* maintain.

It won't be just during school hours: once they park they do not move, meaning the students autos remain parked in the streets after school is let out and into the evening until the activities end. The reality is once they find a space they do not move. They troll for spaces and school related parking. Ordinance is only in effect until 3 pm. They will not move their vehicles in the spaces not in the parking permit area for the Early Bird and after school student activities. Parking during school hours impedes parking after school hours.

In the Original design for the remodel, the parking structure was there, and that our understanding is that our tax dollars went for the garage, and it was not built. What happened to the money for the parking structure? For a bond, a laundry list of items is created, then after passage, it is hit or miss on what the money is spent on.

The BNA Plan gives preference to stack parking in the Central Village.

Our focus was mainly West A. Do we object to the map in this resolution? Throughout the zone is good wording. We stand for an integrated zone that stands for unity and safety and the map divides that. A future threat is the parking times can be flipped for residents. The residents will be told when to park, not the students or others.

Do we have access to the historical? Does it need to be mentioned? Where is the SD?

The issue here is safety and liability, safety for all, even allowing them to park on bridge is unsafe. When kids are out on the streets, the broadway bridge is next to the half way houses. This is untenable, then we have the half way houses, the issue is safety, safety, safety. They are maintained they have the safety.

In June they were asking for 60 -70 spots, they are asking for more, I don't believe that is what they are after, they are not going to restripe West A, not logical, a lot of things will not happen. The students are asking to get part of it. We do not.

How long will this stick for? Put a value on it?

Whoever to present this, need the strongest to read this. The argument is so strong.

BNA Plan seems more like Recommendations.

Could include the Neighborhood Plan with livability. Enforce.

We are dealing with a sense of entitlement with students that they can park when they want where they want. Terrace backup all the way up Terrace. The traffic jam in the morning. City police car is doing nothing. Knocking down mailbox. Sense of entitlement.

Do we need to add We feel as a neighborhood that the parking district and ordinances need to be better enforced? They do not come ticket unless they get a call. WLPD has told him they don't ticket cars. It is not their job descriptions.

Also, they rewrite the parking tickets on the auspices of the mayor and the attorney are rewriting saying have to prove who the driver is.

Parking on the Broadway Bridge, there is a halfway house one house from me, and one night I turned to go onto that street, and a figure jumped back behind the fence between the half way house and around the corner. The police called and did not offer to investigate.

Young Life church, multiple half way houses corner of West A and Buse, Broadway street. I live in oldest house below street level on Broadway, no sidewalks, no curb they block me in, they block me out. Call Peggy to ticket cars, not a lot of teeth, students parents lined up to pick up students. Students walking parents waiting, no markings on the street. I don't see how the 60 spaces exist. You are taking my parking that I pay taxes. It is not fair. But it is good to have safe places (halfway houses) for those who have life problems, they are residents, who takes them in consideration?

We are not simply residents, but we are also citizens and parents of students, and we can make that suggestion. We can't simply say don't do this, without saying this other thing is possible and doable. We will need other citizens' agreement. It can't be BNA residents against other parents in WL. Otherwise they will keep doing it.

Are we assuming that these student drivers should drive? They expect a place to park.

This map is a negotiation not a thing. We need to get them enforced. You (the students) have done a lot of stuff already not acceptable, and you expect more. If we don't get that on the statement we are the scapegoat now. The SD is the responsible party for this.

We are bending over and we can't even go down the streets.

MOTION: BNA supports and endorses this resolution for this task force and give the task force permission to do final edits in the spirit of our discussion. SECONDED. PASSED: 28 FOR, ONE OPPOSED, ZERO ABSTENTIONS.

RECOMMENDATION IN BOLD: IN SUPPORT OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SD IS THE RESPONSIBLE WE HOLD THE WLWV SD RESPONSIBLE.

CANTHERE BE A DECAL FOR THE KIDS THAT THEY ARE A STUDENT DRIVER RATHER THAN A NEIGHBORHOOD DRIVER. RECOMMENDATION. IF THEY DON'T HAVE THEY LOOSE THE RIGH.

STICKERS ARE BEING IGNORED. WE GET TWO. WE GET ONE FOR EVERY RESGISTERED CAR.

Clackamas County resolution volunteer sent email to me and Steve to attend a negotiation resolution meeting to observe the resolution between the city manager and mayor and the plaintiff and his partner David Baker. Discussion. Mike and Don volunteered.

Church is asking for an electronic reader board, to be available to the city, on corner of Jolie Pointe and 43. She passed around proposals to the city and the BNA. Letting us know it is happening and to support them. Small billboard. Big enough to see sign when driving by. Late in March. PUT ON MARCH AGENDA.

Peggy gives update on the old Bolton FS and the Bond issue. The city will be determining the amount of funding for this in March. Please write letters to City Council, Old Bolton Fire Station, and put in for the record of Bond discussion. We have the support. This is to create a community resource center, for WL Food Pantry, Pre-School. Passed around picture to what it will look like.

Steve Cox, member of the church on Hughes and 43. We are members of the church, we are nondenominational, we have a lot of potential volunteers here, the WL Pre-School care day care is using the building. A karaoke twice a month for students. Looking to tie in with the community. Business cards. Portland Family Fellowship. Thank you for introducing yourselves. Anton too.

Open for last comments to the Resolution.

Reading of January Minutes put off until March Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 9:48 pm.