

Bolton Neighborhood Association Minutes 4/17/18

Alan Smith presided over the meeting in Steve Miesen's absence. Peggy Kirkendall volunteered to take the minutes.

Alan called the meeting to order. We had a quorum. 11 neighbors plus visitor Councilor Sakelik.

MINUTES: Alan read the minutes of the March meeting. Several corrections and additions were made at the request of Mark Thomas regarding the Old Bolton Fire Station discussion. Minutes were approved as amended.

ANNEXATION STUDY UPDATE: Rebecca updated the group on the progress of the Annexation Study. Savannah Oaks NA decided to pay all of the costs of the update. Rebecca explained the purpose of the update of the study for new members. One member requested that each NA be given an Expert Summary of the findings. Rich Sakelik suggested that the NAs could come together and do a town hall on the findings.

PARKING ZONE UPDATE: Don Carver gave an update on the previous night's meeting between the WLWV School District and City Council. His conclusion was that the city council was quite interested in working with the District to find a solution to the student parking issues, whereas the District Board Members seemed disinterested. Don supports more responsible parking with the school providing safe managed parking lots with the costs of a long term solution born fairly by all users or tax payers. Peggy Kirkendall brought up her concerns about the safety issues of students parking away from the school in light of the early darkness during winter days and the number of half way houses in the area where students park. The conclusion of those of in attendance was that everyone needed to be contacting and writing school board members and insisting this item be placed on the school boards agenda for further discussion.

NEIGHBOR CONCERNS:

Alma Coston presented a new flyer explaining about **Maddax Woods** and updated the attendees on the status of the new signage at Maddax Woods. The \$200 donated by the BNA has been spent on a portion of the signage and it is all now complete and installed. She alerted everyone that there was a **Heron Watch** scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Sunday. West Linn has one of the largest Heron Rookeries in the State of Oregon! She also told us where we could find the **Bolton Logo** which is on a quilt panel at the library and also told us it was available for the BNA to use on it's marketing and informational flyers and brochures.

Peggy Kirkendall gave an update on the **Old Bolton Fire Station** and answered the concern about the impact of any widening of Hwy 43 on the building. She explained that the projected widening would take approximately 6' and there was 12'4" of space between the existing retaining wall and the current building at its narrowest point so there would be no impact to the building. She further explained that commercial buildings adjacent to the Fire Station on Hwy 43 were much closer to the Hwy than the Old Bolton Fire Station and, because of that, it was unlikely they would do the widening in that area. In addition she indicated that even if the widening occurred and the narrow driveway would have to be closed there were other options that would allow access to the back parking area.

Cyd Dashkoff, a new attendee, discussed her concern over the **Air B&Bs** operating in her neighborhood on Mark Lane. Members indicated they were illegal. Rich Sakelik indicated that there were approximately 40 Air B&B's operating in West Linn, only 2 of them were licensed. The Economic Development Committee (EDC) is looking into the situation. Rebecca encouraged her to notify the code enforcement officer and the planning department if she wished to have them shut down.

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND: Councilor Sakelik spoke about the upcoming **Go Bond** and explained what it would allow the city to do once it is passed. He further explained about the results of the three studies and that a large percentage of the proceeds would go towards enhancing transportation throughout the city and safe routes to school. Other items included in the Go Bond are refurbishing existing city buildings and park enhancements. Alma Coston suggested that city council look at the things the previous Park Bond did not finish before they approve any new items.

Mark Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned 9:30.