



Draft of Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2018

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

TVFR Station 58, corner of Buck and Elliott off highway 43 at West A.

- 1. Gavel to Order.**
- 2. Print out the Draft Meeting Minutes from July and hand out. Give ten minutes to read and discuss. July Minutes passed unanimously.**
- 3. Debriefing about the parking zone council meeting on August 6, 2018.**

Don: Mayor prefaced the August 6th council meeting that he did not think this would work out well for the neighborhood if the students do not get what they want. Petition was submitted in the record. 150 signatures. We had a good turnout to testify.

Livability the ordinance has provided all these years, and the safety are the primary points made by the signatories. In all this the thing is that the kids just want a place to park. The school needs to take a role. Our point is we want the students to drive and park, as well as be custodians, but at the same time we don't want them to park on the street. We want to keep it that way for everybody. Let's find other options.

Big win-win with ODOT on the bridge, but the students ignored it and added more spaces in their demands. If they don't get what they want they will pursue ballot measure for May. Can the city veto that? No. The way the mayor presented was to take the spaces where the residents park now. He used the spaces that the kids submitted back last year. It was the assistant city manager who is not a traffic engineer who went around and counted and that was the number the city used and gave to Rory.

Heard that the School Board is talking about options.

Discussion:

Very heartening that residents in the Zone took on the petition and testified. This is really a safety issue.

Urged the city to take the lead in education.

Now there are 61 new spaces.

The perception is if ballot passed it would prevent the city from making rules on any parking decisions. Salamo wants parking, Willamette wants restricted parking.

We now have a WLHS graduate student shaking his finger at the mayor. It was very odd to see that but that was part of the ambience of the meeting.

A lot of students think Rory is way off base. There are students who do not want the zone. Some have spoken up against it in class and their household was targeted for a crime committed by a student. A lot of students do not care about the parking. There is a group working with Rory, one friend and about seven or eight YAC students. So far there are about ten students and a Mr. Cahill and a Mr. Baker who are pushing this. The mayor was the one affected by the fear of Rory, and based his decisions on that fear. The safety of students and all pedestrians concerns all residents.

Right now, the mayor and half of city council are rattled by the students. They do not seem to hear what we are saying. We are not getting anywhere with the mayor's city

council. Education of all residents of West Linn needs to happen and the city should take the lead.

A Safety traffic study is another idea. The mayor envisions parking on both sides as a way to calm traffic. This is a fallacy. Need visual for backing out driveways. Sidewalks proposal is part of the mayor's compromise: we give them parking on our streets and Mayor gives Parking Permit Zone residents a) sidewalks, and b) conversation with the SD. Traffic study group being collected by Council which will be on the City Council October agenda.

Does Rory speak for the school? The problem statement is we have a lot of students who are privileged and they want to park where they want when they want. We should have a Bolton picnic to say that we are all in this together.

The elections coming up. No city council meetings until October, but for November election pay attention to where the candidates stand on the parking zone. How malleable are the candidates to following the city staff? Sense that Council President Perry wants this parking zone to go away before November. We have about three voters per house and we need to educate. Love the idea of a picnic. Easy way to go. Have a campaign picnic with the candidates.

I think if you get the word out and have a picnic people will come because WL people care about their area, and they care about pollution and children and pedestrians.

We need to go deeper than Bolton. We need to go to all of West Linn. The code statement is to control traffic for the benefit of the residents and businesses not for commuters.

Bolton Elementary also a hazard with a traffic accident waiting to happen we are not the only ones affected.

What we are hearing is that **a)** the city's Enforcement Officer was instructed not to enforce unless car is in front of the caller's house; **b)** police officers don't do that kind of work; **c)** don't call before ten; **c)** students say that people in the neighborhood

are making money off the students by selling their permit; e) there was a flip between August and May when enforcement stopped; f) tickets were being dismissed on the municipal court on the grounds that they could not prove who got out of the car; g) somewhere judges stopped enforcing the fine.

Police call the school to get the student out of class to move the car before writing a ticket. At 7:30 starts a panic of students arriving.

When you do call police for enforcement, add to the call that there is concern for the sight lines of the pedestrians.

4. Neighborly Concerns.

Maddax Woods presentation requesting \$2,500 for new lights. Alma read an income and expense sheet for Maddax Woods for 2017. Alma did not bring a justification for the amount; did not bring the name of the company; address or connection or to whom to send the money which remains at \$2,500. Maddax Woods is in the stage right now of preparing for the annual lighting. Alma is also ready to accept what we choose to give. Take a Maddax Woods accounting of last year's accomplishments. Discussion on amount ensued. Need to get a specific cost.

Alma said we have no new lights and lights went out at the end. We are short some lights. Coming from bridge to parking lot takes 50 strings. Takes three times that around the house and the pump station. We are at the point we do not have lights to light like it was last year. A string of lights costs about ten dollars for the three-year guarantee. **Motion:** BNA match the city's grants of a thousand dollars by donating a thousand dollars to Maddax Woods for the lighting. Seconded. Discussion.

Motion passed 7-5.

5. Adjourn the meeting. 9:02.