

## **BNA Minutes 11/20/18**

Steve Miesen, BNA President, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**Minutes** were handed out for people to read. A member moved that the minutes be approved as written and the approval was unanimous.

**Neighborly Concerns/Old Business:** Peggy Kirkendall asked to change the order of agenda items to allow the neighborly concerns to go before the other agenda items. Those concerns are listed here:

1. Tree removal in Hammerle Park: Peggy reviewed the correspondence with Ken Worchester, Director of the Parks Dept, who took exception to the October BNA discussion about removal of wrong trees in the park. This discussion centered around who was right and who was wrong. It was determined that without the trees being clearly marked prior to their removal, it was impossible to tell. Ken had presented the removal plan two weeks prior to the time of tree removal and presented us a simple diagram that was difficult to discern which trees were being discussed. The controversy was focused on one of a pair of beautiful large trees that were a focal point for many citizens in the area. Thus far, four citizens have expressed dismay about that tree's removal and were relieved that the neighbor's call prevented the removal of the second tree. The reason given for its removal by the Park's director did not seem to be sufficient. Further, it did not appear that park dept staff were at the park to supervise the removal of 40 trees.  
There was also concern that with such short notice to the BNA members and with no trees being clearly marked, it was difficult to know what we had previously approved. Steve Miesen will share these issues and make recommendations to the Parks Board about the need to adopt better procedures with sufficient advance notice to the NAs and the need to clearly mark the trees in a similar manner as trees are marked for removal by residents and developers.
2. West Linn Post Office: Bob McCarthy brought up his concern about the potential loss of the post office in the WL Marketplace and its effect on the current businesses in that center. The BNA unanimously adopted the following resolution: Be it resolved that the BNA strongly supports keeping the Post Office in the WL Central Village. It was determined it would be one of the goals of the BNA to work towards keeping it in the Central Village through holding a special meeting with the BNA members, working with the City Council, the Post Office Manager, and the developer to determine possible next steps. One member expressed concern that the entire shopping center would be hard hit by the widening of I 205 and the improvements along Hwy 43 and that keeping the Post Office in that center would help support that center during those difficult times.
3. Old Bolton Fire Station: Peggy reported on the need to finish the work on obtaining a 501C3 designation for the nonprofit, West Linn Collaborative, Inc. which has been approved by the state. The BNA Task Force needs \$600 to complete the 501C3 application. The BNA unanimously approved the expenditure for the application fee to form a 501C3 to manage the Old Bolton Fire Station as required by the City of West Linn.
4. West Linn Community Preschool (WLCP): Peggy reported that the WLCP met their goal of \$10,000 in their wreath sale!

**Election of Officers:** The following members were elected to fill the positions as required by the BNA By-laws:

President: Steve Miesen

Vice President: Bob McCarthy

Secretary: Peggy Kirkendall

**New Business:** Steve brought up the need to discuss the Citizen Comprehensive Vision Goals that were discussed and handed out at the last NAP meeting. It was decided to take up that discussion at the next meeting due to the lateness of the hour.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held in January where the members will discuss the Citizen Vision Goals received from NAP and develop goals for the BNA for 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Peggy Kirkendall, Secretary