

Bolton Neighborhood Association  
Meeting Minutes  
June 18, 2019

1. Welcome and introductions.
2. The May meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
3. We reviewed our meeting Ground Rules.
4. Chief Terry Kruger, West Linn Police, was introduced.

Comments by Chief Terry Krueger, West Linn Police Department

Overview:

- The current parking district around West Linn High School was established in 1992.
- The school district considered increasing the number of parking spots but concluded there was enough.
- There have been conversations about building a parking structure, but it is expensive and there is no money available for it.
- Early this year students pushed for change in the parking district. That effort has ended.
- Problems of congestion and safety continued despite various efforts to address them.
- Police staffing currently has two officers and one sergeant available at all times. The department is currently understaffed. In addition, one officer position was eliminated to meet the constraints of this year's budget.
- The one School Resources Officer (SRO) has many responsibilities and is unable to direct traffic around the high school. School staff does monitor traffic.
- 142 citations were written this year for violations around the high school. Twice that number of warnings were issued. The department receives 686 city-wide calls related to parking issues; 119 calls regarding high school parking..
- There is chaos and safety issues related parking around the high school, and yet there are few if any accidents.
- The department has one code enforcement officer. However she was injured for the entire year and is now slated to retire. A new code enforcement officer has been hired.
- One of the major parking issues raised by Vince is parents parking, not in designated parking area, but in the bike lanes as they wait to pick up students.
- West Linn has the lowest crime rate of any city in the Oregon.

Possible Solutions:

- The Chief is willing to ask West Linn Wilsonville school district to pay for another school resource officer and increase their financial contribution.

- Should students pay for a parking spot, if don't already.
- Hire a seasonal code enforcement officer.
- Engage the Transportation Advisory Board to consider adjustments to the bike lane.
- Educate parents picking up students not parking in the bike lanes.
  - BNA meet with Kathy Ludwick and Aaron Dennis of the West Linn Wilsonville school district to message parents about proper parking.
  - Engage Tim Woodley, operations manager of West Linn Wilsonville school district.
  - Engage and involve West Linn students and student leadership in how to address the parking situation.

5. Darren Wyss, Associate Planner, City of West Linn, Lance Calvert, City Engineer, Waterfront plan process.

- The intent is to finalize the West Linn transportation plan by early 2020.
- Once this is done the next step is to decide on land uses. This could include, zoning changes, design standards and of course financing.
- By the end of 2020 it is hoped planning process will be complete.
- Waterfront planning is done in conjunction with the widening of I205. The cost of the widening of I 205 from route 213 - Stafford is approximately \$450 million.
- No financing was included in this session of the legislature.
- Willamette Drive is intended as a major residential bike and pedestrian trail.
- Arch Bridge is not earthquake safe. The other bridges across I 205 will be rebuilt to meet earthquake standards as I 205 is being planned as a major North-South route.
- The transportation plan is being designed to discourage traffic from moving into West Linn when there are traffic impediments on I 205 and elsewhere.
- Lance believes that tolling on I 205 is 10 to 20 years out and if at all.

6. Matt Grady, Gramor Development

- Post office leadership has contracted with JL L brokers to find space in West Linn for a 10,000 ft.<sup>2</sup> building on 2 acres of land.
- John Logan, of the post office, has formed a committee to respond to Gramor development proposals.
- Gramor has proposed that the post office use the Garden Street location in Central Village.
- Gramor development is not interested in seeking to buy the two properties adjacent to the current post office. This is something the post office could seek to do if they chose.
- Gramor made a presentation of various design element for the proposed building in Central Village.

- Two-story post office is possible and they exist in other states.
- The retail portion of the post office could fit in the new Gramor proposed building.
- If the post office were to leave, Central Village would lose a main draw into the commercial area. Not long would this hurt central village economically but it would undermine the vision of the Bolton business district.

7. Updates:

- a. We agreed to extend this meeting to 9:15 PM.
  - b. Reviewed the BNA officers' letter to City Council to take proactive steps to protect the Post Office.
  - c. July 17<sup>th</sup> Summer Social/Band Concert at Hammerle Park, 6PM.
  - d. Updates to BNA website and email system are being made.
  - e. Waterfront information meeting, June 25<sup>th</sup>, Adult Community Center.
8. No August meeting. Next meeting September 17<sup>th</sup>.
9. Bob McCarthy adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM.