Meeting Called to Order: 07:05 PM

Welcome and introductions: Visitors and members

Draft Minutes: September 17, 2019 were reviewed and approved.

Meeting norms reviewed

1575 Burns Street Proposed Development: Lenity Architecture and their colleagues, Roland Boshmann, Sam Thomas, Noel Tenoso, Josh Weus, and Scott Emmett made a presentation on behalf of Kim Wright and Noel Tenoso, with conceptual designs for a 2½ story dental and physical therapy clinic for review and discussion. This review included the proposed design with retaining walls and plantings along the property boundaries, along with city requirements for parking on the property and on Burns Street. A number of concerns were raised. 1. Neighbors bordering the development wanted more detail about the engineering of the retaining walls on steep slopes, their attractiveness, as well as the extent and kinds of plantings that would screen the development from residential properties. 2. Mandated parking on the property and on Burns Street is taking priority over preserving residences’ privacy and the character of Bolton Neighborhood Plan. 3. The proposed design is not aesthetically in keeping with the existing architecture. The BNA voted not to support this project, 11-4 until we have more detail about these issues and concerns. Lenity Architecture and the property owners agreed to work with BNA and bordering neighbors to find solutions.

Nomination of candidates for President and Treasurer: Steven Meisen submitted his resignation as President of Bolton Neighborhood Association effective after an election at the November 19th meeting. Nominations for President: Robert McCarthy, Erich Kunrath, Treasurer: Claudia Davis. Vice President: Walt Swan. Steven has been Vice President, or President of the BNA for 5 years, a long run and is well appreciated.

Updates:

Burnside Park: In 1935 the park was established as a wilderness park which means that it would be an intact forest system that is limited to pathways and trails with no further development. Steve Miesen proposed that “Burnside Park should be protected as a wilderness park in perpetuity, without further development as it was deeded.” Motion passed 13 to 1.

Note: There will be an Ivy pull: October 19th (3rd Saturday) for Burnside Park. Volunteers will meet at the end of Holmes St and at Maddax Woods
Gramor Development: In an email exchange with Bob McCarthy, Matt Grady said, that Gramor and USPS are currently working together to find a possible solution to keep the post office in West Linn and in our neighborhood.

High School Parking: Claudia Davis volunteered to be the lead for the next steps to work with the school, students, neighborhood and city to best address traffic and parking issues.

Street light at Buse St. and Broadway St. There was a handout from Lance Calvert on how to proceed with getting approval for an additional street light.

NWN Gas Shut Off Procedures. There was a handout with links to NWN videos that explained shut off procedures, the use of automatic shut off devices and other useful information during earthquakes and other emergencies.

BNA email improvements: Jan McCarthy, Secretary and Bob McCarthy, Vice President are researching, with the city and other neighborhood associations, better ways to communicate with the Bolton neighborhood, including developing a unique BNA website.

Community Concerns: Reminder of upcoming pre-application meetings, Old Bolton Fire Station and Maddax Boat Barn: Thursday October 17th, 10 – 11:00 AM

Request to extended the BNA meeting time to 9:00 PM: Approved

Explanation and Discussion on City of West Linn Measure 3-552: Council member, Richard Sakelik and Mayor Russ Axelrod each spoke about the measure and helped to clarify its meaning. There was agreement about the implication of the two parts of the measure.

Part 1: The measure would restore the original Charter language (8F) that existed from 1994-2013.

Part 2: Would remove any authority of the City Manager from legal decisions. The City Manager would not control the Office of the City Attorney. And, if the City Manager wanted to hire legal counsel, the City Manager would need the approval of the majority of the City Council.

There was a lively discussion with current and former member of the City Council offering their perspectives on why this measure would or would not benefit the city.

West Linn-Wilsonville School Bond: John McCabe made a brief presentation about why he is opposed to the proposed bond. A full account of John’s reasoning is on page 10 of the Voters Pamphlet.

Next meeting November 19, 2019

Adjournment @ 9:03 PM

Jan McCarthy, Secretary

Bolton Neighborhood Association Board Members
Steven Meisen, President Robert McCarthy, Vice President
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