



BOLTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes for January 21, 2020

Meeting Called to Order: 07:00 PM Welcome and introductions: Members: 30 attendees

Draft Minutes: November 19, 2019 Minutes were given out for review.

Meeting norms reviewed

Video Presentation: Erich Kunrath made a presentation of the steps to log into the Bolton Neighborhood Association site on the City's website. New information has been added to our site to help keep neighbors in Bolton informed: Key Topics: (1) **Hot Topics and Announcements:** current issues in our neighborhood. (2) **Sign up for the Bolton email list:** if you are *not* currently on the BNA email list and want to receive information from the BNA, add your contact information here. This information will, *now*, be forwarded to our contact email list.



Sign up for the Bolton email list.

If you have been receiving emails from the BNA within the last month, great. If you have not been receiving emails, first check your spam folder. If you are unsure, you might want to sign up again on the City's Bolton email page.

There are a few steps to get into our site at the City. Erich's presentation was very helpful with the visual walk-through and the new items available on the site and access to our minutes and agendas. NOTE: If possible, please print a copy of the AGENDA and MINUTES, available on the City website, to bring to future meetings. We would like to eliminate or significantly reduce the cost of printing. Thank you.

Bob McCarthy spoke to our ongoing issues with some of the BNA emails still going to spam for some of our members. He has purchased a domain name "boltonna97068.org" to help reduce this problem with MailChimp. It is not yet in operation at this time...a work in process.

Election of Officer: A motion was made to modify Article Four and add a treasurer position. Noting that if the position is not filled, the Vice President will serve as acting Treasurer. The motion was approved,: 21- Ayes, 0-Nayes. Election of treasurer will be made at the February Meeting.

Treasury Report:

BNA has purchased 5 new lawn signs to add and replace missing and older, faded signs. The signs now include: boltonna@westlinnoregon.gov for direct access to the BNA information on the City's website.

Appreciations: Steve Miesen was unable to attend the meeting as he was ill. Thank you, Steve, for your 4 ½ year contribution as Vice President and President of BNA.

Updates:

- Burnside Park: Neighborhood Association Presidents unanimously passed the BNA's resolution to protect Burnside Park, all 20 acres, as a wilderness park in perpetuity at their January meeting. Each neighborhood association will be asked to vote for this resolution.
- Post Office: Gramor and the Post Office are still working together for acceptable location in West Linn. The post office lease has been extended to May 2020 to facilitate further work on a permanent location which will likely be on the existing foot print.

Presentation of proposed development - 22150 Willamette Ave:

Dave Aaron Shelofsky and partners made a presentation of the present, proposed building project on the lot. He emphasized that the present proposed project is in the early stages.

David spoke of a building that has good aesthetics using natural elements such as stone and wood to blend in with the surrounding environment, keeping existing trees and supplement with more as a buffer to the neighborhood. At this time they are looking at a 3 story building, 13000 sq. feet of which the 3 partners would use the top floor for their business.

Parking would be 32 parking spaces, required by the city for this size building. David also spoke of the need to widen the road to meet city code. They would also include a footpath to connect the neighborhood to the Bolton Center commercial district.

He addressed the complications of traffic issues at Holly St. and Highway 43 as well as the planned ODOT expansion of Hwy 43. Recognizing this is a difficult issue, they are looking at other possibilities within the commercial district for in and out access. Grading is another issue, making use of existing break grade-no backfill and the proximity to water shed and ability of how to develop the site. The conversation was opened to questions and concerns from citizens.

As a commercial property, it was noted that the city has rejected the land to be as a pocket Park. Even there is a house on the property any new construction must meet the commercial zoning uses which eliminates the possibility of building a new residence.

Concerns for attendees:

TRAFFIC - the predominate concern by everyone.

- Traffic through the neighborhood: Holly, River and Burns:
 1. Dangerous left turn from the development onto Holly due to the close proximity to top of Holly St. and cars turning right off 43 onto Holly.
 2. Deep concern of increasing the traffic through this neighborhood to avoid turning onto 43 during heavy traffic.
 3. Difficult right turns onto 43 during heavy traffic due to the close proximity of traffic light.
- There was a desire expressed by the attendees at the meeting that the abandon building and lot needs to be addressed for safety concerns and the run down condition. As it is zoned as commercial, it was stated that the City had rejected the land as being used as a pocket park.
- There was general support of the development coupled with *great* concern of traffic in and around the neighborhood.

Overall Traffic Plan for Central Village

Lance Calvert, City Engineer and Public Works Director has agreed to look at all the traffic issue in Central Village with the aim of creating a plan that addresses the current situation and the three developments at 1575 Burns, 2210 Willamette and the Post Office.

Draft Agenda: Items for February 18, 2020 Meeting:

- Old Bolton Fire Station, also known as Bolton Fire House.
- Steve Miesen
- Proposed Memorial for James Weaver
- How to maintain and improve the Pocket Park at 21395 Willamette Drive,
- Lawnmower ID and storage to ease access to others.
- Update/print new Bolton Neighborhood Walking Tour Booklet

Next meeting February 18, 2020

Adjournment @ 8:30 PM

Bolton Neighborhood Association Board Members
Robert McCarthy, President Erich Kunrath, Vice President
Janet McCarthy, Secretary
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