



BOLTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Draft Minutes for May 19, 2020

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 PM Members: 8 attendees

Meeting norms with Zoom: Spent time working out the kinks and learning how to use Zoom with attendees. Erich Kunrath was especially helpful with an overview on where to find and use the different tools. Such as, mute, visual displays of "Clapping", "Thumbs-up, or Thumbs-down" on IPAD, phones and other computers. Fun learning process with everyone and everyone did exceptionally well. There are more tools that can be used; however, we all made good progress to be able run an effective meeting.

Draft Minutes: February 18, 2020 Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Review, revised and approved draft Agenda

Treasurer's Report Walt Swan: \$4539.85 in BNA checking account. \$14.95 was debited for this month's Zoom license.

Discuss and decide whether to buy a 1-year Zoom license for \$149.50 or continue to pay \$14.95 on a month by month basis: TVF&R notified the BNA that their community room is closed for the month of June. It was unanimously decided that BNA will use Zoom for the month of June. This will be reviewed monthly until we can physically meet safely in a group. Other temporary meeting place options will also be considered.

Update: Post Office: Gramor has proposed an option 1: 5200 sq foot Post Office building, with a 10 year renewable lease that includes a drive through to drop off mail and a truck loading ramp. Post Office trucks would need to be housed separately. The parking lot adjacent to Market of Choice would be reconfigured into a single, larger parking lot.

The negotiations have been difficult and time-consuming. During these negotiations with Gramor, the USPS has continued to work with JIL real estate broker seeking to find a two-acre site that would house all of USPS activities in one location in West Linn. Because of this "dual track" Gramor believes that USPS negotiator, Greg Shelton, maybe delaying a decision on the proposed lease and "leading them on."

As result, Gramor has developed a second option: a 6500 sq foot retail space at the current post office site. Gramor would prefer the 1st option, a new building for the Post Office as an anchor tenant in Central Village. Gramor would appreciate any help that neighborhood associations, city staff or congressional representatives can offer to force the USPS to make a decision.

Gramor wants to begin construction next spring. They would like to do a presentation of the of the two options to the BNA in June as part of due diligence and hopes to begin construction in February or March 2021.

Everyone agreed that the Post Office is essential to West Linn and especially in Bolton, a major draw to our Central Village. And, it was agreed that the BNA encourage the Bolton neighborhood to reach to our representatives for their backing. The following steps were agreed upon:

1. Bob McCarthy will following up with Gramor for the timing of their meeting and how best to make their presentation to the BNA, either at our next regular meeting or at a special meeting. Bob will also follow up with Mayor Axelrod, and Assistants to Senators Merkley, Wyden, Schrader.
2. Explore sending out a post card to the Bolton neighborhood to ask that neighbors encourage our representatives to support keeping our Postal Office in West Linn. WE will include this updated information on the "Hot Topics" page of the BNA City of West Linn website.

Proposed Future Agenda Items (in order of priority):

- a. **Post Office.**
- b. **Jaye Cromwell, ODOT plans for I20.** This is a priority.
- c. **Old Bolton Fire Hall:** Presentation by Jason Conn of the West Linn Collaborative to gauge the interest of the BNA of their pursuing the Bolton Fire Hall becoming a community center.
- d. **Maddax Woods and proposed memorial for James Weaver:** Alma Coston will let us know when she will have more information.
- e. **Safe Route to School, Dainel'le De Voss, City Associate Engineer:** Plan to set up a time to have Dainel'le present at our September meeting.
- f. **Print new Bolton Neighborhood Walking Tour Booklet:** Several ideas were presented to be included.
 - a. Scavenger Hunts: this has been enjoyed by many during the last few months.
 - b. Walking tours

c. Locations of Mini Libraries

Reflections on Zoom Meeting: It was helpful for Erich to walk through several steps of Zoom at the beginning to work out the “kinks.” Once we were all “on board” the process went well, everyone was happy with the meeting and what we were able to cover. With more in attendance, it may be a little more complicated, but quite doable if using more of the visual techniques, ie Thumbs-up, Thumbs-down, raising hand to speak.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Bolton Neighborhood Association Board Members

Robert McCarthy, President

Erich Kunrath, Vice President

Janet McCarthy, Secretary

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