



BOLTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

DRAFT MINUTES: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 Zoom Monthly Meeting

Meeting Called to Order: 7:03 PM Attendees: 28 attendees (including 3 presenters)

Welcome to attendees and get acquainted with Zoom:

Draft July 21, 2020 Minutes: reviewed and approved

Draft Agenda: approved and seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Walt Swan: \$4493.88 in BNA checking account. \$14.99 was debited for month long Zoom license.

Presenters: Rachel Prusak, State Representative: rep.rachelprusak@oregonlegislature.gov; Kim Bria, Candidate for City Council; Mary Baumgardner, Candidate for City Council.

Each candidate for office was given approximately 20 minutes to talk about their backgrounds and take questions. They spent time talking about and describing the needs of the City and State and the goals that intended to work towards.

The key issues raised by presenters included: The challenges of balancing of public education "Ready School Safe Guidance"; and the impact of COVID 19 on our schools and business; Protecting Healthcare; ODOT and tolling; High School parking; Issues of the City Council; Economic and small business support; Environmental sustainability; Neighborhood Associations; Transportation in the city.

Note: Rachel strongly encouraged citizen to respond and complete ODOT's survey for I-205 Tolling at: <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/tolling/Pages/I-205-Tolling.aspx>; 45-day public comment period occurs Aug. 3 through Sept. 16, 2020. Please share your thoughts during the public comment period now underway.

Questions from BNA members:

Mike: Regarding the discussion of the Cultural Center Police Station controversy, how would you handle the economics of that project?

Alma: What is happening with ensuring that our post office remains in West Linn?

Erich: The BNA discussions for plans to improve the old Bolton Firehouse and certain areas of our neighborhood are up in the air since we do not know what ODOT's plans are. How can we get a representative from ODOT meeting?

Note: Rachael: Will personally contact ODOT directly to request a representative to join BNA on a Zoom meeting. She will give ODOT Bob McCarthy's contact information.

Peter: What skills do you bring to City Council for it to run more smoothly, effectively with less acrimony?

Alma: How do we move our city forward after years of the same issues?

Vince: Will you support, as a councilor, the elimination of the residential parking district near the high school?

Responses from Kim and Mary: Need to balance the needs of the neighbors as well as the school and students. This means that all stakeholders need to be represented and on board.

Erich: What are the possibilities for opening schools earlier? Concerns were raised by physician moms, by a letter to the Governor taking exception to the decision to allow non-essential businesses i.e.: bars, restaurants, to continue operating while closing nearly all public schools.

Tawnya: Raised concerns, as a parent: what are our children's options since parks, recreation areas and libraries are closed? How to address the needs supplied by and through schools for children who have high risk needs that include food, medical needs and safety with schools closed.

Mary & Kim: Talked about the need to reach out and utilizing with open forums and newsletters to make known what resources are available, brainstorming and learning about what other communities are creatively doing.

Mary/Kim: Reaching out to begin repairing the severally damaged relationship with the Grand Ronde Tribe with respect for their needs to get stakeholders back on track.

Terry: The expectations and conditions have changed of the original agreement has changed due to the inability of the Coalition to provided promised funding and parking issues in the original plan. The was the basis of the council's decision to renegotiate the original agreement and keep this relationship.

Alexis: Are you consulting with educators and parents?

Kim/Mary: We are in an unprecedented time, it is not going away tomorrow and we need to reach out to parents. Advocate and talk with schools and what are the needs of each the school in West Linn. Schools need more funding.

a. Tawnya & Elexis: "Safe Ways to Schools" is very important to address now. Bolton Elementary has significant safety issues, particularly on Rte 43. These include no sidewalks or safe bike lanes. It was agreed that the BNA will invite Daniel'le DeVoss,

City Associate Engineer to our next meeting. Also, Rich Sakelik will send the “Safe Ways to School” presentation to the BNA to post on our city site.

Update from Patrick Fitzpatrick: **Air Conditioning systems** will be installed in **Bolton Primary School** along with 3 other primary schools in West Linn. Also, the schools are moving to a higher filtration system; Merv-8 to Merv-10 rating filter. While this will filter more particles from the air it will not filter out viruses.

Updates:

- **Post Office:** Matt Grady of Gramor presented to the City Council their current plans/designs for the site of a retail space/design for the post office and without. He stresses the importance of the USPS making a decision by September or Gramor will proceed with plans for a retail building.
 - Richard Sakelik reported that the City Manager plans to send out a survey to the public and retail, after getting details from the Post Office for the needs of package delivery. This will be posted on line.
 - Bob McCarthy reported that Rep. Kurt Schrader, Sen. Jeff Merkley and Sen. Ron Wyden sent an official letter to Mr. Gregory G. Graves, Vice President US Postal Service, Area Operations – Western Area Mr. William Schwartz, District Manager, United States Postal Service - Portland District: pressing them to ensure a post office continues in West Linn with a Sept. 1st answer date. Their letter is posted on the Bolton Website in “Hot Topics”.

- **I 205 repaving July-Sept. 2020, Jessica Bull:** No other updates at this time for 205 Bridge or Rt. 43.

- **Friends of Maddax Woods:** Alma Coston reported that there will be no Lighting of Maddax Woods this year due COVID 19.

- **McLean House:** Mike Watters reported that, with physical distancing requirements, McLean House is providing outdoor gatherings of 20 people or less for weddings and small festivities. Also, Alma shared that the West Linn Garden Club has been working and making improvements at the McLean House.

- **Bolton Neighborhood Walking Tour Booklet** Erich Kunrath continues to look at way to update the booklet and implementing fun interactivities. BNA members voted “yes” to print new booklets. Mike Watters volunteered to work with Erich.
 - More scavenger hunts – formalize

- Monthly updates of what's happening in the woods
- Fun Activities for Kids:
 - Puzzles to solve
 - Scavenger hunts
- Engage Bolton Primary School for kids' great ideas and fun things they create.
- Locations of Mini Libraries
- History of Bolton: Old Fire House, McLean House, Heron's nesting, etc.

Future Agenda Items:

- a. Conversations with candidates.
- b. Assess BNA interest in Bolton Fire House as Community Center: Jason Conn, Pres, West Linn Collaborative.
- c. Safe Route to School: Daniel'le DeVoss, City Associate Engineer

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Adjourn: 9:02

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