



BOLTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

DRAFT MINUTES: Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Meeting: ZOOM

Meeting Called to Order: Robert McCarthy, President: 7:00 PM

Welcome to attendees: Attendees: 19 (including presenter from TVF&R)

Draft Minutes: September 21, 2021 Minutes: Approved, no nays.

Treasurer's Report: Walt Swan: BNA checking account: \$4269.25

- **TVF&R Proposed Bond Measure 34-308:** Stefan Myers, Public Affairs Officer, TVF&R. The TVF&R serves 4 counties, 11 cities with 28 stations. This past year TVF&R personnel were deployed to 6 wild fires within our state. Call volumes continue to rise with 7 out of 10 received are medical in nature. Due to COVID responders are full suited when responding to ensure all staff to remain healthy. The 2006 Bond is coming to an end. Bond Measure 34-308 authorizes TVF&R to issue up to \$122 million in bonds to finance capital costs. The needs include replacement of aging equipment that are reaching the end of their useable life which include apparatus for West Linn Stations.

Old Business and Updates:

- **Old Bus Hwy 43 Repairs, Update and Next Steps:** The committee met and had a good conversation reviewing the ongoing issues of poor maintenance on Rte 43. The committee agreed to request that Lance Calvert and Ted Miller, Maintenance Supervisor of ODOT, walk the areas of the highway that need more extensive patching and resurfacing. This was completed. However, Ted Miller said the highway was safe and that ODOT would not do additional repairs on Rte 43 this year except for filling new pot hole. ODOT reported there were few complaints about Hwy 43's condition and little urgency to do more repairs. Everyone agreed at the meeting: the patching on road is terrible and will not hold up. Bob is in contact with Rachael Prusak and possible next steps. Members at the meeting suggested getting the word out and who to contact about how bad Rte 43 is. Signs on 43 with QR codes of who to call.
- **ODOT 205 Upgrade/Tolling:** Tolling is going forward in 2024. At the ODOT presentation to the NA Presidents, the ODOT representative said tolling would not cause more traffic on West Linn streets and it might even be less. When told this was nonsense, he had no response. ODOT has no plans to mitigate traffic through West Linn. It was raised and noted that the relationship of the condition of Rte 43 and the issue of equity with the pending 205 tolls for the impacted cities of West Linn, Oregon City and Gladstone need to be addressed by ODOT.
- **Oppenlander Fields Update and possible bond date:**
WLWV schools are planning to sell the property: Currently assessed at \$6.5 million. City Council requested open community discussion of the property and possible uses for and, if purchased by the City, potentially hold a city-wide vote in November on a General Obligation Bond. Discussion of need for the park took place. There were mixed feelings for

the need for the park; how much the City should pay the WLWV District for the property; and, if there needs to be an adjustment of assessed cost. From the perspective of young parents, the ball field is essential, in excellent condition with artificial turf recently installed and is needed for community sports.

- **Status of Skyline Circle Drive members:** Bob McCarthy has spoken with the City Manager and N.A. Presidents regarding their request to join the BNA given that their location is adjacent to Bolton and BNA deals with issues that are important to them. The BNA has asked for an opinion from the Sunset N.A. and has yet to receive a response. None-the-less, the BNA voted unanimously to accept and welcome these residents as BNA members.
- **Recommendations to Gramor Development for ideal businesses in new retail building in Central Village:** Alma brought up the concern, in the Gramor retail area, of a soon to open business located next door to an established tenant that is already providing the same service. She has requested that the BNA reach out to Gramor and share this concern. Bob will write a note expressing our concerns to Matt Grady of Gramor Development.
- **BNA Postcard and Survey:** The survey questions were posted on “Hot Topics” for 2 weeks for review; there were no responses to change the survey...it is a go. The officers will draft the post card language and send PDF to Lisa Wolff and Rachel Tillman. Once done, it will be sent out by the City to all residents of Bolton. Lisa and Rachel will oversee the process from Google.
- **WLHS Stadium & Parking Expansion:** The purpose of the letter to the WLWV School District is a commitment that they will follow through to complete all four phases of the Stadium/Parking Improvement Plan as presented. Erich will draft a letter to WLWV District.

New Business:

- Discussion took place to address concerns of inclusivity and how to encourage and welcome all members of the Bolton Neighborhood. Further discussions will continue. Rachel Tillman, Erich Kunrath and Jan McCarthy volunteered to begin considering options.
- **Street Tree Storm Restoration Funding Survey and possible bond.** The officers of the BNA sent a letter to the City Council requesting the City send out the information with the water/sewer bills and a link to the survey to ensure all citizens of West Linn are aware of this possible bond measure. President, Bob McCarthy, brought this issue up at N.A. .President’s September meeting so that all N.A.’s are aware of this potential bond measure.
- **Officer Nominations:** The current slate of officers were nominated for another two year term. Nominated by proxy, Jan McCarthy for president; Doug Buman and Jenn Buman, nominated by proxy, for any open position; however, both declined to accept any nominations at this time.
- **Thank you for a great meeting.**

Meeting Adjourn: 9:00 pm

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