



BOLTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

DRAFT MINUTES: Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Zoom Monthly Meeting

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

Welcome to attendees and get acquainted with Zoom: Attendees: 18

Draft November 16, 2021 Minutes: Erich Kunrath, Vice President

Draft Agenda: Approved and seconded

Treasurer's Report: Walt Swan: \$4185.12 in BNA checking account. Two payments \$14.99 (Dec & Jan) monthly Zoom license; \$12.99 - Go Daddy Domain name.

Status of Skyline Circle/Drive: Awaiting word from the City Manager as to when the change will be officially made by the City. Sunset N.A. has raised no objections.

Oppenlander Fields: As a result of City's public survey for the potential purchase of the fields, West Linn voters will be voting on a bond measure in May 2022 to acquire the Oppenlander Property, located at 1275 Rosemont Rd., as a City-owned park. For results of the survey go to:

<https://westlinnoregon.gov/citycouncil/oppenlander-property>. The amount of the bond has not yet been determined.

The latest on ODOT I-205 Tolling: "Oregon Sen. Bill Kenemer announced Jan. 7 one of his 2 priority bills for the Feb. legislative session: The measure would create an amendment to the Oregon Constitution to allow residents living within 15 miles of a proposed toll way to vote on whether to approve or reject the proposal. This is a direct response to increasing voter frustration with plans to toll section of interstate 5 and 205 as well as for tolling the entire freeway system in the tri-county Metro." <https://www.koin.com/news/oregon/oregon-legislator-seeks-to-give-citizens-voice-on-tolling/> Note: IP-41, according to 'No Tolls Army': "it does not prevent or stop all tolls. It just allows citizens to vote on these new taxes before they are implemented and will force ODOT to be transparent in advance with regard to tolling goals, amount, use of funds and toll setting."

Status Highway 43 repairs and how you can help: There are continuing efforts to have ODOT do needed repairs. The City Manager has made a similar request of ODOT for repairs.

Go to Hot Topics and Announcements: <https://westlinnoregon.gov/bolton/hot-topics-announcements#:~:text=Hot%20Topics%20%26%20Announcements>

Unhappy about Highway 43? Here's who to contact:

https://westlinnoregon.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/bolton/page/43051/priority_bna_iss ues_and_goals_july_20_2021.pdf

Postcard with digital survey: Rachel Tillman and Lisa Wolff will review the responses to the survey for our next meeting. Suggestions were made of next steps to improve our annual post card. It was suggested, depending on the responses to the survey, that we resend the survey with adding a QR code directly to the survey. Improve the layout to make it more "welcoming" to Bolton neighbors and not look like an ad to be discarded. Rachel and Lisa volunteered to add improvements.

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New Business: and Future Agenda

Conversation with Chief Peter Mahuna: An open conversation with Chief Mahuna of what he walked into initially, the need to gain the trust of staff and the community by being consistent, fair, disciplined, and provide training that include dealing with people in a mental crises and BIPOC-racial biases. These are the steps he and the department and City are currently taking to address current city issues and, the future with a well trained, respected police force: Chief Mahuna stressed the need to create a safe environment for officers with daily means to deal with stress...taking care of the troops. With the updated accreditation policy, state and federal, along with the new Police Accountability and Task Force of various stakeholders, experts and concerned citizens to evaluate practices, policies, procedures to serve as oversight. The Chief stated "this will be an outstanding force." The biggest hurdle at this time: Budget and Staffing: Currently down 5 "bodies" and holding onto staff when they can move on to bigger places and more lucrative salaries. There are 150 miles of road to cover in West Linn and difficult to cover with fewer officers.

One issue of speeding at the high school was brought forward by neighbors and how that might be addressed. Chief Mahuna said traffic at the school is a big priority and would review options. Biggest issue, recently, is theft from vehicles. He stated that 99% were from unlocked vehicles. He stressed the need for citizens to lock both their vehicles and doors to the garage... especially if this is an entrance into one's home. They are exploring other means to provide surveillance during early morning hours.

An important addition to the staff in 2021 was the hiring of a Behavioral Health Unit Health Specialist, Amber Hambrick. "This was accomplished through a partnership with the Lake Oswego Police Dept. She has the ability to respond with WLPD officers on specific calls in the community where her expertise in mental health crisis can provide additional benefit, as well as perform her own follow-up and outreach with citizens she has previously contacted."

Chief Mahuna stated that the force is in a better place with a new, updated mission statement. Peter informed us of his weekly "Coffee and Conversation with Chief Mahuna" at a number of locations throughout the City. If you have something specific to speak with the Chief about, please list the item of interest when you register for the date, time and location at:

<https://calendly.com/tswanberg-wlpd/meeting-with-chief-of-police-peter-mahuna>

Top 5 emergency preparedness/recovery concerns posted:

- Communication. Access to emergency information.
- Who to call nearby to ask for assistance.
- Roads access. The ability to get around.
- Available resources of temporary housing, water and water purification systems, power, and safety/first aid stations.
- A central information bank of neighborhood resident's personal resources that are kept confidential by the Emergency Management Coordinator and released only in an emergency. I.e. chainsaws, those with generators, charging stations, emergency oxygen, etc.

Jet Ski noise: The West Linn Tidings ran an article "Bolton residents ask marine board to tighten noise restrictions on Willamette." In November, a petition, regarding excessive jet ski

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noise, was sent to the Oregon Marine Board asking to consider rule changes. A community-based petition, that included a video and noise level from the offending Jet Ski, was also sent to OMB with over 240 signatures requesting changes to noise levels on the river. OMB is meeting January 26th and is open for public statements from citizens.

Next Steps to implement BNA “Big Issues:” JetSki noise; New BNA website Bolton Neighborhood photos.

To receive BNA updates/announcements, send your email to: Robert McCarthy @ BoltonNA@WestLinnOregon.gov

Adjourn: 8:35 pm Thank you, everyone, for another great meeting.

Bolton Neighborhood Association Board Members
Robert McCarthy, President; Erich Kunrath, Vice President
Walter Swan, Treasurer; Janet McCarthy, Secretary

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