



BOLTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

DRAFT MINUTES: Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Zoom Monthly Meeting

Meeting Called to Order: Erich Kunrath, Vice President 7:00 PM

Welcome to attendees and get acquainted with Zoom: Attendees: 15

Draft February 12, 2021 Minutes: Approved

Draft Agenda: Approved and seconded

Treasurer's Report: \$4,097.03 per BNA checking account as of 2/28/2022.

Old Business and Updates:

- **ODOT regarding Tolling:** on March 18th the Advisory Committee: (Metro councilors and JPACT members from Clackamas County and Portland) will vote on the plan for ODOT to implement Tolling on I-205.
- Contact the **"No Toll Army"** for possible signs opposing tolling on I-205.
- **Status Highway 43 repairs and how you can help – suggested scripts:** Suggested scripts are available on "Hot Topics" to ease communicating with local and ODOT officials about the need for immediate repairs to Hwy. 43.

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

- **Jet Ski Noise: Mike Arthur:** No further information at this time from the Oregon Marine Board, or possible efforts from Willamette Rivers Keepers to address this situation. It was reported that the Jet Ski operator has already begun to operate in this location in Gladstone.
- **Status of Skyline Circle/Drive:** No further information from Sunset N.A. Their next N.A. meeting is April, according their information at the City Sunset website. Robert McCarthy has left a message with President of Sunset, Legion Anders, to help ensure that Sunset will address this request from Skyline Circle/Drive residents. Sunset does not meet monthly; last meeting was June 2021.
- **Postcard with digital survey:** Quick review of survey from February meeting. The group asked that the results of survey be posted on the City's website; Bolton N.A. in "Hot Topics" for all to see. For the next version of the postcard, it was suggested that we consider refining the questions and post the survey in "Hot Topics" as well as with a mailing. And of course with a QR code. We will continue our discussions in our next meeting.

New Business

- **Proposed Neighborhood City Council NA policy:** Erich presented 2 versions of a policy statement drafted by 3 N.A. Presidents created to require the involvement of neighborhoods and communication, by the City, for any future projects in a neighborhood. The policy statement will be

refined at the next (Thursday) N.A. Presidents meeting. Each N.A. President will present the drafts to their members at their next respective N.A. meetings.

Overview: “The city of West Linn encourages, recognizes and supports NA’s which are organized under provision of Chapter 2 of the West Linn Municipal Code.” Note: “Each succeeding City Council reiterates their support for NA’s. However, city departments do not reflect this support when they operate independently in neighborhoods without involving the NA. This long standing pattern of behavior suggests that city staff is ambivalent about NA’s. Some are uncertain when to involve them; others view them as an asset only when they support their plans and a liability when they do not. A clear statement of policy requiring early effective and continued involvement of NA’s would transform the ambiguous relationship into one of collaboration and shared effort”

Effective early involvement...will lead to more creative solutions and swifter implementation of program and projects. Whereas failing to involve the NA encourages resistance, frustration and delays. Communication, continuous involvement, joint efforts serve the City.”

Suggested Policy Statement: *“To improve communication, transparency and collaboration between the City and NAs, it shall be the policy of the City of West Linn that city staff will involve NA’s early in the planning and ongoing implementation of all programs and projects that will affect their respective neighborhoods. These projects can range from the redesign of equipment in parks to major capital projects including streets and other facilities”.*

There was a positive response from meeting members to the drafted proposed city policy statement. Members suggested possible improvements. One comment from a member was “it’s about time” for the community to be recognized with a stronger voice working with the City.

- **Oregon Community Paths Program (OCP):** ODOT will use monies from the state Multimodal Active Transportation fund and federal Transportation Alternatives Program fund for this program.” Eligible may include routes through parks, along a greenway and corridors to connect community centers, services, housing, schools and recreation. The purpose of this grant is “helping communities create and maintain connections through multiuse paths.

Claudia Davis brought this to our attention of the next upcoming webinar on March 17th. She emphasized that our neighborhood would be well served, including Maddax Woods, trails under the 205 bridge and more, with this funding. Listed below are the webinars available to register for:

- March 17 – OCP 2022 Solicitation webinar (1 p.m. – 2 p.m.) – Registration required CommunityPaths@odot.oregon.gov to register
- April 14 – OCP 2022 Solicitation webinar (Noon – 1 p.m.) – Registration brought required. CommunityPaths@odot.oregon.gov to register
- May 18 – OCP 2022 Solicitation webinar (11 a.m. – Noon) – Registration required. CommunityPaths@odot.oregon.gov to register
- August 1 to September 15 – Pre-Applications accepted.

For more information: <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/RPTD/RPTD%20Document%20Library/2022-OCP-Program-Guidelines.pdf>

Maddax Woods: Alma Coston reminded everyone that Maddax Woods volunteer clean-up is this next Saturday. She expressed concern and the need for improvements for paths in Maddax Woods that need widening, and the need to improve the steps down into the park next to the library. She stated that there has already been a serious fall on these steps.

Future Agenda Item

- **Invite a city department head to each monthly meeting** with 10 or 15 minutes to talk about what's happening in their department as a basis for conversation with them.

Reflections, Appreciations and Meeting Feedback: Thank you. Great participation from everyone. See you all next month.

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Robert McCarthy at: BoltonNA@WestLinnOregon.gov

Our next April meeting will be held at the McLean House along with Zoom. This is our first opportunity to meet in-person since last August. The TVF&R community center is not yet available. We are on the list to be notified when it will be open to public.

Adjourn: 8:40 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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