



## **BOLTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**DRAFT MINUTES: Tuesday, May 17, 2022**

**Zoom Monthly Meeting**

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

**Welcome to attendees and get acquainted with Zoom:** **Attendees:** 12 + 1 Presenter

**Draft April 21, 2022 Minutes:** Approved.

**Draft Agenda:** Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$4,094.04; Expenditure: \$2.99 Google, per BNA checking account as of 4/28/2022.

### **Old Business and Updates:**

- **Skyline Circle and Skyline Drive Members:** Per City Manager, Jerry Gabrielatos, there is still an ongoing City "due process" to finalize the approval for including this area in the Bolton Neighborhood Association. This will soon be completed.
- **Proposed policy for better coordination between City and N.A.'s:** The purpose of this policy statement is to encourage more collaboration with departments. This was revised and signed by N.A. Presidents at the May 20th meeting and will be forwarded to the City Council.
- **ODOT:** *Note: See I-205 Improvements and Toll Project Update on "Hot Topics."*  
<https://westlinnoregon.gov/bolton/hot-topics>

### **New Business:**

#### **Conversation with Jerry Gabrielatos, City Manager:**

- **Homeless camping in West Linn:** Jerry Gabrielatos stated that while there is not a lot of homelessness in West Linn, a plan is needed to address it now and for the future. The 2018 decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit to uphold the ruling "that cities cannot enforce anti-camping ordinances if they do not have homeless shelter beds available for homeless population." This decision is based on the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution on cruel and unusual punishment. The City has the policy of a posted 24 hour notice to camp site to remove belongings from City property. The City, at that time, "shall inform a local agency that delivers social services to homeless individuals." Jerry also noted that camping on property of I-205, under the bridge, is ODOT's jurisdiction. ODOT does not allow camping on its property.
- **Council's opposition to ODOT tolling.**
- **ODOT filling pot holes along 43,** specifically near Shady Hollow Way, Caulfield St., West A/Elliott, Holly and McKillican.

- **There is the likelihood the City will establish an urban renewal district along the waterfront.** This was recently covered in the Tidings: “West Linn eyes urban renewal district to spur waterfront development” <https://pamplinmedia.com/but/239-news/546709-437605-west-linn-eyes-urban-renewal-district-to-spur-waterfront-development> As noted by Tidings, City of West Linn has looked at development of the waterfront along the Willamette River, Old City Hall to the historic Willamette area, for some time. After information from a feasibility study from consultants, the City Council is “poised” for the creation of an urban renewal for this area at its next meeting June 6.

- **Public Survey being conducted via postcard and online.** Public: Major Unfunded Capital Needs Project <https://westlinnoregon.gov/citycouncil/public-survey-major-unfunded-capital-needs-projects> Note: polls close on June 9, 2022

“West Linn would like to hear your thoughts on several major projects that will be underway or under consideration within the next 1-5 years. Because these are currently unfunded, the City is conducting a public survey, beginning on May 14<sup>th</sup> to help Council identify which projects are budgetary priorities for the public.”

- **There is ongoing difficulty with recruitment and retention of employees.**

- **The City is a member of the Leaders in Sustainability program.** The City has received “Clackamas County Leaders in Sustainability certification for 5 main City buildings! Four locations – City Hall, Library, the Adult Community Center, and the Police Station – have achieved the highest certification level, Gold. The Operations building earned Silver Certification.”

- **HB 22001 and HB 2002, legislation that creates middle housing.** Note: the Planning Commission recently approved a plan that will be moving forward to Council next month.

- **The creation of 4 internal teams to work on issues** – homelessness, DEI, budget and capital needs.

- **Update on Skyline Circle & Skyline Drive members to join Bolton NA.:** The change is still in process to meet all the legal procedures, by the City and will be fulfilled shortly.

#### **In Person Meetings:**

**Bolton Social Gathering:** Erich, Kunrath, Alma Coston and Mike Watters volunteered to create a plan with resources and sponsors for our neighborhood fun gathering this summer. They are looking at music, ice cream, and more. This will happen in July. Ideas are welcomed.

#### **Updates:**

- **McLean House: Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> , Morning Networking... But Coffee First, 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.** Outdoor Pavilion, 5350 River St. Open to members and guests.

- **A “Shout out” to Eagle Scouts** for their help with the grounds and grateful for upgraded irrigation system.

**Future Agenda Items:**

- **Bolton Day Occasion**
- **Invite TVF&R to a meeting:** TVF&R’s plan to address and prevent “wild fires” in Maddax Woods, Burnside Park and in our neighborhood.

**Note: upcoming webinars to register for: Oregon Community Paths Program (OCP):**

- August 1 to September 15 – Pre-Application accepted.
- November 1 to January 31, 2023 – Applications accepted.

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

- **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\\_issues\\_and\\_goals\\_july\\_20\\_2021.pdf](https://westlinnoregon.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/bolton/page/43051/priority_bna_issues_and_goals_july_20_2021.pdf)

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

**To receive BNA updates/announcements, send your email to:**

Robert McCarthy at: [BoltonNA@WestLinnOregon.gov](mailto:BoltonNA@WestLinnOregon.gov)

Adjourn: 8:50 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

See BNA Hot Topics: <https://westlinnoregon.gov/bolton/hot-topics-announcements>