



BOLTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MINUTES: Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Zoom Meeting

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

Zoom members, Zoom members: Please mute when talking w/members at home.

Welcome to attendees and get acquainted with Zoom: Attendees: 12

Draft: November 15, 2022 Minutes:

Draft Agenda: Approved.

Treasurer's Report, Walter Swan: Bank Balance: \$4086.96 Expenditure: Google: \$2.99

Updates:

- **Willamette River Noise Pollution:** 1. Meet with possible financier, if willing, decide which lawyer with whom to proceed:
 - Bob reviewed the current status: He spoke, by phone, with the individual who is considering financial support for legal action. He reported it was a good conversation and possible future steps. Members suggested actions to support this effort and finally resolve the egregious noise pollution in our neighborhood. Alma Coston pointed out that the egregious noise not only affects people living on both sides of the river, also wildlife, particularly the blue heron's nesting rookery on Goat Island, eagles and others.
 - Thoughts from members: Media articles: Story in the Oregonian; Conversation with Willamette Riverkeepers for suggestion on how to address this issue.
- **Vote to approve up to \$400 to fund a memorial bench in Maddax Woods:** Alma Coston reported that she (Friends of Maddax Woods) has contacted the company that makes this style of bench. It is located back east. The cost of the bench is \$1500. This style of bench has been approved by City of West Linn and the City will install. At this point Alma is looking at possible ways to reduce the \$800 shipping cost.
- **Old Bolton Fire Station's Future Center as a center for Emergency Preparedness.**
 - Bob McCarthy reported that he has reached out to a non-profit group in Portland asking if they are aware of federal/state funding for "emergency preparedness" that might be available for the City. This \$\$ would potentially be used to update the Old Bolton Fire House, by the City, as a facility for emergency equipment, supplies available to the community. At this point he has not heard back from them.
 - City still looking at selling the property to private owner/business.
 - Reach out to neighbors for their involvement to help decide the future of the building.

New Business:

- **BNA Annual Report:** The report from the officers is available on the BNA website at “Hot Topics.”
- **Merger with Rosemont Summit NA:** Rosemont Summit has presently decided to not merge with Bolton NA. They will meet every other month, rather than monthly.
- **BNA priorities for 2023**
 - Old Bolton Fire Station
 - Old City Hall updates: <https://www.wfilha.org/> & <https://www.facebook.com/wfheritage/>
 - BNA involve with other neighborhood associations for combined shared social activities.

Future Agenda Items

- **Our February meeting will host City Council candidates:** Special City March election
- **What’s upcoming for 2023**
- **Future BNA Officers**

Note: **I205 tolling:** Tanner Woody shared information from this evening’s City meeting, he attended, headed by West Linn Mayor Rory Bialostosky and Oregon City Mayor Denyse McGriff. Leaders talked about creating a coalition with Gladstone, Milwaukie and Canby to work on solutions with ODOT for tolling and how to mitigate the heavy impact on West Linn and Oregon City residents and businesses.

Reminders:

- **Maddax Woods:** Third Saturday of the month volunteer clean-up. To sign up go to: <https://www.solveoregon.org/opportunity/a0C8W00000VAHsmUAH/maddax-woods-monthly-cleanup>
- **Note:**

Reflection, Appreciations and Meeting Feedback

Adjourn: 8:30 pm Thank you, everyone, for another great meeting.

Reminder: Stay up to date with your Bolton Neighborhood by visiting our community website at:

<https://westlinnoregon.gov/bolton>

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

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Bolton Neighborhood Association Board Members

Robert McCarthy, President; Erich Kunrath, Vice President

Walter Swan, Treasurer; Janet McCarthy, Secretary