



BOLTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MINUTES: Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Library /Zoom Hybrid Meeting

Meeting Called to Order: Patrick Hogan: 7:05 PM

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

February 20, 2024 Minutes: Approved

Draft Agenda: Accepted with no additional changes.

Treasurer's Report: Alfred Brown: Bank Balance: \$3623.07

December Balance: \$3872.45. Expenses 12/30/23-3/19/24: Zoom Annual Subscription, \$159.90; Google Annual Domain Purchase, \$12.00; Stop check fee, \$20.00; Supplies, \$50.58.

New Business:

- **Member at Large:** The proposed final wording for the Member at Large position was discussed, and included in the section of bylaws to be changed (*see below) pending a vote 4/16. Responsibilities of the Member at Large's current duties will be posted on our webpage in the by-laws section.
- **Tugboat Presentation:** Jim Edwards from Advocates for Willamette Falls Heritage (AWFH) talked about the approaching deadline to find a temporary home to save the Lady B from the scrapyard. This awesome 75yr old tugboat is the last of its kind that was used to ferry logs up and down the river through the locks. Lady B was part of the Bernert Family fleet, and is currently owned by the Bernert family business. They have taken great care of this 40' boat, and now have generously donated it to be displayed and enjoyed for posterity, but it needs to be taken to a new home by the April 30th deadline. There are many examples of Oregonians getting together to save historically significant objects, and we need support to preserve this treasure of Oregon History. Please visit their website and show support by contacting AWFH right away. <https://willamettefalls.org/ladyb.html>
- **1st Responders Event:** June 29, 3-5 at Hammerle Park. TVF&R and WL Police will be there. This is an informal chance to mingle, see a fire truck, and honor our first responders. Lions club will be selling burgers, and BNA will treat first responders to a burger. <https://www.wl-lions.org/>
- **BNA Website:** Up and going through Facebook! Communications Coordinator will act as the moderator for the new BNA page. Lisa Wolff received acclamation for this accomplishment. <https://www.facebook.com/BoltonNeighborhoodAssociation?mibextid=ZbWKwL>
- **Resolution Request:** Using a format recognized by the City Council, a resolution was written by Vince Miles in partnership with the Safer Jolie Committee to enact traffic calming measures on Jolie Point Road. Hopes are this action will provide weight to the safer roads initiative and be an example for

other neighborhoods to follow to make our residential streets safer. The resolution was read and a motion was made, all in favor, of voting next week to send the resolution to the City Council and the Transportation Advisory Board. **resolution posted below and on our Facebook page.

- **Vision 43:** Discussed how we can get involved with Vision 43, a project to revitalize Hwy 43, and possibility for BNA to help initiate more community involvement in the project. Does the BNA want to make a vision statement? Possibly reach out to Robinwood Neighborhood Association. Looking forward to Chris Meyers presentation about Vision 43 on 5/21. Everyone should checkout the website and give input. <https://yourwestlinn.com/vision43>

Updates:

- **Bolton Neighborhood Road Signs:** Signs are up! Vince Miles was applauded for his hard work getting this project from conception to completion. Concern from a Hidden Springs resident that one sign was confusing to drivers about what neighborhood they were in. Sign clarifies it is indeed Bolton.
- **1575 Burns Street Development:** Neighbors keeping an eye on Burns St. to see if they repair pavement and current damage on the road's surface due to construction.
- **Next Meeting:** April 16, 2024

Future Agenda Items:

- Member at Large Position: Vote into bylaws.
- West Linn Water Front Project: John Floyd, City Planner, City of West Linn, presentation April 16.
- Vision 43: Chris Meyers, Associate Planner, City of West Linn, presentation May 21.
- Social events: Pickleball event/ Ice Cream Social
- Walking tour for West Linn: Roger Shepherd will keep us posted. Possibility of an electronic edition?
- Designate people/group to care for the new signs and BNA park at West A and 43.

Announcements:

- West Linn Garden Club Annual Plant Sale: May 11, 9-1 at Hammerle Park. The club meets the 1st Monday of each month at WL Lutheran Church. Become part of one of the oldest garden clubs in OR!
- Great Blue Heron Watch: Maddax Woods observation deck. Next event April 20th. 1-3 PM (And watch the eagles!) <https://westlinnoregon.gov/parksrec/heron-watch-maddax-woods-park>
- Work Party at Maddax Woods every 3rd Saturday 9-12am. [Many hands make light work!]
<https://www.solveoregon.org/opportunity/a0C8W00000VAHsmUAH/maddax-woods-monthly-cleanup>
- Get the West Linn Weekly Newsletter. <https://westlinnoregon.gov/e-news>
- Interim City Council Position open

Adjourn: 8:31 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> :

Patrick Hogan, President at: BoltonNA@WestLinnOregon.gov

Bolton Neighborhood Association Board Members

Patrick Hogan, President; Vince Miles, Vice President; Alfred Brown, Treasurer;

Amanda Brookshire, Secretary; Lisa Wolff, Communications Coordinator

***New Member at Large language for bylaws highlighted in red below:**

Article Four

Officers

Bi-annually nominations will be made at the October general meeting. Election of officers shall be held at the following November general meeting.

President: to preside at all general meetings and to generally oversee and coordinate the functions of the association.

Vice-President: to assist the president with the duties of his/her office and preside in the absence of the president.

Treasurer: to keep copies of BNA financial records, report monthly on BNA finances, Bolton Neighborhood Association By-Laws and participate with the President and Vice President in preparing required financial reports. If this position is vacant, these responsibilities become those of the Vice President.

Secretary: to keep the permanent records of the association including minutes of the meetings, correspondence, and current list of officers.

Member at Large: To fill specific duties and responsibilities of the BNA as assigned by the board. Member at Large has the same rights and responsibilities as other board members.

A vacancy in any office may be filled by the voting membership for the unexpired portion of the term.

****A RESOLUTION OF THE BOLTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AND SAFER JOLIE COMMITTEE TO ENCOURAGE THE CITY OF WEST LINN TO ENACT AND ESTABLISH TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON JOLIE POINTE ROAD**

WHEREAS, for decades the residents of Jolie Pointe Road have witnessed and have been impacted by the excessive speed of motor vehicles that travel on the roadway; and

WHEREAS, Jolie Pointe Road is identified with a functional classification of 'Local' street in the 2016 West Linn Transportation System Plan (TSP); and

WHEREAS, the overall width of Jolie Pointe Road nearly meets required standards (2016 TSP, Ch. 7, Tables 25 & 26, Fig. 17, Exhibit 9); and

WHEREAS, a pronounced deficiency in dedicated infrastructure creates a precarious environment for pedestrians and cyclists who travel on the roadway alongside motorists; and

WHEREAS, a September 2022 Traffic Analyzer Study documented 239 eastbound, and 327 westbound motor vehicles traveled in excess of the posted 25 miles-per-hour speed limit on the roadway during a 48 hour period; and

WHEREAS, the September 2022 Traffic Analyzer Study also documented 68 eastbound, and 99 westbound motor vehicles traveled at speeds between 30 and 44 miles-per-hour during the 48 hour period; and

WHEREAS, the West Linn Police Department's current and future staffing shortages have resulted in a significant withdrawal of enforcing the posted speed limit of Jolie Pointe Road; and

WHEREAS, attempts to acquire assistance and support from the Traffic Safety Committee has been ineffective and unproductive; and

WHEREAS, the Safer Jolie Committee was created to encapsulate the collective anxiety and concerns of Jolie Pointe Road residents; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Safer Jolie Committee has approached the Bolton Neighborhood Association in an attempt to gain relief and collaborative assistance to address the issue of excessive speed of motor vehicles traveling on Jolie Pointe Road; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Safer Jolie Committee has communicated with Portland-area municipalities to gain insight into how communities in the region have implemented Traffic Calming Measures in residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tigard has implemented Traffic Calming Measures through Safe Streets Initiatives, and is offering to assist the City of West Linn establish similar efforts; and,

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Safer Jolie Committee has interacted with regional agencies to acquire an understanding of how First Responders have consented and adapted to established Traffic Calming Measures in neighborhoods throughout their service districts; and

WHEREAS, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue is able and willing to navigate fire apparatus on roadways within the City of West Linn where Traffic Calming Measures, such as speed humps, have been established (e.g. Summit Street, Dillow Drive, Old River Drive, and Pimlico Drive); and,

WHEREAS, representatives of the Bolton Neighborhood Association and the Safer Jolie Committee have presented earnest requests for the establishment of Traffic Calming Measures on Jolie Pointe Road before the West Linn City Council; and

WHEREAS, genuinely receptive members of the West Linn City Council have recommended the involvement and collaboration of City Administration in addition to appropriate Advisory Boards and Municipal Departments to enact and implement Traffic Calming Measures on Jolie Pointe Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOLTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AND THE SAFER JOLIE COMMITTEE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Traffic Calming Measures must be established on Jolie Point Road to address the hazardous environment pedestrians and cyclists are exposed to due to the deficiency of dedicated infrastructure as well as the deterioration of livability due to the excessive speed of motor vehicles that travel on the roadway.

Section 2: The Bolton Neighborhood Association and the Safer Jolie Committee, at the recommendation of City Council, strongly encourage the Transportation Advisory Board to collaborate with the City Manager as well as the Engineering and Streets Divisions of the Public Works Department to facilitate the establishment of Traffic Calming Measures on Jolie Point Road.

Section 3: Establishment of Traffic Calming Measures on Jolie Point Road must include:

-A reduction of the currently designated 25 mph speed limit to 20 mph; and

-Conversion of existing posted signage to reflect the reduced speed limit; and

-Installation of speed humps at appropriate intervals that are modified to accommodate fire apparatus

Section 4. The Bolton Neighborhood Association and the Safer Jolie Committee contend that a dedicated and collaborative effort to establish Traffic Calming Measures on Jolie Point Road can be accomplished and inspire the creation of a commission that addresses the necessity of making residential streets throughout the city more safe for all users.