



BOLTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MINUTES: Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Library /Zoom Hybrid Meeting

Meeting Called to Order: Patrick Hogan: 7:06 PM

Welcome to Attendees: 14 in person, 1 guest speaker

Draft Nov. 19, 2025 Minutes: Approved

Draft Agenda: Approved

Treasurer's Report: Alfred Brown: Bank Balance: \$3579.07 Expenses: Annual zoom license renewal

Updates:

- **West Linn Waterfront Project:** Final Draft of the Waterfront Vision Plan is on line on the city webpage! Everyone is encouraged to check it out now and take the short survey so they can make sure the project is inline with community aspirations: yourwestlinn.com/waterfront-community-vision
- **Annual Report Review:** Accolades to Vince Miles for all his hard work writing a fantastic annual report. It was well appreciated by the group! Went over highlights and accomplishments of the year and discussed things we look forward to doing next year.
- **Communications Coordinator:** BNA Facebook followers up to 77, list serve up to 165! Go to westlinn-oregon.gov/bolton and sign up to the Bolton NA email list by clicking on the red Sign Up Now icon under Key Topics to stay informed about the neighborhood.
- **Christi Lanz; Small School Alliance (SSA) Presentation:** SSA doing great work looking into the communities concerns about WLWV budget issues and sussing out the details of how money is being spent and discussed, while also explaining why the community is feeling apprehensive about the reasons the district is so focused on the proposed possibility of closing schools as a budgetary solution. Points made about the uncertainty of the figures, and noting the community does not see the benefit of closing any schools for an undisclosed budget shortfall as a step of long term fiscal responsibility and would obviously not be in the best interest of the children. We have all been concerned from the beginning that they are not talking of other ways to make their budget work. Christi has worked hard to come up with innovative solutions and holding the board to task to make sure they are listening to the publics concerns, and needs.
 - o A reminder, board members are public servants and you can schedule meetings and send them emails and they will hear you. Last chance for public comment to the West Linn-Wilsonville School Board is next Monday before the school board makes a vote on the matter of closing schools. Meeting at WL High School at 4:30 Monday the 27th. Even with no school closures, the community will need to continue communications to ensure the continued success of Bolton Primary School.

- o Check out the group West Linn-Wilsonville Education 4 All. They are also working hard to keep the community informed about school meeting and looking at solutions to challenges facing our schools. Visit West Linn-Wilsonville Education 4 all website: wlvved4all.org
- o Appreciation given through a round of applause to Christi Lanz and her diligence to keep the community informed and doing everything possible to figure out how to keep our schools open.

New Business:

- **Wildlife Ordinance:** West Linn looking for input about new proposed wildlife ordinance in the city. Local problem with people feeding coyotes and other wild animals when believing they are leaving food out for feral cats. Please share your feedback about possibly fining people for feeding wildlife (with the exception of birds). General attitude of approval from the room. The new proposed ordinance is best found by searching Google for "wildlife ordinance West Linn Oregon" and clicking on "Granicus <https://westlinn.granicus.com> PDF. December 2, 2024 To: Rory Bialostosky, Mayor West L".
- **City Communications:** Community members are interested in building better communications with the city: ie. Being able to expect a call back from the city when having been told they will respond. Need for BNA to look for ways to broker an agreement to come up with and install better methods of communication with the city. Based on previous communications, we believe the city is in agreement.
- **BNA Mailer: Possibility of interest in making the BNA annual mailer larger.** Inquiring to the city if this is a possibility if we are willing to put in the extra cost, and how much that will be?
- **Next Meeting:** February 17, 2025

Future Agenda Items:

- Continue the conversation informing our community members of WLWV school districts decisions and plans for West Linn schools with. Keep everyone informed about the districts decision.
- Vision 43: Chris Myers will be back soon to show us some initial renderings of Vision 43 project the city put together through community input. Visit <https://yourwestlinn.com/vision43>

Announcements:

- West Linn Garden Club meets the 1st Monday of each month at West Linn Lutheran Church. Become part of one of the oldest garden clubs in Oregon!
- Work Party at Maddax Woods every 3rd Saturday 9-12am. [Bring your work gloves!]

<https://volunteer.solveoregon.org/opportunity/a0CVL00000D5RCF2A3/maddax-woods-monthly-cleanup>

- Get the West Linn Weekly Newsletter. <https://westlinnoregon.gov/e-news>

Adjourn: 8:57 pm Thank you, everyone, for participating.

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

<https://westlinnoregon.gov/bolton> and on our BNA Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/BoltonNeighborhoodAssociation?mibextid=ZbWKwL>

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, Member at Large