

YAC Minutes for 4 April 2018 CE  
By Evan J McKinley, Secretary

Jake calls the meeting to order at 16:05

Caden, Advey, Evan J McKinley, Mac, Tanner, Hunter, Andrew, Jake, Advey, Noah, Ms F, Interim Police Chief Hennelly, John Cahill (citizen attending for a Community Comment), David Baker, Councilor Cummings in attendance

John Cahill and David Baker have a Community Comment. Mr Cahill thought we knocked the presentation to the City Council out of the park. His personal opinion is that we didn't get a huge response. It's an uphill battle. West Linn is a great city, but there is little citizen involvement. His daughter carpools with an Early Bird student, making it rather inconvenient for her. We need to rally our fellow students and parents and everyone around them. A petition would probably get a lot of signatures. Possibly do a walkout. The biggest arguments against allowing parking in the neighborhood are safety and trash. He's not sure how students would address the trash issue. Leaders would have to clean up other student's garbage. Regarding safety, NACTO said that narrow residential streets slow drivers down, and parking cars on streets make the streets safer. He thinks the NA has some good points, like with the sidewalk problem. If the parking situation went into the night aspect, parents would get involved due to their interest in attending games. The YAC is being discriminated against because of the age of its members. Mr Cahill is willing to help. His daughter's a junior, so she won't be affected by any change before she graduates; as such, he has no dog in the fight. He suggests setting up a table and getting signatures. He commends us on our fantastic job.

David Baker is really proud of the YAC and of Rory. All senior who have worked on this won't benefit from it. Traffic calming on West A Street would be great. Our conclusion really was a compromise.

Jake calls to approve rather a lot of previous minutes

Councilor Cummings wonders when the minutes were posted. Ms F says Monday, and that if we want to delay the approval of the minutes, a YAC member can make a motion to do so. Councilor Cummings says that she was just asking a question. David Baker says that as president of the Rosemont Neighborhood Association, it is standard practice.

Noah motions to approve the minutes, Caden seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Councilor Cummings asks how many sets of minutes were approved. Ms F says six.

Ms F says that Caitlin McCabe is not here and that advertising for the mental health awareness night would take time

Evan J McKinley says that on the one hand, Caitlin isn't here, so perhaps we should put off discussing the mental health awareness night, but on the other hand, time is short

Jake thinks that due to the time issue, we might push it to next year

Ms F suggests beginning of school year

Hunter thinks we should dedicate our time one hundred percent to the night or not at all

Noah suggests moving our discussion of the night to the next meeting

Noah motions to remove Councilor Cummings from her position as YAC-City Council liason

Andrew seconds the motion

Jake calls for discussion

Noah says that city regulations say that councilors must not attempt to lobby or influence boards or committees as a liason

Andrew thinks that at the last meeting, Councilor Cummings spoke for nearly an hour, lobbying (by which he means influencing) her ideas

Councilor Cummings says that at the last meeting, she asked if we wanted to be involved in a committee with all points of view, to look at it from all angles. Her point last meeting regarding the long time possible on an activity bus was something that we said in a previous meeting. Same with the shuttle idea. She was trying to explain her speech at the earlier City Council meeting. When she speaks, it's for herself unless she says it's what the City Council says

Andrew says that she mentioned many new ideas, such as parking meters and wifi on buses

Evan J McKinley says that she did say that they were just ideas

Councilor Cummings says that even if parking was opened up, there would still probably be problems

Jake thought that Councilor Cummings was trying to influence us to drop it

Councilor Cummings thinks that it was just that the problem wouldn't be solved

Advey says that saying it did come off as trying to deter us

Noah understands, but the rules say that the Council liaison must first explain her role

Councilor Cummings says that she did

Andrew says that she had been speaking as a citizen

Councilor Cummings says that she can't lie and say that she's speaking on behalf of the Council

Noah thinks that Councilor Cummings was trying to change our decision

Councilor Cummings is sorry it came across that way - all she was trying to do was suggest the committee of all points of view

Hunter thinks it was difficult for the group to take. She asked for the Council's opinion and it seemed that the Council didn't really have that. She feels that our solution wasn't really addressed.

Evan J McKinley says that it's hard to say anything during the meeting that can't be interpreted as partial

Councilor Cummings says that the City Council is still waiting to meet with the school board. They have been waiting since last June to meet with the board. The meeting will be on 16 April. The City Council doesn't make decisions at work sessions

Evan J McKinley wonders what Councilor Cummings had said to the YAC to explain her role as liaison.

Councilor Cummings says that she started by explaining what she had to say as an individual

Andrew thinks that since we already voted on our proposal, Councilor Cummings' providing information was influencing

Councilor Cummings says that in her opinion, asking questions isn't influencing. She will agree to disagree

Noah says that Councilor Cummings has the opportunity to speak up as a member of the public in a meeting's Community Comments

Councilor Cummings says that she spoke to clear up misconceptions

Hunter feels that at the next meeting, Councilor Cummings had a lot of suggestions. She didn't really mention City Council stuff. It was confusing and kind of frustrating given our plan. Hunter feels that Councilor Cummings tried to steer us away from it.

Councilor Cummings says that she wanted us to understand her comments at the City Council meeting. She just wanted to clear that up.

Andrew says that Councilor Cummings did not only say that

Hunter feels that Councilor Cummings had spoken more than we did as a council

Councilor Cummings says that we were having a conversation

Evan J McKinley says that perhaps we could give Councilor Cummings a polite warning regarding the regulations rather than immediately voting for expulsion

Jake calls for a vote

Andrew seconds the motion

Evan J McKinley and Advay vote against the vote of no confidence. Noah, Mac, Caden, Tanner, Hunter, Andrew, Jake vote for the vote of no confidence. There are no abstentions. Passes.

Ms F says that the Mayor is the one who makes the appointment of the liaison. She suggests a meeting with the Mayor, Ms Stein, Ms F, and Councilor Cummings

Noah clarifies that the vote that just happened was a vote of no confidence from the YAC

Report from interim police chief Hennelly. He will give a brief update of what's going on with the WLPD.

Out of the top three positions in the Department, the Chief of Police, the Captain, and the Lieutenant, only the Captain spot is not vacant. Chief Hennelly's mission is to keep the bus on the highway out of the trees. If you call 911, police will show up shortly, politely, and with courtesy, though they're short-staffed.

They never close. They've narrowed down the chief candidates to two from 47. The top six interviewed last week or two weeks ago. Panels of key members of the community did the interviews. It's a very rigorous process. The candidates had to write and defend a hundred-day plan. Everyone did a great job.

All did exceptionally well, and he'd be happy to work for any of them. One candidate is Captain Williams, the second-in-command in the Beaverton PD, and the other is from Kruger, temporarily retired, and a resident here.

He was an adjunct (second-in-command) to two other chiefs, did community outreach, and is a natural leader. The two candidates are very different but either would do well. Chief Hennelly has been the interim chief since June. The PD changed their report and dispatch systems recently. In June, there were no female members of the WLPD, but now there are two: Dana Gunderson and Stephanie Harrow (at the police academy for another 14 weeks), the latter of whom will work in training officers and would be happy to work with the YAC regarding mental health. There are a couple of new officers, one of them at the academy: a strength and fitness expert who is a great guy. The WLPD is hiring people who will make them better. The WLPD is kind of a niche police department, so new recruits have to fit here.

Andrew wonders why Chief Hennelly isn't interested in the chief position

Chief Hennelly says that it's mainly because he's retiring in June, and his wife is retiring too

David Baker wonders if there's an agent available for a ridealong

Chief Hennelly advises talking to Officer Halverson. There is a dress code, and you have to sign a waiver. It's a great opportunity. Don't do a day shift or a weekend (it's not as exciting). You don't have to do a full ten-hour shift. Wildlife abounds at three AM. There's some fun stuff, some mind-numbing stuff. He encourages a ridealong and recommends thinking of questions beforehand.

Hunter wonders how the PD recruits SORs

Chief Hennelly says that Sims and Halverson, who were both applying for the job, were both asked for lesson plans. Sims needed more job experience, but he made an awesome video for traffic safety. Officer Halverson was as good. He was an officer in New Zealand a while ago. He's on a four-year block

Hunter asks if there's a limit to number of ridealongs

Chief Hennelly says yes. It's like salted peanuts: you can't have just one. Two or three per school year is the limit.

Caden says that the WLPD is doing a great job

Chief Hennelly says that Officer Jake Powell recently recently saved a life with first aid. There hasn't been a homicide in town for about 20 years. He spent thirty years as a full-time WLPD officer. He's retiring February 2020. His parents grew up in the Great Depression. The Sergeant recently had his twentieth anniversary, making him the second-longest to be serving. Chief Hennelly gave him a Starbucks card with one dollar per year served. Officer Burvel Wade Coleman has two master's degrees. Artistic people look at the world differently. Regardless of his opinion on the parking problem, he thinks that we did a good job presenting our proposal to the City Council

Jake asks if there's anything else

Ms F says that there's a meeting in two weeks. She might call an unofficial meeting for 18 April at the Police Department for the new chief. The next meeting is on 16 April.

Meeting adjourned at 17:16