



YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

4 p.m. – WebEx

Present Youth Advisory Council Members: Caroline Nielson, Jake Frazier, Liv Tinio, Annamika Konkola, Nate DeMoro, Karina Rower, Mariam Hassan, Madeline Brown, Drayton Nimz, Emily Newbore

West Linn Staff Members: Dylan Digby, John Williams

West Linn City Council Members: None

Absent: Danny Milstein, Elijah McKinley, Declan Winder, Aubrey Cutler, Summer Tan, Macy Gong, Kogen Brown, Holly Bartholomew

Call to Order: Meeting called to order

Approve minutes: Minutes will be approved at a later date

Public Comment: None

Status of COVID Letter: Article on COVID letter launched a meeting. Talked about ways to adjust the lunch issues and adjust mask enforcement. Going to try to enforce more and follow up again later.

Oppenlander Property Presentation and Discussion: Featuring special guest John Williams, Community Development Director and Deputy City Manager.

Liv asked about how amenity cost would be added into the bond and John responded.

John Williams gave background on issues and that Council will decide in May 2022 on language and details to send to voters for 20 year bond to purchase the property.

Jake asked whether baseball fields could be converted to football or soccer fields. John said yes, but the measure has to be sent to voters in January so there is not a lot of time to put together a master plan. If voters decide to buy, there could be a community-led design process. John mentioned that the bond won't pay for ongoing maintenance. Jake asked about difference

between turf and artificial fields. John answered that grass fields are less playable in winter, but artificial turf can extend the season.

Caroline asked about parking issues with big sports events. John said it is tradeoff if you want to enlarge the parking area.

Liv asked about the timeline. John answered that the vote is in May; if approved, a bond will be sold on a financial market that delivers money months later. John explained the real estate process. 2023 is a possible start for the project, with construction in summer.

Madeline asked about lighting and field lighting and expressed concerns about effects on animal migration. John discussed lighting codes and conflicts with neighbors, as well as use of fields at night and artificial lighting options.

The group discussed survey amenity options and John explained the wide range of options offered in survey results.

John said the city wants to hear from YAC, because members will pay for the project if they become homeowners.

Liv said fields would be a good thing for the community. Other parks are playground parks nearby, this would be nice if it had other amenities.

Jake and Emily may go to next Council meeting with Summer and Liv on Nov 15 to share the YAC's perspective.

YAC wants to keep Oppenlander as a park. They want to expand parking, lighting, and increase paths. YAC reached agreement on wanting to keep it as a park and this project has a tighter timeline.

COVID Meeting and Letter Recap: Went over the COVID meeting and letter again for those that missed it earlier. The school is against punishment-based enforcement for masks, but will add outdoor lunch tents. Having a meeting in few weeks to see if any changes helped. ROAR added a small item at the end of their newsletter about COVID; the reaction from students was to make fun of it. Discussion of some staff or teacher input that could be incorporated.

Agreed to bring input from others, such as staff, to next meeting to reinforce why we need to make COVID changes.

Jake said he talked to SRO Johnson about enforcement. Officer Johnson said the district has never been a "punishment district" on other topics either.

Final questions were when to send the letter or open classrooms.

Volunteer Efforts

Discussion on doing a volunteering project for parks as a group. Dylan to ask Parks staff to attend future meeting to share more details and send an email with volunteering information.

Other Business: None

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm

Next meeting December 15, 2021 @ 4:00pm

Minutes approved: