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Hidden Springs Neighborhood Association

April 17, 2018

West Linn Adult Community Center, Maple Room – Scheduled 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Quorum: A quorum was established is 18 members present.

President, Lauren Beeney called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

New board members were introduced to the membership and all members were asked to introduce themselves.

Officer' Report:

Treasure's Report: No expenditures  
Credit from city \$60 for overcharges for room rental  
Current Balance is \$8,109.99 prior to \$60 deposit

Emergency Preparedness:

Patti Niswanger is looking for Block Captains to serve as a point person for a small group of neighbors in our quest to initiate the Map Your Neighborhood program in Hidden Springs. Dede Montgomery offered to address the membership at our next meeting with more details about how the Map Your Neighborhood program works. Patti Niswanger & Eleanor Wynn offered to coordinate meetings on their streets to serve as an example to other areas of Hidden Springs on how to carry out the Map Your Neighborhood program. Learn more about the program at:

[www.prepareoregon.org](http://www.prepareoregon.org)

General Obligation Bond:

Mayor Russ Axelrod, who also happens to live in Hidden Springs addressed the membership to explain why the bond is needed, what the funds will be spent on and how much it will cost the homeowners. The GO would raise between 15 and 20 million dollars. Right now bond rates are very favorable so the hope is it will come in on the high side. There are some administrative costs associated with the bond so the funds available to spend on projects should be about 17 to 19 million. Clackamas County and the State of Oregon collect taxes based on our city's fixed property tax rates, which are generally low, so only 13 cents on the dollar comes back to the City of West Linn. There are not sufficient funds to complete all or even many of the projects we would like to see happen to improve parks, facilities, roadways and city infrastructure. The previous bond for parks is expiring so this new bond is planned to continue at the same rate of \$.42 per \$1,000 of assessed value or less. As a result, the bond itself would not increase your property taxes. To determine what projects the city would undertake three different surveys were conducted and there was a public vetting process involving the citizen budget committee, staff, council and community input at several public meetings. Community interest revealed that about 2/3 of those surveyed want to

improve transportation related infrastructure, the other approximately 1/3 would go toward improving parks and a slightly lesser proportion toward improving city-owned facilities, including our library. The proposed bond measure is described on the city website and general descriptions of the proposed target projects are available in the recent council meeting records on the city website - the Mayor also provided some copies of the target projects from the council record with cost information removed from the draft table per staff recommendation.

Traffic Control: Lauren provided update on the pedestrian safety issue where neighbors have requested the installation of a cross walk signal at the corner of Churchhill Downs and Santa Anita. Jim Brown made a motion and it was seconded by Ruby Friesen that our President send a letter to the city requesting that they make it a priority to move this project forward.

Ivy Task Force: Eleanor Wynn made the request for volunteers to join her on the Ivy Task Force. Carol Shive volunteered to serve on the committee. Eleanor will present a suggestion for an action plan at our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Niswanger, Secretary/Treasurer