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Hidden Springs Neighborhood Association

April 16, 2019

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

Quorum: A quorum was established with 10 members present.

President, Lauren Beeney called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm
Agenda was approved and minutes from the February 19, 2018 meeting were approved.

Officer' Report:

Treasure's Report: Current balance \$8,942.89 no change from the previous balance.

Guest Speaker - Eileen Stein, West Linn City Manager:

Eileen introduced herself and told us that she has served in city government for many years. She was previously the Assistant City Manager in Springfield before taking jobs as City Manager in Mt. Angel and Sisters, Oregon. She accepted the job as West Linn City Manager in 2016. She shared an interesting history of the position of City Manager in the US and around the world. About 100 years ago the first City Manager position was created to separate the business of running the government from politics. The advent of the Industrial Revolution created many management positions in business and it became apparent that city government was a business and needed to be managed by a professional.

As City Manager she works closely with the City Council and the Mayor. City Council is charged with setting policy, goals and interfacing with the citizens of our city. Those goals are organized around a program called "Imagine West Linn our vision forward to the year 2040". The City Manager's job is to create the budget and carry out the policies and goals established by City Council. Eileen and her staff are to make sure all services are provided fairly to all citizens without politics coming into play.

The budget has been completed and will be under review for the next couple of months. In June the budget will be approved and goes into effect July 1, 2019.

Manager Stein went on to share the city's 5 Guiding Principles and 18 Goals that make up the "Imagine West Linn" program. A link is provided here:

<https://westlinnoregon.gov/citycouncil/2019-city-council-goals>

Mark Gilbert – Public Safety Advisory Board: Mark is a resident of Hidden Springs. He shared that the advisory board has one open position that needs to be filled if anyone interested. In addition to addressing citizen concerns about public safety the board is charged with advancing emergency preparedness and the MAP for Neighborhood program in West Linn. They are looking to accelerate the expansion of this program. The board also has a program for Teen Driver Safety and scholarships available.

Eleanor Wynn – Ivy Task Force: Sadly the Metro Grant that Eleanor applied for was not awarded for our Trillium Creek Ivy Abatement project. She is looking for other funding sources. The chair suggested that some of the HSNA funds be used for the Ivy Abatement project but chose to table the request for commitment on funds for the Trillium Creek Trail until further notice. She will submit a request for funds at our next June meeting. Also, a request was made for President Beeney to ask the adjoining Robinwood neighborhood to consider contributing to the cost since their neighborhood surrounds part of the affected area.

Eleanor has secured the support of SOLVE for our **EARTH DAY IVY PULL** on the Palomino Trail. Please bring your heavyduty gloves and loppers (if you have them) to the Palomino Park beginning at 9:00 AM this Saturday, April 20th.

<https://www.solveoregon.org/opportunity/a0C1I00000Gsg3jUAB>

President Beeney – Spending Stipend Funds: Lauren would like to spend some of the funds we have accumulated over the years before the city decides to take it back. Member, Richard Akins suggested we use some of the funds to honor our police and fire personnel with a summer picnic. There was lots of enthusiasm for this but some members thought tying it in with the West Linn Old Fashioned Fair might be a better idea than planning a whole separate event. Lauren will take this up with the other NA at their upcoming President's meeting. Lauren also suggested that rather than try to plan a Hidden Springs Neighborhood gathering that we offer funds to smaller sections of our neighborhood should they want to put on a block party. Another neighbor suggested spending the majority of the money on the ivy abatement.

The board has made the decision to hold meetings every other month going forward. Therefore the next meeting will be Tuesday, June 18, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.