

Hidden Springs Neighborhood Association

ZOOM GENERAL MEETING

MARCH 16, 2021

Quorum: A quorum was established with at least 10 participants.

Call to Order: President, CJ Koll called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda: Eileen Wende moved that the agenda be adopted with flexibility. Roger Wende Seconded. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

Approval of the Minutes: Roger Wende moved that the minutes of the Feb. 23, 2021 HSNA meeting be approved as corrected. PJ Christopher Seconded. Motion was adopted by acclamation.

Financial Report: PJ Christopher reported that there is a balance of \$ 7,954.23 as of today in HSNA bank account. The last purchase made was \$2,500.00 to the City of West Linn for the park benches on 1-15-21. An upcoming expenditure of \$200.00 is anticipated for the new meeting signs to be paid upon their pickup.

President's Report:

CJ Koll reported that he provided testimony before City Council on Mar. 8, 2021 on the issue of changing positions while on the City Council.

Announcements from the City & Community:

1. City Council Updates

Mayor Jules Walters gave a brief synopsis of her first few months in office.

- West Linn is receiving \$5 million from the American Recovery Plan to be allocated over a two-year period for COVID-19 relief.
- There has been massive storm clean-up needed in the community. To date there have been over 2000 dump truck loads and there is much more to be done. Tree debris is being dumped in Mary's Young Park and Wilderness Park.
- 51 trees have been removed, 200 more still needed to be removed
- Tree replanting timeline is uncertain at this point but a priority of the city.
- There is website for getting a permit for removing trees on private property, which were damaged in the recent ice storm. There is no fee.
<https://westlinnoregon.gov/parksrec/tree-removal-permit>
- Library reopened March 15 for internal hold pickups with COVID-19 safety measures in place.
- The search for a new Post Office location is ongoing.

- There is a plan to reverse the back-in parking design for Old Town, due to the number of accidents and complaints. The parking will be head in.
- The work on Police Reform and Equity Oversight continues.
- The work to recruit a new Police Chief is ongoing.
- Currently there are two vacancies on the Budget Committee. These positions will be addressed at the April 12 Council Meeting.

2. Presentation: I-205 Improvement Project

Ellen Sweeney of ODOT gave a comprehensive overview of the progress on the I-205 Improvement project.

- She reviewed the Comprehensive Congestion Management & Mobility Plan
- Funding for the project is not confirmed at this point.
- Discussed the time lines for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the plan.
- Discussed future times to get/give input.
- Gave the website for more and continuing information.
- Listened to neighborhood concerns over traffic issues over the tolling plan.

Ellen directed us to the following website:

www.oregon.gov/odot/tolling/page/I-205-tolling.aspx

3. Presentation: Oregon City-West Linn Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge Concept Plan

Sandra Hikari from ODOT gave us an update on the initial plans to build a new pedestrian/ bicycle bridge from West Linn to Oregon City. The Oregon Department of Transportation in partnership with West Linn, Oregon City, Metro and Clackamas County are investigating the feasibility of building this bridge. The project will:

- Identify possible bridge locations (Down to 3 at this point)
- Consider the historical significance of the area
- Evaluate options that have low impact on natural and cultural resource
- Provide easier accessibility for youth and older citizens
- Provide opportunities for the region to reconnect with the river.
- This stage is to plan and to design, but is unfunded at this time
- There will be a virtual visual rendering provided for the three different options.
- There is an Online Open House on March 29, 2021
- There is Virtual Public Meeting on Tuesday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m.
- Tinyurl.com/WalkBikeRoll

Old Business

1. Post Office Update

CJ reported that the meeting on March 10th did not provide any significant new information regarding the search for space for a new post office.

2. HB 2001/2003 Committee Update

CJ had a conflict at the time of the rescheduled HB2001 meeting from February 16 to March 4, and was not able to attend. He is waiting for the city to provide the video of the meeting in order to review the presentations and discussions. The work of the

committees is ongoing with two meetings scheduled in April. There will be a community survey released in late March or early April asking for input.

3. Meeting Signs

PJ Christopher placed the meeting notice signs with the help of his daughters prior to the meeting. Additional signs will be picked up, as soon as they have been printed. The order will be paid for when the order has been completed.

New Business

1. Introduction to the FireWise Neighborhood Concept

Eileen Wende gave a brief introduction to the steps to become a FireWise community. Our NA is in an area, where wildfires are a real risk. The FireWise program involves neighbors working and planning together to reduce wildfire danger around their homes and nearby natural green spaces. Neighbors need to get started by forming a Board and having at least 8 home owners sign on to show their interest. They will work with the Oregon Department of Forestry and Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue to get a community fire assessment completed for their community. Then they will use the assessment to form a plan to work together to mitigate the fire danger to their homes and nearby greenspaces. And lastly, they will continue to educate members of their community on ways to protect their homes from fire.

2. Other Upcoming SOLVE Volunteer Opportunities

Our area has been heavily impacted by tree damage from the recent ice storm. Neighbors and volunteers are working together to clear out the downed branches restore and maintain shared parks and greenspaces.

a. Mary S Young Park Work Party

April 3, 2021

9:00 a.m. 3 hours

b. Sunburst II Greenspace

Carriage Way & Suncrest Dr.

April 10, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: April 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Items

- Speaker David Kleinke with SOLVE
- Backyard Habitats Speaker
- Firewise USA

- Other items as suggested by residents

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eileen Wende, Secretary

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