

# Hidden Springs Neighborhood Association

ZOOM MEETING: April 18, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

## Minutes

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

**2. Introductions: A quorum was established.**

**Members:** Lauren Beeney, Russ Axelrod, DeDe Montgomery, Danette Marvin, Susan Hennessey, Marcus Wood, Karen Storz, Randy Misustin, Karen Wied, Dave Schwartz, Roger Wende, Eileen Wende, CJ Koll, Jenny Koll, Douglas Greenburg, Dave Schwartz, Kathie Halwekie, Stew Martin, Eileen Boerger

**Guests:** Maegan Vidal and Dan Schumaker, School Board Candidats for WL/WL; Stefan Meyer, Jacob Fuhur, Stephanie McKee (FireWise) and Captain Lake from the TVFR; Daisy Pesak, Boys and Girls Aid; and John Williams, City Manager of West Linn.

**3. Agenda approval:**

Eileen Wende moved and Russ Axelrod seconded, that the agenda be adopted with flexibility. Motion Passed. ( Guests will be moved forward before Business on the agenda.)

**4. Approval of the Minutes:**

Russ Axelrod moved and DeDe Montgomery seconded that the Minutes of the February 21, 2023, HSNA be approved as amended. Motion passed.

**5. Financial Report:**

CJ read the online financial report. The current balance in the account of the HSNA is \$ 1,939.11 as of March 31, 2023. An additional \$1,000 from the City of West Linn should be coming in soon.

**6. President's Report:**

- **Cedar Oaks Boat Ramp Closure**

CJ reminded members that the Cedar Oaks Boat Ramp will be closed for repaving and repairs from April 24- May 5, 2023.

- **November Meeting Date**

CJ reminded members that the current November 21, 2023 meeting date is during Thanksgiving week. He proposed that the HSNA meeting be held on Nov. 14, 2023 to avoid the potential conflict with travel plans.. There was no objection.

**7. CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS** John Williams ,West Linn City Manager

City Manager John Williams identified current issues facing the West Linn City Council.

- The new City Councilors, Leo Groner and Scott Erwin were sworn in this week.
- The new councilors were asked to identify their goals for the city, which will be used to set priorities and establish guidelines for the Council working together.
- The tolling on 205 continues to be a major concern for the City. But ODOT has not been responsive to the concerns and issues raised by the entities, which are most likely to be impacted . Safety and traffic congestion are the top concerns.
- Discussions are taking place around HiWay #43 and changes to the Hidden Springs Intersection. Issues raised by area residents have been heard.
- The waterline on the Abernethy Bridge continues to be a top priority. The city is asking the Legislature for financial assistance to fund the project.
- The Council is exploring the ramifications of multiple citizen requests that the City of West Linn provide an indoor Recreation Center for its residents.
- The Police Oversight Committee is close to becoming a reality.
- Sustainability remains a top priority for the city.
- Development of the City Budget is an ongoing responsibility of the City Council.
- Developing an effective Communication system for West Linn is also a priority.
- Housing Affordability is a challenge and an ongoing issue for the City. Land values are seen as a barrier to building affordable housing concepts in West Linn.
- There was not a definitive response to a request about using Neighborhood Association dollars to fight land use appeals.

## **9. New Business**

### **a. West Linn/ Wilsonville School Board Candidates**

1. Maegan Vidal , Candidate for Position #2
  - Only Candidate who would be a school board member from Wilsonville.
  - Previous experience on Boards and Councils
  - Wants all students to be successful in reading and math
  - Improve WL/WV school board relationships with city councils
2. Dan Schumaker
  - Long time resident of West Linn
  - Raised his kids, taught and was a principal in West Linn
  - Believes that WL/WV serves college bound students well, but would like to see that all students be prepared for post graduate success.
  - Stated that educators and parents have insights into how successful their students can be, besides standardized tests.

### **b. TVFR Presentation**

Stephan Meyers, a public officer of the Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, provided background to the size and work of the TVFR.

- One of the largest fire departments in Oregon
- Covers parts of 4 counties, the largest being Washington County
- Serves 11 cities with 28 firestations staffed by 443 career firefighters and 42 volunteer firefighters, a long tradition in West Linn.
- Most calls are medical emergencies, not actual fires.
- Fire stations #55, #58 and # 59 serve West Linn. He referred to the station that serves the HSNA as Firestation Five Five, not fifty-five.
- Stations support other areas as needed.

Stephanie McKee, Deputy Fire Marshall II

- Introduced herself as the co-ordinator for the FireWise program in TVFR.
- Provides education around protecting homes from Wildfires
- Stated most structural damage due to wildfires is from embers igniting vulnerable areas around houses. Embers can travel upto a mile.
- Offers training on Ready-Set-GO, an evacuation system used for catastrophic events. TVFR has a Virtual training on May 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

### c. Boys and Girls Aid

Daisy Pesak, an Outreach and Certified Specialist at Boys and Girls Aid

- Talked about the role of the Boys and Girls Aid
- It provides essential support for families providing foster care.
- Services differ based on the age of the children in foster care
- Respite care is offered for foster parents
- 24/7 support is available to foster care families
- There are over 8,000 children in foster care
- Volunteers are welcome and trained for the work

## 8. Old Business

### a. WAP-22-02 Recap

Initial attempts to testify about denying the land use application were not successful. Many factors must be considered before moving forward on the appeal including cost, time and personal commitment.

**MOTION:** CJ Koll moved the HSNA will cover the cost of the filing fee of \$400 for a land use board of appeals in addition to upto \$600 of other administrative costs associated with the appeal if those with standing choose to appeal the decision of AP-23-01 to the LUBA. Russ Axelrod seconded. The motion passed

b. Hidden Springs Area SOLVE Updates

i. Appaloosa Trail-

Christine Linder announced that the work on the Appaloosa Trail area is ongoing. SOLVE and neighborhood volunteers are being solicited to continue the work. An Earth Day event is being planned for April 23 to highlight the ongoing work that is happening.

ii. Carriage Way Greenspace

Eileen Wende announced that the work on the Carriage Way greenspace and wetlands has been expanded to encompass the southern entrance to Maryhurst Heights Park along Carriage Way. The city is providing dumpsters to help remove the limbs that were damaged in the February 2021 ice storm. There have been two clean ups so far this year in March and April. The city provided us with some trees to plant in Maryhurst Heights Park for Arbor Day. The next SOLVE event is scheduled for May 13, 2023.

c. Summer Social for the HSNA

CJ led a discussion on having a HSNA summer social.

d. Member topics

No additional topics were discussed.

**10. Future Meeting -** Next Meeting; June 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

**11. Adjourn :** CJ adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen Wende