

HIDDEN SPRINGS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

June 30, 2015 Minutes

West Linn Adult Community Center

Scheduled 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Erik Van de Water;

QUORUM: Quorum was established with 16 members present

OFFICER REPORTS: No reports were read at this meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Confusion at the city over the status of the merger between our neighborhood association and the Rosemont Summit Neighborhood Association and deciding when and how, to call a vote for a merger.

Lengthy discussion was held regarding the potential merger between Hidden Springs and Rosemont Summit Neighborhood associations. Both associations have been relatively inactive. It was pointed out that the map the City has posted does not show the correct boundaries. Views varied about the reasonableness of a merger.

Comments included that having a larger HSNA may increase engagement by the members of both. Those present who have had extensive experience with trying to increase member engagement expressed frustration with the level of apathy that exists. People are busy and unwilling to volunteer to coordinate community activities. Large numbers show up to meetings only when their personal rights or property are at risk. Several members present voiced concerns about the a merger's impact on the HSNA bylaws, which are viewed as critically important, given the significant effort made to pass them as currently written.

Comments in favor of a merger included that both neighborhoods are built out with minimal planning issues to resolve. It was pointed out that there is a difference between the two communities: Hidden Springs is largely a bedroom community with single family homes, whereas Rosemont Summit, while it does have single family homes within its boundaries, it has both multifamily and mixed use zoning. This may put members in a combined NA at odds with each other.

Some members new to attending the meeting mentioned that it was difficult to learn about when and where meetings are held. Current and past board members described the many ways they have attempted to reach out to the membership, including posting of signs, as well as sending emails and post cards. Erik mentioned that now, with the changes by the City to centralize communication, the only way to get email notification of meetings is to sign up on the City website on the Hidden Springs page. Many agreed that communication was a major challenge.

After much discussion, it was moved by Susan Van de Water and seconded by David Van de Water “to move forward with exploring the merger between the Hidden Springs and Rosemont Summit Neighborhood Associations.” The motion was opened for discussion.

Jay Lamb<must confirm> moved to amend the motion, and seconded by Ruby Friesen, to clarify the intent of the word “explore” to mean “to get the temperature of the membership of the two associations about moving forward with the merger.” A vote on the amendment was called and the amendment passed with 11 in favor, 2 opposed and 2 abstaining.

The motion, as amended: “to move forward with getting the temperature of the membership of the two associations about moving forward with the merger between the Hidden Springs and Rosemont Summit Neighborhood Associations” passed with 9 in favor, 3 opposed and 2 abstaining,

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held about the requirements for future meetings and HSNA board attendance at the future meetings of the Neighborhood Association Presidents Meetings.

A motion was made and seconded to have the next HSNA meeting before August 24, 2015. The motioned passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.