

**HIDDEN SPRINGS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF MAY 15, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER.** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM at the West Linn Adult Community Center by President, Lynn C. Fox. Other officers in attendance: Harvey Schultz, Vice President; Donna Baker, Treasurer; Charles Lytle, Secretary.

**QUORUM DATA.** The number of eligible members since the beginning of the calendar year was 18. At 10%, the quorum was 1.6 = 2 members. There were 6 members present at the start of the meeting. Therefore, the meeting stands as an official meeting of the Neighborhood Association. Total number of members eventually present was 10.

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 17, 2007 MEETING.** Bob Thomas noted that Mr. Green's title is Public Works director. There being no other corrections from the chair, President Fox declared the minutes approved as corrected.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.** Treasurer Donna Baker reported an account balance of \$632.69.

**POLICE REPORT.** Officer Kempas reported that there were several home break-ins and thefts from vehicles within the neighborhood. There were the usual complaints of barking dogs, etc.

**OLD BUSINESS.**

- 1) President Lynn Fox reported that a crosswalk was placed at the north side of the Santa Anita/Churchill Downs intersection. This was a direct result of the HSNA Traffic Safety Committee's recent meeting with the new Director of Public Works, Gene Green. Mr. Green and engineering staff requested that plants adjacent to Churchill Downs Way on Santa Anita be trimmed back and HSNA provided them with contact numbers for the HOA to accomplish that goal. City staff has removed vegetation near Clubhouse and Santa Anita. Some sidewalks on the downhill side of Santa Anita will be installed in the near future making access to the school, pool, parks and shopping center safer and easier for pedestrians. Crosswalks on Pimlico between the north and south sides of the Palomino Loop Trail and another on Hidden Springs near Santa Anita are hoped for soon. Mr. Green's suggestion that the center line at Pimlico be moved is still being evaluated by staff. HSNA representative will attend the next Traffic Advisory Board meeting.
- 2) President Fox reported on the recent LOPACC meeting she attended in Lake Oswego. This committee is looking at commuting alternatives between Lake Oswego and downtown Portland that will reduce West Linn bus service and increase nonresident traffic through West Linn. West Linn has not been given a membership in the committee, yet the committee's work will have a profound effect on Hwy 43 traffic. It was moved and seconded to direct President Fox to write METRO requesting that West Linn be included as a voting member of this committee. The motion carried 8-0-0.
- 3) President Fox stated that the neighborhood plan leadership team needs to meet to continue working on the neighborhood plan and suggested that several task forces could be address various issues and report back to the membership to keep the plan moving forward. She attended LONAC, the Lake Oswego Neighborhood Association Coalition, where she was told that neighborhood plans carry no weight unless there is code language to match the action items at the time the plan is submitted.
- 4) President Fox also announced that the definition of historic home requires that the home must be at least 50 years old, which would now include homes built up to and including 1957. Apparently significant tax benefits are attached to homes that meet the Historic Home criteria but restrictions also apply. Additional information is necessary in order to address this issue in the Neighborhood Plan.
- 5) President Fox finally noted that the neighborhood/city grant proposal to METRO for funds to help pay for mitigation of damage on the Palomino Loop trail was not funded. The city is waiting for the rains to stop and the ground to firm up before they can move equipment into the view area to clear out blackberries and other plants that are blocking the view so that the bench can be installed.

## **NEW BUSINESS.**

- 1) President Lynn Fox stated that she has been attending the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meetings at Rosemont Ridge middle school. Their students are actively engaged in community outreach, and the school is looking for projects that could use student help. Adult volunteers would be needed for projects. The students could help in trail clean-up, ivy pulling, etc. In addition, the school is looking for volunteers to assist with other projects within the school. Contact information was posted at the meeting.
- 2) President Fox attended the most recent meeting of the South Fork Water Board. Residents with an interest in this Board were encouraged to contact HSNA to act as representatives at the Board meetings and keep the membership informed.
- 3) The Marylhurst Park plan was briefly discussed and Tyler French made a motion to create a Marylhurst Park Task Force to bring the needs of the residents of Hidden Springs to the attention of the Director of Park and Recreation, the Park Advisory Board and the City Council as the park is furnished. The motion was seconded by Charles Lytle and unanimously approved.

**GUEST SPEAKER SCOTT BURGESS, WEST LINN COUNCILPERSON.** Mr. Burgess explained that his presentation was part of a general outreach by the mayor and city council. He listed the Council's proposed changes to the way neighborhood associations are organized and how they conduct business. He then briefed the membership on the upcoming budget process now that the police levy appears to have not drawn the requisite 50% of registered voters. One idea is to pay for police from the general fund and make up these funds by adding a surcharge to everyone's water/sewer bill. He also reported that staffing levels have increased and that the city's various reserves are slowly increasing. The new Parks Master Plan will be rolled out at a community meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Burgess then reported on the progress of the Highway 43 Study Committee and gave a brief overview of the history of the South Fork Water Board. He noted that the Lake Oswego Portland Commuter study committee does not have representation, voting or otherwise, while a significant percentage of commuters are from West Linn. METRO is considering the committee's recommendation to cut TriMet bus service through and from West Linn into Portland. Secretary Lytle made a motion that President Fox send a letter to METRO and the Clackamas County Commissioners demanding that TriMet bus service be continued at its present level and that the city of West Linn be given an official, voting membership on the committee. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Donna Baker and passed unanimously.

**GUEST SPEAKERS WILLIAM OSMUNSON AND KIMBERY KAMINSKY.** Both speakers presented information regarding the proposed state law mandating the fluoridation of all drinking water. Mrs. Kaminsky heads Oregonians for Safe Drinking Water and spoke about the organization. Dr. Osmunson gave a PowerPoint presentation on the science and history of fluoridation and its topical use in modern dentistry. Members were encouraged to contact Representative Scott Brunn regarding their concern that the current bill not be approved.

**GUEST SPEAKER SKIP ORMSBY, PRESIDENT BIRDS HILL CPO.** Skip again brought everyone up to date on the Lake Oswego-Portland transportation study.

**NEXT MEETING DATE IS JUNE 19, 2007.**

**ADJOURNMENT.** There being no other business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM by President Lynn C. Fox.

**Recorded by HSNA Secretary Charles R. Lytle.**