

**HIDDEN SPRINGS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2006**

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CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM at the West Linn Adult Community Center by Acting President, Lynn C. Fox. Other officers in attendance: Donna Baker, Treasurer, Charles Lytle, Acting Secretary. CITY OF WEST LINN

QUORUM DATA. Eligible members in good standing as of the previous meeting: 48. At 10%, the quorum for this meeting was 4.8 = 5. Only members in good standing can vote. The number of eligible members in good standing in attendance at the start of the meeting was 9. Therefore, the meeting stands as an official meeting of the Neighborhood Association. Twelve Hidden Springs residents attended during the course of the meeting.

GUEST SPEAKERS.

- 1) Dale Eble & Paul Osburn of the Rolling Hills Community Church, speaking on church-community relations and specifically their church's funding of the planned Stafford-Borland traffic circle at Wankers Corner.
- 2) Martha Schrader, Backamas County Commissioner, speaking on the Clearwater Project and economic development in the County.
- 3) Eugene Schoenheidt, speaking on recent developments, post Clearwater Project.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 20, 2005 MEETING.

Motion To Approve: Keith Lovett

Second To The Motion: Curt Sommer

Vote On The Motion: 8 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Abstention ⇒ Motion Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT. Treasurer Donna Baker reported a current account balance of \$853.54.

POLICE REPORT. W.L. Police Officer Kempas reported that Terry Timeus, formerly of the Lake Oswego Police Department, is now officially Police Chief for West Linn. One of three vacancies has been filled. In the past month there were two thefts of items from cars parked on the streets within the N.A. He advised members to always lock their vehicles, even when you will be returning within a few minutes. He also cautioned members to never leave valuables in sight, even if the car is locked. Always place items in the trunk. Two fugitive arrest warrants were carried out. He also stated that very aggressive solicitors have been a problem throughout the neighborhoods in West Linn. One resident reported that a "No Solicitors" sign was removed by an angry solicitor.

HSNA POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. n/a.

OLD BUSINESS. (1) Wilderness Park update information was shared by various N.A. members. It is the City Attorney's position that his legal advice to Council and the Mayor is privileged and can only be made public by them. City Council claims that their existing professional liability insurance for City staff will not cover removing the water line and also claims that the money to remove the line and run it around the Park will have to come from general funds. It was noted that the Parks Advisory Board will present their findings at the January 23rd Council session. (2) Acting President Lynn Fox reported that the Council did not pick HSNA's choice for consultant for the neighborhood plans. She also reported that HSNA was the ONLY neighborhood association that reviewed all the proposals in detail and reported the findings to the general N.A. membership. Other N.A. presidents made their decisions without soliciting ANY input from their memberships. Brian Brown, City Planning Department Head, was not concerned about any of this and just wanted an ultra-fast decision. According to Mr. Brown, the vote was 3-1 for Cogan, Owens, Cogan. There was general agreement among the members to stay with the process anyway. Acting President Fox said she would communicate this to Mr. Brown.

NEW BUSINESS. Acting President Lynn Fox reported that several members had objected to one of our members taking the sign-in sheet, copying down all the information, and then leaving the meeting. They adamantly didn't want their phone numbers, house addresses, and e-mail addresses used for any purpose than establishing and maintaining membership in good-standing and providing contact info to the N.A. President. Ms. Fox announced that henceforth members in good standing will be asked only for their full name and an attestation by check mark that they live within the N.A. boundaries. The sign-in sheet will be modified and will only have these two fields to be filled out by members. New eligible members attending for the first time will establish their standing by filling out a separate card given to them by the President. This card will be returned to the President and WILL NOT be available for public view or inspection.

GUEST SPEAKERS DALE EBLE & PAUL OSBURN. Pastor Eble stated that the Rolling Hills Church has a strong commitment to community service. Recent examples include general grounds cleanups at a grade school in Tigard and Stafford grade school in West Linn. They actively seek ways to be of assistance both locally and nationally in times of natural disaster. An example is the church's sending of food and medical supplies to the victims of hurricane Katrina. Mr. Osburn explained the history of their land use dealings with Clackamas County over the Wankers Corner intersection. This intersection had been designated as "failed" by the County even before the recently completed expansion of the church. As part of the County's approval of the church's expansion plans, the church agreed to fund an engineering study and traffic circle design at Wankers Corner and agreed to acquire the property needed to accommodate the redesigned intersection. After many years of delay, the County took over the property acquisition and intersection plans and specifications. The Church committed to providing the \$1.5M to actually build the traffic circle. If the immediate area around the intersection is subject to development, the Church can recoup a portion of its cost via system development charges. This payback provision lapses fifteen years after the new intersection is completed.

GUEST SPEAKER MARTHA SCHRADER. Commissioner Schrader explained that the Clearwater Project had been rescinded. However, the commissioners believe that the necessity of vastly increased sewage treatment capacity will not go away. They therefore are planning to assemble a stakeholders group, hire the Oregon Consensus Center at Portland State University as facilitators, and charge the group with reaching a service-district-wide plan that addresses the concerns of as many citizens as possible. The Commission also plans on broadening the public outreach. It was noted that one of the main compulsions to vastly expand the tri-cities treatment plant was because the DEQ will not allow any further treated wastewater to be discharged into the Clackamas River. Commissioner Schrader emphasized that the Commission understands that the process will be contentious and is committed to a consensus-building process in which as many citizens as possible are heard. It was noted by a HSNA member that the problem is not the compulsion for a new, tri-cities treatment plant but the plan to have existing taxpayers pay for it all, especially citizens of West Linn. Commissioner Schrader concluded her presentation with a summary of various job creation initiatives in both municipalities and within the unincorporated areas of the county.

GUEST SPEAKER EUGENE SCHOENHEIDT. Mr. Schoenheidt emphasized that the West Linn City Council must become involved and stake its position. If they don't, West Linn will be left out of the process and will be stuck with whatever comes down the pike. He also urged nominations to be made of West Linn citizens to the stakeholders group. He emphasized that, even though the Clearwater Project as a named entity is defunct, the County is moving forward with treatment plant expansion plans anyway. The struggle has really only started.

NEXT MEETING DATE TO BE FEBRUARY 21, 2006

Motion To Meet In January: by Chuck Lytle

Second To The Motion: by Barbara Eden

Vote On The Motion: 9 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstention ⇒ Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM by Acting President Lynn C. Fox

CORRECTED MINUTES APPROVED BY FORMAL MOTION AND VOTE AT THE DULY-CALLED MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2006.