

September 22, 2015 Marylhurst Neighborhood Association Minutes

Quorum met with eight MNA members present, including the President, VP/Secretary and Treasurer and three guests.

1. President Oakes called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and began to review the agenda. MNA member Jef Treece raised a point of order about three topics in last month's minutes. Ms Oakes asked Mr. Treece to wait until it was time to review the minutes and proceeded to go over the agenda.
2. August 25, 2015 MNA Minutes were displayed for members to read. Michael Wilson moved to approve the minutes, second by Teri Cummings. Discussion: Jef Treece pointed out several discrepancies in the wording of the minutes. Teri Cummings made a motion to amend the 8/25 minutes in the following manner: agenda item 3(b)- change 2015 to 2014, 7.-change "approve" to "adopt". 8. Change "approve" to "adopt", 9.- insert "as it was written" after "resolution". Second by Michael Wilson. Motion approved by voice vote with none against and one abstention.
3. Two representatives from A Better Oregon presented their organizations' idea to invest in overcrowded schools by asking out of state larger corporations to invest a "fair share" of taxes in schools. Working class Oregonians are making about 2,000 less than they did in 2002. Twenty five percent of Oregonians today make less than \$12 per hour. Top 1% incomes have increased by 200 thousand in the last decade. Oregon Public Schools lost over 3000 teachers since 2008. Services for seniors are dwindling. Oregon's healthcare funding is fourth from the bottom in the nation. Oregon has the lowest corporate taxes in the country. A large percentage of Oregon corporations pay either no tax or only \$150 per year. Our Oregon in partnership with various unions and other causes interested in strong schools and reliable services is gathering signatures to ask corporations that make more than 25 million per year to pay a "fair share" of their taxes. The speaker said more information is available at www.abetteroregon.org.
4. Treasurer's report- \$484 annual stipend received from City of West Linn. \$32 in expenses for ice cream social event reported so far, bringing the balance to \$ 5592.41.
5. Neighborhood Arts and Crafts Ice Cream Social at Robinwood Station – Approximately 30 MNA members including six MNA artisans and a few guests attended the event and had ice cream, toppings and fresh popcorn. Robinwood Station does not charge Neighborhood associations for use of their facility. MNA Treasurer estimated about \$80 in expenses for the event.
6. Updates- President Oakes reported that City Council and the Planning Commission met to discuss concerns about the Arch Bridge "concept plan", Comprehensive Plan Goal 9

and Economic Opportunity Analysis (EOA). The Planning Commission denied the Tannler DR. Blankenship Rd application mainly because it did not sufficiently meet mixed-use commercial criteria.

7. TSP Update- President Oakes went to a recent TSP open house and did not see MNA's member- approved recommendations for MNA area listed in the proposal nor was the TSP consultant familiar with them. She reminded members of the recommendations sent to the city planner to distribute to the TSP committees, Planning Commission and Council for their consideration. Pres. Oakes pointed out that two of the infill segments of sidewalk along the west side of Suncrest DR from Carriage Way to Suncrest had been recently completed by development and there remains just one incomplete segment. This has not been updated on the draft TSP and she suggested MNA ask that infill of the remaining segment be a high priority because it would serve the bus stop and will serve the park, when street improvements along it are made. Pres. Oakes pointed out where the trail easement at the end of Gallery Way to the park that MNA members want to keep open is not on the TSP map. Member Bev Burke moved to invite someone from city staff to come explain the TSP safety plan for MNA area with a second from Michael Wilson. Voice Vote unanimous with none opposed and no abstentions.
8. MNA will be accepting nominations for all four MNA officers up until the election at next month's meeting.
9. Announcements- City Hall has new hours. Now open Mon-Thu from 7:30 AM to 5:30PM and closed every other Friday. Emergency Preparedness Faire Sept. 24. Clackamas Watershed tour Oct 3. Two short presentations at Savanna Oaks NA meeting Oct. 6 by Enhabit about lowering home energy waste and by Intertwine Alliance Oak Prairie Work Group about caring for native oaks.

Jef Treece moved to return to a quorum of eight and it was seconded by Michael Wilson. Discussion: Mr. Treece said a quorum of eight has been used for about five years, is reasonable and avoids the appearance of any improprieties, ie, board members being a majority of a quorum. Presently, there are only three board members. Mr. Wilson said that MNA bi-laws require six. President Oakes said she has seen years when MNA could not conduct business or approve minutes for months on end. MNA has made an effort to have more members come to meetings since last fall. Mr. Treece thought it was ambiguous to assume there were two potential members per household and since there might be more, MNA should have a quorum of eight. Mr. Wilson noted a quorum of eight was ambiguous. VP/Secretary Cummings read MNA bi-law. According to the city, MNA has 281 households. The city does not keep annual census records for residents 18 years and older. Since West Linn's median household size of 2.45 includes children under 18, not eligible for membership, MNA members decided two potential

members per household is reasonable. MNAs' quorum requirement for 1% of eligible members equates to slightly less than six for a quorum. The average attendance over the last eight months has been ten. The bi-law requirement for a quorum of six allows MNA to approve minutes and conduct necessary business.

Motion failed per voice vote with five opposed, three in favor and no abstentions.

Minutes submitted by Teri Cummings, MNA Secretary