

March 22, 2016 Marylhurst Neighborhood Association Minutes

1. President Oakes called meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Three officers, nine members and two guests present. Quorum of six met.
2. Ms. Burke moved to approve agenda, second by Mr. Cummings, voice vote passed with none opposed. Dr. Allmon moved to approve Feb 23, 2016 minutes, second by Ms Boucher, voice vote passed with none opposed.
3. Treasurer Boucher reported no new transactions. (\$5593.41 balance unchanged)
4. Mr. Jeff Randall from West Linn public works presented the recent traffic study conducted near Suncrest Dr. and Valley View DR. intersection. Northbound cars on Suncrest approaching Valley View averaged 29.3 mph. Southbound cars on Suncrest approaching Valley View averaged 27.5 mph. Cars traveling west on Valley View towards Suncrest averaged 24.78 mph. Several members reported feeling unsafe walking on Valley View DR. midsection between Sunset and Kapteyns when cars and large tractor-trailer trucks pass by. One member reported he had measured the pavement in the midsection and it was only fifteen feet wide. Motorists do not heed the "Local Access Only, Use Hillcrest" signs on Valley View. Members discussed the pros and cons related to widening Valley View, blocking one end or making it a one-way street. Mr. Randall advised that the latter two options were highly unlikely. Members generally seemed to agree on possibly widening that section enough to accommodate two car lanes and a pedestrian/bike path only on the south- side. Several members shared experiences and concerns related to entrapment caused when both Suncrest and Marylhurst DR. were blocked. Mr. Randall said a potential connection from Kapteyns to Carriage Way has been a low priority in West Linn's transportation plans. Neighbors on Kapteyns are opposed to opening it. Some members expressed concern that opening Kapteyns would create a cut-through for I-205 traffic jams. Marylhurst DR. and other neighborhood streets were not built for high traffic volumes. Members generally agreed that at a minimum for safety sake, MNA needed a suitable connection for fire engine and other emergency vehicle access. Mr. Randall said TVFR requires 20 ft. wide pavement and certain curve angle limits to accommodate fire trucks. President Oakes reported that although MNA has advocated for traffic safety improvements in MNA area since 2000, they have consistently appeared as a low priority on transportation plans.
5. Ms. Burke plans to organize labyrinth clean-up work groups again and will get back with dates.
6. Announcements- Citizens are invited to attend City Manager Candidates reception, March 31, 2016, 5:00 PM at WLACC. West Linn's annual curbside recycling week starts April 4, 2016. Take Care of West Linn Day is May 14, 2016.
7. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM. MNA's next meeting will be April 26, 2016, 7:00 PM at Robinwood Station Community Center, 3706 Cedaroak DR.

Minutes submitted by MNA Secretary Teri Cummings