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President Oakes called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm, noting a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as drafted for September 26, 2017, October 24, 2017 and January 23, 2018. It was noted November and December meetings of 2017 were cancelled.

Reports

Treasurer Boucher reported a deposit of \$140.69 (MNA portion of the NAP reserve fund) and a balance in MNA account of \$6072.01.

Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue Presentation

TVFR representatives requested to be added to the agenda. They explained measures on the special election ballot to annex Newberg into the fire district and answered members' questions.

History of Policy 93 Neighborhood Association Grants

Neighborhood Association Presidents (NAP) request to fund updated report on true cost of development

President Oakes briefly explained the history of the grant policy in relation to the NAP reserve fund. NAP voted to spend up to \$4000 of the reserve for an update to a 2005 financial analysis study on the current unfunded impacts of development. The City Council was not supportive, questioning NAP's authority over the reserve fund and instead dispersed the fund among the neighborhood associations. NAP would like to know if NAs would be willing to use all/part of their allocation to jointly fund the study.

Members' questioned why the City had not updated the study as recommended in the report and why NAs should pay for the update when it seemed the responsibility of the City. Members called for better accountability of the City to both revise the policy upon recommendation from NAP and to consistently implement policy. It was suggested City policies be accessible to the public on the City web site.

Members discussed the pros and cons of funding the study; questioning the usefulness of the data in the case of infill properties. It was noted that the cost of development not covered by system development charges (SDCs) must be transparent to the public, particularly if West Linn were ever to expand its boundary. Members did not want MNA funds used to fund the update. Members recalled the 2005 report was useful when West Linn was rapidly growing. At the request of members, President Oakes will send a link to the 2005 report by Carol Connell.

19310 Suncrest DR development

President Oakes reported that the application for a 3-lot minor partition has been filed. The city planner, Jennifer Arnold, is in the process of determining it complete. Once complete, MNA will be notified of the

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public comment period before the final decision by the Planning Manager. Only written comments are allowed and Ms. Oakes did not know the timeframe, but thought it might be two weeks.

MNA discussed this development in the pre-application phase at its June 2017 meeting. Once again, concern was expressed that when the house on the corner lot is built, it must be situated on the lot to maintain the character of the street. A previous minor partition further south did not, and resulted in a side yard fence along Suncrest DR. Members would like to avoid this happening again.

Backyard Habitat Program

Members discussed ways to involve members in the Backyard Habitat Program that was presented at the MNA October 2017 meeting. President Oakes will inquire with the City if Marylhurst Heights Park/Labyrinth could be BHP certified. President Oakes will develop a postcard with the help of the City citizen engagement coordinator.

Jim Koll moved and Cary Cummings seconded the motion to support the BHP and promote to MNA member households to be certified to level one by the end of 2018. Passed unanimously.

Suncrest DR and Valley View DR Improvement Plan

Lance Calvert, City Engineer, had a copy of the plan and said it was nearly complete. The bid is now out and Council is expected to award it end of March. Work is expected to begin in May and last 60 days. Members may contact Morgan Palmer, Associate City Engineer, at 503-722-3436 or mpalmer@westlinnoregon.gov for more information or to discuss individual properties. There will also be webpage that can be found by clicking "Projects" on the city home page.

The goal is to improve pedestrian safety using tight crossings and sidewalks on both sides of Suncrest DR from Ridgebrook and on the south side of Valley View DR. There'll be a bulb-out on Suncrest DR at Ridgebrook and at Valley View and Kapetyns. Crosswalks will not be marked, but could be considered later by request to the Traffic Committee. Suncrest will be 30 feet wide curb to curb with parking which is standard for this type of collector. Width of Valley View will vary approximately 27 feet to 20 feet as necessary. City will work with individual property owners on landscaping.

Members expressed concern that the improvements may add to speeding problems on Valley View. Mr. Calvert said the tight pedestrian crossings and smaller turning radiuses will act to calm traffic. Speed enforcement would be for the police department. A member suggested a traffic study be done after the improvements to assess their effectiveness.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is March 27, 2018