

Marylhurst Neighborhood Association September 25, 2018 Meeting Minutes

President Oakes called the meeting to order, noting a quorum and two guests present. There was consensus to add two agenda items requested after the agenda was published: 1) Presentation on Reducing Wildfire Risks and 2) Update on completion of improvements to personal property on Valley View.

Minutes

It was moved and seconded to accept the draft minutes of April, May, June and July. The motion passed with 5-in favor and 4 abstained. It was noted there has not been a quorum since April and the August meeting was cancelled.

Reports

Treasurer Boucher reported a deposit of \$637.63 neighborhood City stipend in July and no disbursements. There were no changes in June, August and September. Treasury balance is \$6519.36.

Neighborhood Association Presidents group presented its recommendation for allocations to neighborhoods (stipends) of the grant from the City. Council will consider the policy at a future meeting. The new allocation structure will be used next year.

Park Backyard Habitat Certification and Park Improvements

Parks Director Ken Worcester said City is well on our way to be Silver Certified. Goal is by Spring. Will be hiring a crew for 150-200 hours to remove invasives. Need to plant natives. City rarely uses pesticides and uses herbicides sparingly. The BHP would like the City to care for the ODOT property as well. It will likely be brought into the park when ODOT no longer needs it and the City has first right to purchase. The property is about 2 acres and would bring the park total to 12 acres. He hopes MNA will do the educational component.

Basketball hoops between the parking lot and labyrinth will be proposed in next budget. Oakes asked to have signage for natives as planned and Worcester said it was being looked into for all City parks. Oakes asked what it meant for the park to be identified as a "social hub" in the draft Parks Master Plan. He said the "gathering tree" planted by MNA, movies and kids camps in the park are examples. He noted the Marylhurst Neighborhood Plan designated a community building in the park.

Reducing Wildfire Risks

Matthew Brown, Oregon Dept. of Forestry, Mollalla office, presented steps for MNA to participate in Firewise USA program to reduce wildfire risks in our neighborhood and gave handout about measures homeowners can take. It entails a risk assessment plan, annual outreach event and volunteer hours. President Oakes said WL two neighborhood associations participate and speak highly of it.

Marylhurst Neighborhood Plan concerning sidewalks

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City Council wants neighborhoods to give input to where sidewalks are preferred. It stemmed from Robinwood neighborhood desire to not have sidewalk lined streets everywhere and where there exist off street paths. A member commented she would like to see more focus on environmental impacts.

Labyrinth Clean-up and Marylhurst Sign maintenance

Treasurer Boucher reported that the City will not water or remove weeds at either area. Boucher moved to give the board discretion to spend up to \$100 for beautification at sign area twice a year, Jim Koll seconded and motion passed.

MNA volunteers will weed labyrinth October 13, 2018 at 10am- 12pm. Bring water bottle and tools. President Oakes will send an email announcement, put up signs to advertise and bring treats.

Election of MNA officers

President Oakes announced that nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are open until the election at our next meeting in October. Members are encouraged to nominate or self-nominate.

Valley View and Suncrest Street Improvement Impacts

Christa Burk spoke with ten neighbors and only two didn't have issues. Street improvements affecting their property were left undone, redone and done unsatisfactorily. Some owners had to finish themselves and found it difficult to find contractors; and did not receive materials to finish as the City promised. Three owners will have nothing more to do with the City and others felt lied to and betrayed. The City sent property owners a letter saying its work was done, but it wasn't. Three neighbors with contracting experience warned that certain things would not work, but no change orders were issued and the work was done according to plans. Several neighbors fronted the money, but didn't trust the City to do the right thing. The City did not notify property owners in time to find their own driveway contractors and they had to hire someone on the spot.

Christa said she talked with John Williams about doing things better moving forward.

Parking on Valley View DR and parking for Marylhurst Heights Park

President Oakes reported in answer to a question raised at the July 24 meeting. Parking is allowed on both sides of Valley View DR between Kapteyns ST and Suncrest DR by the park and no signage will be erected. The grass parking area in the park at Valley View end will be regraded and seeded; and street trees will be planted in the beauty strip.

Community and City Announcements Notices mailed to MNA were available for members to read.

Next meeting October 23, 2018.

Meeting adjourned 9:15 pm.