

Marylhurst Neighborhood Association

December 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes

President Oakes called the meeting to order, noting a quorum present.

Agenda approved

Minutes of November 24, 2020 were approved as drafted.

Treasurer's Report

\$14.99 monthly expense for Zoom

Communications Tower Update

City Council discussed the process and timeline for annexation of the ODOT property at their December work session and tentatively scheduled the hearing for February 8. Council directed staff to explore the potential for purchase and to draft a letter. At their December 14 meeting, Council approved a letter to C800 and Clackamas County Commissioners. Council also voted to send a letter to ODOT expressing the City's interest in purchase of the property in a way that would maintain ODOT's existing use of it.

President Oakes reviewed the annexation process that would include the opportunity for MNA and members to submit written and oral testimony for the hearing. She reported that she spoke with the Clackamas County Planner who reviewed and is holding the C800 application for the tower, who explained his approval would be ministerial and would proceed quickly upon request of C800 or ODOT. He confirmed C800 applied for a building permit in July that would proceed in tandem. He clarified that county code for tower height and setbacks does not apply to wireless towers used exclusively for essential communications. This information was included in MNA comments to Council on December 14.

Member Rich Vedder has been researching the status of the radio systems on the ODOT property. ODOT currently uses the monopole for land mobile radio. He suspects the microwave dishes on the monopole are non-operational and is awaiting confirmation. The lattice tower remains on the property and is not in use. He shared his recollection of the history of the property as a longtime resident and professional in the industry. He also has been researching the history of the C800 project. The project is over two years behind schedule. The ODOT property became the location to site the tower at the beginning of the year after attempts to site a tower in Lake Oswego failed.

Marylhurst DR ROW overgrown vegetation

Members noticed improvement on a few properties, but mostly not much. Other duties of the code enforcement officer have taken priority over her follow-up.

Members planned a work party for January 23 at 10am- 12pm to clear the ROW along the Marylhurst sign area. Notice will be sent by email.

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West Linn Post Office Closure

President Oakes read the draft Resolution in support of finding a new location in WL. It was moved and seconded to approve the Resolution and it was approved 7-0.

Signage for creeks in our neighborhood

A member introduced the project by familiarizing members with three named creeks in the area: Robinwood Creek in Marylhurst NA, Arbor Creek in Skyline Ridge NA and Fern Creek in Hidden Springs NA; and an unnamed creek that flows alongside Marylhurst DR. Members discussed how signage would benefit the community by increased awareness and care of natural resources. It was suggested to involve the other neighborhood associations and specific property owners where signs might be located. The name "Hair Pin" Creek was suggested for the unnamed creek that daylights below the hairpin turn. Two members volunteered to contact the City on the process for signage and cost; and draft a map of possible sign locations.

Announcements from the Community and City

None.

Next meeting is January 26, 2021

Meeting adjourned