

March 26, 2024 Marylhurst Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes Draft

President Karie Oakes called the meeting to order at 7:03pm, noted a quorum was present and members introduced themselves.

Approve agenda motion by Teri Cummings, second by Doanne Brown, unanimous.

Approve minutes of February 22, 2024 as drafted, motion by Diana Lipton, second by Jim Koll, unanimous.

Treasury report Jim reported the balance \$8546.90, including monthly expense for Zoom. He clarified a previous \$40 refund regarded the bouncy house for summer social.

Tree removal violation Karie attended the hearing. Resident at Valley Ct did not appear. The judge granted the code enforcement officer's request for an amended judgment for another hearing May 2nd. The officer would like neighbors to report if they see the resident outside because the papers were not served. No one would come to the door on six attempts. It is in our neighborhood plan to work with the city for code enforcement. Use the non-emergency police number. Let the police know to come to the property.

2024 MNA Goals Scopes and action items of four goals were discussed.

1) REVISE THE BYLAWS Board will review bylaws and propose revisions at the next meeting. Bylaws have not been updated in a long time. The quorum needs to be changed from 8 to 6 and posting the agenda changed from 10 business days before the meeting to a more reasonable time. The City may take up to 12 days to post the agenda once received. We can post the agenda on our FB page right away. Diana will post the agenda on FB once received from Karie.

2) REVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN and CITY TRANSPORTATION PLAN to determine the priority of sidewalks and safe pedestrian paths. Outreach could involve a mailing/ survey. As property is redeveloped, we will see sidewalks to nowhere. In lieu of building a sidewalk, the city may allow the developer contribute to a sidewalk fund to use in areas where sidewalks are prioritized.

The City Transportation Advisory Board is currently considering sidewalk infill and prioritization to make recommendations to City Council. Teri attended the last TAB meeting and asked that we be included. Specifically, on Marylhurst Dr., we would like a pedestrian bike /walk path to get to HWY 43. She also suggested having a city engineer meet and evaluate the need and what are the possibilities of what could happen.

Karie asked that all of us to please review our neighborhood plan available on our webpage. It addresses transportation and the park, both relevant to two of our goals. Any changes to our plan will be voted on and then recommended to city council for approval. Teri volunteered to work on this goal and asked that a link to the current transportation plan be distributed by email.

3) INCREASE NEIGHBORHOOD PARTICIPATION First focus is to plan our annual social at the park. Discussed potential dates. General consensus for September 7th or September 14th as available for reservation.

4) MARYLHURST HEIGHTS PARK PLAN Review and make recommendations. Explore non-toxic pesticides, features in the original plan and updates on what/ what not has been implemented or changed. We can invite the parks director to a meeting. No one volunteered to be on this committee.

Items of Interest

1) Doanne said graffiti was recently put on the park restrooms and sidewalks; and Jim noted also the transformer on Kapteyns St and needs to be reported. Karie suggested the City web page “hazard or city issue” to report.

2) The Marylhurst A-frame meeting sign by the park was stolen.

3) Christa and Jim brought up again their issue of privacy when people in the park walk along the property line adjoining their property east of the park on Valley View. They recalled the park plan included a larger swale than was built, that they understood would discourage it. A member questioned if the contractor was remiss. They clarified there was no privacy hedge/plantings and that they did not want a fence. They asked for MNA support finding a solution. Karie suggested they meet with the parks director to review the plan and offered to attend.

4) A member observed that Hillcrest ST at the Y from Marylhurst DR to Sylvan WY is unsafe for pedestrians and that vegetation removal from the fog line to the edge of the pavement would be a huge improvement. It will be on the agenda for next month.

5) Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue presentation by Jacob Fuhrer, Public Affairs Officer, and a captain from West Linn was also present. A 5-yr levy will be on the ballot this May. The rate is .69 per \$1000.00 of assessed property value (not market value). It is \$.24 rate increase over the current levy that expires in June 2025 when the requested levy would begin. They plan to not increase the rate for 10 years with no guarantee. Various reasons for the levy were given.

City Communications

Find links to projects on the City homepage:

Waterfront Vision Plan

Vision 43- reversioning Hwy 43 corridor in WL

Recreation Center Feasibility Study: Open Houses are April 24th and May 23rd.

Move to adjourn by Diana. Jim 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 9:22PM.