

Marylhurst Neighborhood Association Minutes

October 22, 2024

West Linn Adult Community Center, 1180 Rosemont RD, West Linn and virtual Zoom meeting

President Karie Oakes noted a quorum of at least six members was met and three non-members were present.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:14 P.M.

2. Jim Koll moved to approve the agenda, second by Cary Cummings, approved unanimously.

3. Cary Cummings moved to approve September 24, 2024 minutes (<https://westlinnoregon.gov/marylhurst>), second by Jim Koll, approved unanimously.

4. Reports

a. Treasurer Jim Koll reported a balance of \$ 9580.42 as of this meeting after receiving annual City NA allocation and paying \$15.99 monthly Zoom charge and that an annual payment for Zoom would cost \$149 per year. Teri Cummings moved to make an annual payment to Zoom, second by Mr. Koll. Benefit of reducing the annual cost and less time spent on accounting was discussed; no cons discussed. Motion approved unanimously.

b. President Oakes reported on the Neighborhood Association Presidents last meeting as follows: Planning Manager Wyss, who is also the new project manager, informed NAP about surveys on City website regarding Waterfront Project, from Bolton to Willamette area and Hwy 43 Vision Plan.

NAP members voiced concern about communication problems with City, such as: trouble getting NA agendas posted in a timely manner, access to NA city email accounts, NAs not being properly informed about pre-application conferences and being deprived of access to information pertaining to applications.

MNA members voiced support for having President Oakes advocate for improved communications with City.

5. Old Business

a. President Oakes provided a follow-up report on the illegally removed tree at Valley Ct. West Linn Code Enforcement Officer Higbee emailed President Oakes to say that although the Judge is requiring two trees be planted on site as recommended by the contracted arborist per Municipal Code 8.740, he noted that West Linn's tree ordinance does not require any protection or maintenance of trees until they are at least 6" in diameter. The City Arborist said he has no recollection of a court case for illegal tree removal. He has work for the City for over two decades.

Teri Cummings moved to direct President Oakes to write a letter to City Council, copied to Planning Commission and Sustainability Advisory Committee, regarding problems with inadequate tree protection codes and to request them to immediately embark on a process to make tree protection and mitigation codes clear, effective and enforceable, and to revise ineffective Community Development

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Code (CDC) language that only requires “up to 20%” of trees to be saved, second by Cary Cummings. Motion passed unanimously.

b. President Oakes reported that a new City Planner has been assigned to proposed sub-division 2175 & 2000 Mountain View Court - 14-lot Standard Subdivision. November 19, 2024 is the deadline or a new application must be filed.

c. President Oakes recommended a review of [CDC](#) Chapter 96; sidewalk construction requirements, 2016 Transportation Plan ([TSP](#)) proposed street improvements in MNA in conjunction with [MNA's adopted Neighborhood Plan](#) to consider if MNA would like to add protections from “sidewalks to nowhere” to MNA Plan; Goal 14, Policy 4 and propose revisions to the CDC and TSP to similarly protect MNA and other areas of the City. Members supported President Oakes’ offer to discuss possible solutions with members of Planning Commission, Transportation Advisory Board, NAP member and other persons who may be familiar with this issue.

6. New Business

a. Elections of Officers- Nominations for the following MNA offices were presented for a vote; President- Karie Oakes, Secretary- Teri Cummings, Treasurer- Jim Koll. Nominations approved unanimously.

7. Items of interest from members- A MNA member would like to speak on behalf of the West Linn Small School Alliance at MNA’s next meeting.

8. Community and City Communications

a. Friends of Willamette Wetlands representative, Nichole Jackson said 40 volunteers are gathering signatures via www.friendsofwillamettewetlands.com and distributing yard signs to protect approximately 9 acres of Willamette Wetland area from potential private development of 26 duplexes and a hotel that might extend into wetland, Willamette River Flood zone. Additional concerns include the need for all environmental code requirements for assessment and mitigation of toxic pollution to be met in addition to adequate street improvements.

9. Jim Koll moved to adjourn at 8:30 PM, second by Cary Cummings, approved unanimously.

Minutes taken by Teri Cummings