

Marylhurst Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes- February 25, 2025

West Linn Adult Community Center, 1180 Rosemont RD, Hemlock Room and on Zoom

- 1. Meeting called to order** by MNA President Oakes at 7:05 after noting a quorum was present.
- 2. Agenda-** A motion was made to approve the agenda with additional items of interest following new business was seconded by another member and approved unanimously.
- 3. Minutes-** A motion was made and seconded by another member to approve the minutes of October 22, 2024 : <https://westlinnoregon.gov/marylhurst> was approved unanimously.
- 4. Discussion of Vision43 with West Linn Associate Planner Chris Meyers**
<https://yourwestlinn.com/vision43>.

Mr. Meyers is the project manager for Vision 43; to create a vision for land use, services and pedestrian and bike safety along Hwy 43 from LO to I-205. Consulting firm MIG will work on mixed use zoning codes. The largest component is public engagement; three surveys, 45 engagement point including open houses for businesses, renters and adjacent residents, initiated Oct. 23, 2024- for 24 months. Kittleson Assoc. will draft transportation plans. Tax increment financing feasibility study might be budgeted.

Challenges noted so far include limited lot coverage, height limits in commercial zones but there seems to be tolerance for increasing up to about 50 ft., and possibly lot coverage of about 80-90% instead of 50%. Potential jurisdictional transfer from ODOT to West Linn is being considered but not possible w/o vision plan.

Discussion:

Q: Is this aligned with the work ODOT is doing near Arch Bridge/HWY I-205?

A: That is in progress but ODOT decided to spend 7 million on Marylhurst Dr./Hwy 43 intersection.

Q: Are there any anchor points along 43 for places that attract people to meet up?

A: Old Bolton Fire Station might be a place for a public/private project for something like that. The main thing we've been hearing about from the beginning is the need for crosswalks and speed lowered to 25 if possible, but WL needs to work with ODOT on that.

Q: Why isn't ODOT fixing potholes?

A: HWY 43 is one of ODOT's numerous orphan highways.

Q: How far away from Hwy 43 does the plan extend? MNA wants a safe Ped route on the north side, at least a 1/2 mile up Marylhurst Dr. The City Engineer knows about ROW problems on the south side; however, that is where ODOT improvements are planned. MNA does not want a sidewalk to nowhere.

A: Vision43 is prioritizing parallel routes along Hwy 43 but this problem will be communicated to staff. To learn more and ask questions, go to: YourWestLinn.com.

5. Reports

- MNA Treasurer reported a balance of \$9377.19 after Zoom expenses. Changed Zoom to annual membership for \$159.90.
- MNA President reported MNA annual report to City Council is on our webpage now. She plans to email Council about what MNA learned about the tree code process. At their joint meeting in January, Neighborhood Association Presidents (NAP) and city staff agreed upon a list of 10 things for the city to help support NA functions. NAP meets quarterly.

6. Old Business

- Update on proposed 14-lot standard subdivision at 2175 and 2000 Mountain View CT

The application was voided due to failure to submit materials for completion prior to deadline, however, the applicant plans to submit another plan for 14 lots and will schedule a meeting with MNA about that in the future. President Oakes will attend the pre-application conference on March 6.

7. New Business

- Goal setting ideas from members
 1. School bus stop safety- streets like Hillcrest Dr. are too dangerous for kids to walk to their bus stop. Parents have to drive their kids to bus stops because there is no safe path to walk on.
 2. Improve participation- Invite more guest speakers, advertise ahead of time, maybe put topics on signs, have more than one social event.
 3. Review and revise [MNA By-laws](#).
 4. Discuss potential [tree code](#) revisions.
 5. Continue work on pedestrian safety.
- Oregon Department of Emergency Management's new program, [Be 2 Weeks Ready, Hazards and Preparedness](#) involves eight units of one hour education that the City has asked NAs to take on to help people be prepared for a Cascadian Event and other disasters. Each NA that chooses to do this, will be provided with eight units of education; Tool Kit, and the means to document progress. President Oakes asked everyone to review the program and consider if it will be a goal.

Items of interest from Members-

A member offered to look into TriMet's new [Bus Route 153- Stafford/Salamo](#) on Rosemont RD to see if a bus stop closer to Marylhurst and Skyline neighborhoods is possible.

Sign up for email alerts from ODOT about closures at Marylhurst DR and Hwy 43 (project 20329) for intersection improvements oregon.gov/odot/get-involved.

8. Community and City Announcements

• Download the City of West Linn's new App: [West Linn Connect!](#) to get emergency notifications, submit service requests, apply for permits, pay utilities and see city calendar and other information.

- WLPD drone demo is March 5 at 4:00-4:40 PM at the police station.

9. Motion to adjourn made, seconded by another member and approved unanimously at 8:30 PM.

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 25.

Minutes taken by MNA Secretary Teri Cummings