

Subject: City of West Linn Website submission: 2024 Annual Report Form

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Submitted values are:

Neighborhood Association Marylhurst Neighborhood Association

Group Leadership

Karie Oakes, President

Teri Cummings, Secretary

Jim Koll, Treasurer

Meeting Times, Dates & Location

9 meetings total. All meetings held at 7:00 PM.

Zoom Meetings:

01/23/24

02/27/24

03/26/24

04/23/24

05/28/2024

7/23/2024

8/27/2024

09/24/2024

Hybrid meeting at Adult Community Center:

10/22/2024

2024 Accomplishments

The previously requested crosswalk at Suncrest AV and Valley View DR was completed after a boy was hit by a car at the intersection.

Supported strict enforcement for a tree removal violation for willfully cutting down a tree without a permit in our neighborhood. The City corrected its procedure for penalty assessment that was deficient in enforcing the law. Recommended the City make updating the tree code a priority.

Worked towards our goal for safe pedestrian and bicycle routes in our neighborhood plan. Reviewed the Transportation System Plan regarding sidewalks and bike lanes in our neighborhood with the City Engineer who agreed to do a sidewalk corridor study to determine if a sidewalk is feasible on one side of Marylhurst DR and

Hillcrest DR in conjunction with the TSP update. Suggested alternatives to a sidewalk such as a path, widening and maintaining one shoulder, code enforcement for overgrown vegetation, and share the road signage as possible solutions to reaching our goal sooner rather than later, considering the topographical constraints and the dismal outlook for funding the full-blown TSP.

Discussed with the City Engineer various areas of overgrown vegetation in the ROW that endangered pedestrians and drivers and has been a chronic problem. He said Public Works and Code Enforcement would be taking a more proactive approach because too many notices of violations throughout the City last year went unaddressed.

Followed the review of an application for a subdivision in our neighborhood to determine completeness (later found incomplete).

Designed a postcard to advertise our social and give information about MNA and its projects, the upcoming meetings and election and encouragement to become involved. The City printed and mailed it to MNA addresses.

Held a successful ice cream social in September at Marylhurst Heights Park.

Maintained a large area of City property around our neighborhood sign to prevent overgrowth of vegetation.

Elected three officers.

2024 Challenges

Getting more members involved. Potential land development remains the biggest draw.

MNA was unable to meet in hybrid until October when the City finally established a program for NAs to borrow its OWL equipment. NAs requested this type of support when the pandemic subsided and in-person meetings resumed, and again in 2022 when HB 2560 required access to meetings remotely. MNA specifically suggested it as a City Council Goal for 2023 in its 2022 report to City Council. Apparently, parity for NAs was not a priority when Council and its citizen advisory groups began hybrid meetings. The delayed support has hurt attendance at our meetings.

Corresponding with City staff when their responses are not timely, thorough, and/or are anonymous.

2025 Council Goalsetting

Update the tree code.

Support neighborhood associations' review of their respective neighborhood plans regarding recent City legislation regarding middle housing. Recommendation: Provide staff support for the six NAs that have a neighborhood plan and for the five NAs without neighborhood plans, provide funding to hire a consultant for them to develop neighborhood plans. Recommendation: appropriate funding in the FY2026-27 budget. This was suggested in our 2023 report.

Any additional feedback to share with the City Council?

Name of Person Completing Form Karie Oakes

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Neighborhood Association Grant Spending

Expenditures:

\$15.99/month for Zoom membership totaling \$191.88

\$53.43 for social supplies: ice cream, cones, toppings, face paint.

Deposit: 09/23/24- City Grant \$1,198.88

Savings are for socials and future projects such as landscaping/maintenance around the sign, signage identifying creeks, and a community room at Marylhurst Park per the MNA Plan, and any legal consultation.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://westlinnoregon.gov/node/22887/submission/87515>