

Neighborhood Association Presidents Meeting
July 21, 2015
7:00 PM

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by NAP Chair Ed Schwarz.

NA Presidents, or their representatives, present were Kazi Ahmed of Robinwood, Tracy Gilday of Skyline Ridge, Alan Smith of Bolton, Bill Relyea of Parker Crest, Ed Schwarz of Savanna Oaks, and Robert Jester (VP) of BTH. Also present were Neighborhood Association liaisons Mayor Russell Axelrod and Councilor Brenda Perry. Also present were one member of the public and Richard Seals, West Linn CFO.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The June meeting minutes, as amended, were approved.

Community Comments

Alice Richmond distributed a flyer for the upcoming Oktoberfest celebration.

Richard Seals answered questions from the NA Presidents. He stated that West Linn currently has 124 full-time employees. This compares to Lake Oswego which has approximately 350, however this count includes members of the fire department. Milwaukie has approximately 135 full-time employees but does not have a parks department.

NA Reports

Savanna Oaks – Ed Schwarz reported that there was a successful Thank-You Barbecue at the White Oak Savanna Park. Over 125 people attended and were served BBQ ribs, side dishes, drinks and cookies. This event was put on by Neighbors for a Livable West Linn in partnership with Haggen's Market.

SONA also held their annual ice cream social at Douglas Park. It was also very successful. There were games, piñatas, and ice cream cones and sundaes.

There is a new development application for the property at the corner of Tannler and Blankenship. The proposal includes 192 apartments. A citizen from Savanna Oaks NA would like to visit all NAs to discuss this development application. Traffic from this development could affect the entire city as it will further worsen the 10th Street entrance/exit off of I-205 which could force additional traffic onto the Hwy. 43 entrance to I-205.

Bolton – Alan Smith stated that Bolton will hold their ice cream social on July 22 at Hammerle Park. The Bolton NA board is discussing the NA budget and quorum questions. They are also looking to change the date and location for their meetings as their attendance has outgrown their current location. They are looking into using the library.

Parker Crest – Bill Relyea reported that Parker Crest will be attending Music in the Park in August. They are also trying to increase their meeting attendance by mailing a postcard to residents. They hope to encourage more neighborhood involvement around Tanner Creek Park.

Robinwood – Kazi Ahmed stated that there have been additional delays on the Lake Oswego – Tigard pipeline – at least an additional 2 weeks. There are also neighbor complaints about dust at the construction site on Shady Hollow. The NA passed a resolution to contact the city about the dust. Robinwood will hold its yearly picnic on August 22 at Robinwood Station.

Skyline Ridge – Tracy Gilday reported that Skyline NA held its 30th annual Fourth of July picnic, parade, and potluck. It was a very successful event with approximately 150 people attending. They are also planning a neighborhood garage sale on August 1. Additionally, they are gathering information for an ice cream social. Skyline Ridge NA has received notice of a development on Upper Midhill Drive.

BHT – Robert Jester reported that BHT held an election of new officers. In June they held a “Firewise” day with TVF&R, ODOT, the Department of Forestry, the Neighborhood Association, and the Homeowner’s Association. These groups all come together to clean up debris to enhance fire safety. They are still concerned about the hillside between BHT and I-205. They want to reach out and involve other NAs in their “Firewise” efforts.

Nominations for Officers of the Neighborhood Association Presidents Group

Ed Schwarz solicited nominations for an election to be held in August. Nominations included:

Chair – Karie Oakes, Ed Schwarz, and Mike Selvaggio.

Vice-Chair – Karie Oakes.

Secretary – Tracy Gilday.

Neighborhood Association Stipends

A discussion was held concerning NA stipends. Reference was made to current policy found in West Linn Administrative Policy under “NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION GRANTS,” Section 3. PROCEDURE.

Alan Smith made a motion to change the 4th bullet under the third bullet of section 3 from a minimum of three officers to two officers on an NA Board. The motion was seconded. After discussion a vote was taken. The vote was 3 Yes, 3 No. The motion failed.

Alan Smith made a motion that each NA should bring to the next NAP meeting an accounting of money currently spent on community and the amount of money that each NA would like to be able to spend. After discussion the motion was withdrawn.

Robert Jester made a motion to increase the stipend base amount for each NA to \$500 and allocate the remainder of the stipend amount to each NA based on population. The motion was seconded. After discussion a vote was taken. The vote was 6 Yes, 0 No. **The motion passed.**

Robert Jester made a motion regarding additional requirements for an NA to receive a stipend. His motion stated that in addition to the current requirements, an NA must have attended at least one NAP meeting per fiscal year and that the minutes of NA meetings must include the number of NA members attending each meeting. The motion was seconded. After discussion a vote was taken. The vote was 5 Yes, 1 No. **The motion passed.** Ed Schwarz will communicate these new requirements to each NA.

Tracy Gilday requested that the NAP allot Skyline Ridge an additional one-time stipend of \$400 so that they can organize and hold an ice cream social and neighborhood garage sale. A motion was made and seconded to allot Skyline Ridge a one-time allotment of \$400 from the general NAP stipend pool. A vote was taken. The vote was 6 Yes, 0 No. **The motion passed.**

Neighborhood Association Outreach

A discussion of outreach efforts was held including attending Music and Movies in the Park to promote NAs.

NA Boundaries

It was noted that the handout provided by the city for NA outreach indicated that Hidden Springs and Rosemont Summit NAs are already merged when this has not yet taken place. It was further noted that the city web site shows that Rosemont Summit NA no longer exists and has been merged into Hidden Springs NA. It was decided that Ed Schwarz should request that the city correct these items and show that Rosemont Summit and Hidden Springs are two separate NAs until such time as they are officially merged.

Next Meeting

Ed Schwarz will review the city calendar and send an email with a few suggested dates for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.