

Neighborhood Association Presidents Meeting
August 27, 2015
7:00PM
Minutes

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

NA Presidents, or their representative, present were Meredith Olmsted – Barrington Heights, Tanner Woods, Hidden Creek; Kevin Bryck (Secretary) – Robinwood; Jim Farrell (Vice President) – Skyline Ridge; Karie Oakes – Marylhurst NA; Erik Van de Water – Hidden Springs NA; Tracy Gilday – Skyline Ridge; and Ed Schwarz – Savanna Oaks.

Also present were Russell Axelrod (Mayor) and two members of the public.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The June 2015 meeting minutes, as amended, were approved.

Community Comments

- Alice Richmond – Distributed a flyer for the upcoming Oktoberfest Celebration on Sept. 12, 2015, 3pm-9pm, The “Alpine Echoes Band.” Price: Free
21900 Willamette Dr., West Linn, OR 97068

Mayor Axelrod left the meeting room when it was announced that certain of the following NA reports would contain information about upcoming development applications.

NA Reports

Savanna Oaks – Ed Schwarz

Discussed a recent Planning Commission meeting regarding the 180 apartment unit development at Blankenship and Tannler. Last minute traffic changes that affect neighborhood include, proposed 2 left turn lanes on Salamo and a traffic light at the front entrance to Hagggen’s Market. Also at the bottom of Tannler Drive cars would only be able to turn right. The Planning Commission meeting was continued to Sept. 2, 6:30pm at City Hall.

- Another 22 homes are being proposed on Weatherhill.
- 80 Kids came from Marylhurst University program to help with a SOLVE event. Took them out to Fiala Farms to buy ice cream and veggies.
- Meredith – The apartment development does affect all of West Linn, no less than 7 streets will be turned into an Arterial: Killarney, Bland, Greene St., Willamette Falls Drive, and several other streets that are considered neighborhood Streets. Arterial streets are able to handle 1500 to 2000 cars per day.
- Ed thought there were 7 NA’s that opposed this application by passing resolutions.

Marylhurst – Karie Oakes

Meet on Tuesday, passed 3 resolutions: 1st on the Arch Bridge and want them to stop for now, so that more plans can be looked at, 2nd on PLN 15-01 – Comprehensive Plan, Goal 9 amendments – Economic Opportunities Analysis (EOA) and 3rd on the 180 apartment unit development proposal. On the EOA, the Planning Commission will discuss on Sept. 2nd and will not take testimony as they will continue this meeting to September 9. They have a clause for development charges and listed Savanna Oaks Park as Office Business Center instead of Parks. Didn't include citizens, They want to streamline permitting process and misstated the rate of unemployment for Clackamas Co. as 6.8 % when it is actually 5%. In July wrote letter to Planning Commission for changes to resubmit letter due to written errors and they did not change it. Ice Cream Social coming up Sept. 19th 2-4pm at Robinwood Station in conjunction with Arts and Crafts business fair.

Hidden Springs – Erik Van de Water

Issue of merging with Rosemont Summit NA is off the table, they are now not merging. Talking about splitting into a President, Vice President, and Secretary roles and will be attending every NAP meeting.

BHTNA – Barrington Heights, Tanner Woods, Hidden Creek NA – Meredith Olmsted

Lots of discussion on stuff at bottom of the hill. Working on getting Block Captains to help get more people to meetings. Lots more interest in what is going on at city level. Communication is evolving and they are exploring block captains as a new direction of communication. 1 captain per 20-30 houses. More accurate communication, more reporting and less editorializing.

Robinwood NA – Kevin Bryck (Secretary)

Development on Upper Midhill Drive. Not filed for a permit yet. Zoned Arbor as R-4.5 and developing it as high density. They applied for a pre-app. Proposing 30 new houses. Neighborhood picnic was on a smoky day. A few candidate councilors showed up and talked to people. Less than 5 gallons of trash for over 100 people. Lots of paving in the neighborhood. Streets are now 6 inches higher and now there is concern for water filling into people's yards due to not enough drainage.

Skyline Ridge – Tracy Gilday

Neighborhood Garage Sale was a success. Nine houses participated. Ice cream social will be in September. Several streets were slurry sealed in Skyline Ridge.

Mayor Axelrod was invited back into the meeting.

Stipend Requirements – All NAs should refer to the August 9 email from Ed Schwarz. All NAs are subject to the new stipend requirements. Changes include that each NA must attend one NAP meeting per fiscal year and that all NAs must list the number of members present at NA meetings in their minutes. Kirsten Wyatt indicated that the City Council will have to vote on the stipend policy in order to change it. Per Karie Oakes, NA stipends are listed in Policy 93. This is only a policy and not in the city code. Ed will keep tabs on it.

NAP Outreach / Music on the Park – Got very few emails and needed a draw to have people come and sign up. The city offered NA's to buy a canopy for \$299.00. NA's think we won't use it very often. Mayor Axelrod said that we need to be better organized and have a better map to show which NA you belong to.

Archiving our NA and NAP documents – Ed is looking into seeing how much it costs for Dropbox. The city says they don't have anywhere to store things internally. Ed will talk to Shane in IS about this.

Request by Jim Farrell (Skyline Ridge) for a possible NAP hosted candidate forum in conjunction with the League of Women Voters (LWV) – The LWV has agreed to monitor the debate and supply the timers. Both Mike Selvaggio and Bob Martin agreed to this debate – he hasn't yet heard back from the third candidate. Would be held Oct. 1st or 6th in the West Linn Council Chambers and will be televised. Maybe each candidate can ask the other candidate two questions. The LWV are good at this. Would be great if there was no fee and Jim wants the NAP to sponsor this event. Can advertise this with West Linn Tidings and it will give NA's visibility. League of Women Voters will come up with their questions. No one knows the questions prior to it. The League of Women Voters has a process in getting questions to the candidates. Tracy Gilday made a motion to include all candidates for a debate at City Hall on Oct. 1st or 6th for free and televised with the League of Women Voters.

After discussion and vote, the NAP decided to sponsor the debate and request use of Council Chambers for the debate. Ed will send to Council and Kirsten Wyatt that this motion was passed.

NAP Election – Ballots were distributed and completed by each NA. Ed Schwarz was elected NAP Chair, Tracy Gilday NAP Secretary, and Karie Oakes for Vice Chair. All were unanimous, 6-0.

Update on NA Signage – Per the email from Kirsten Wyatt and the policy document distributed in Kirsten's email, the city will pay for one sign for each NA. If the NA wants more signs then it will need to use stipend funds to pay for it.

West Linn Update – West Linn is going to publish up to 250 words from each NA in the next West Linn Update. To be placed in the September water bill and mailed to all homes. Your NA's 250 words are due to Lori Hall by Sept. 1st. This will be repeated quarterly in the water bill.

Other Discussion

Interim city manager is Don Otterman. Mr. Otterman was City Manager in North Plains for many years (he retired from there) and was previously City Manager in Scappoose and a couple of other cities. He also served as interim City Manager in Scappoose, Hood River and Wheeler. He helps cities transition to a new manager. Ramis law firm recommended him. Will be at next council meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Schwarz at 8:47pm.