

**Neighborhood Association Presidents Meeting**  
**Adult Community Center, 1180 Rosemont Road, West Linn**

**April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016; 7:00 pm**

**Minutes**

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The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by NAP Chair Ed Schwarz.

NA Presidents, or their representative, present were:

- Ed Schwarz – Savanna Oaks President
- Meredith Olmsted – Barrington Heights
- Kazi Ahmed – Robinwood President
- Tracy Gilday – Skyline Ridge President
- Bill Relyea – Parker Crest
- Alan Smith – Bolton President
- Gail Holmes – Willamette President
- Doug Vokes – Sunset Vice President
- Noelle Bledy – Visitor from Sunset
- Guest – Street of Dreams – Rachelle Trice
- Courtney Flynn – Citizen Engagement Coordinator
- Brenda Perry – Councilor
- Russ Axelrod - Mayor

**Approval of Meeting Minutes** – The February 2016 meeting minutes, as amended, were approved.

**Amendments** -

Parker Crest – Recommended this change – A zoning map change means there has to be a comprehensive plan.

**Introduction of Courtney Flynn** - Citizen Engagement Coordinator

Available at City Hall on Mondays and Fridays and at the Library Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays.  
Every other Friday is closed at City Hall.

Sends news feeds via NextDoor, NAP's, Facebook, MailChimp & Website.

**Street of Dreams** – Rachel Trice, VP of Marketing and Events

If you want Rachel to attend a NA meeting she will come and talk about the Street of Dreams.

Location will be on Pete's Mountain by the Golf Club. Five homes will be built on 63 acres with the price range of around five million dollars each. The Home Builders Association is a fundraiser to help with homelessness. On August 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a neighborhood barbeque for the locals.

Traffic will be on-site this year. Working with neighbors on best route to this site. Tumwater Reserve winery will be there. Block party is like the Midsummer Night's Dream event without the black tie.

**NA Reports**

**Savanna Oaks (Ed Schwarz/President)** – Been working with the land owner of Tannler & Blankenship Jeff Parker and his proposed plan. Lots of residential homes used to be buffer at the top of the hill. NA took a vote and the neighbors are not supportive of his new plan. This area is not zoned for residential.

**Robinwood (Kazi Ahmed/President)** – Had meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> and Gail was guest speaker and talked about committee citizen involvement. Upper Midhill drive presented and a resolution was passed to recommend to the planning commission to not pass this development due to traffic concerns and density. Planning Commission voted and was 3 to 3 so this failed.

**Brenda Perry** – LOT into their last year and West Linn is resurfacing the roads and LOT is paying for it.

**Bolton (Alan Smith/President)** – Bolton neighborhood 21395 Willamette Drive house will be torn down and made ready for a new park. Gathered momentum to advocate for their neighborhood and space. Park does not have a name yet. Budget doesn't have a treasurer and will talk about their assets at their next meeting. Was a report of a dog charging on Mary S Young Park and knocked a person over. Peggy Jones is West Linn Code enforcer. The guy was in the no leash area and the guy broke his leg.

**Willamette** – (Gail Holmes/President) – Meeting was April 13<sup>th</sup> and short one person for quorum. Having problems with the city in regards to the signs. Signs says historic and have to be in the historic location which doesn't help with knowing where Willamette is. There are two signs at city hall and have been there since October. Can't have a historic sign unless it is in the Historic District. These signs were made for the Neighborhood and Public Works says they have to be in the Historic District. Signs on 10<sup>th</sup> and Willamette Falls Drive & the other place is by Fields Bridge Park. Have so many gateways into Willamette. Now she is working with Lance at the city. Russ will check in with Lance and maybe schedule a meeting. There is a new building coming by Con Construction by his 1980 building in Willamette. Architect came in November and didn't realize there was a 20-day notice and they held a special meeting with 31 residents. Lots of great questions and some people were concerned with a parking garage underneath it and there were concerns with kids' safety. Retail with three units and looking to put a restaurant in one of them. Upstairs may have 19 units for hotel or retail. Didn't vote on it, just had lots of questions. Goal to make sure everyone knows why we have neighborhoods and what our purpose is.

**Sunset Neighborhood** — (Doug Vokes/Vice President) – Take care of West Linn Day is May 14<sup>th</sup> and picking up garbage on Sunset and 205 and entry way signs. One on top of summit and on sunset by I 205. Sign is covered with grass and needs to be cleaned up. One of the signs is now on private property and 20 ft. from the center line. The city sold the property to a private owner. All signs are on the wrong side of the street. Had meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup> and developer wants to develop on Cornwall & Landis which dead ends. Wants to connect the streets and build seven houses. There are water issues. No Geotech survey. Problems: Creek there, wetland designation, Barrington Heights has already experienced floods from this wetland. Requirement would have to put on city sewers and would have to pay to connect the streets. Wants to put upscale homes in the area. Ends up on Fairhaven. Very steep with a cliff. Planning Commission voted 4 to 2 to accept the application for the new school. Sunset will appeal this on May 16. Have two weeks to file your appeal after a decision has been made. Why is it being appealed. Safety perspective and the pond location and the landside zones that will be even more saturated. April 13<sup>th</sup> planning commission voted. Geotech was only preliminary at best and did not furnish impacts. Sunset hired their own geologist and learned about the landside. One neighbor has her land slowly sinking due to saturation. That evidence was rejected by planning commission.

**Russ Axelrod** – West Linn is meeting the density requirements. New city manager will be looking at planning and leadership and overall conduct and the work that city staff does. Planning Commission is a volunteer position and the mayor looks for people with skills.

**Skyline Ridge** – (Tracy Gilday/President) – Next NA Meeting will be Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Water Pressure is high at Skyline Ridge Neighborhood and the water operations supervisor Matt Kaatz

recommended that if your water pressure is above 80psi that you should have a pressure reducer valve installed in your home. Matt provided Tracy a water pressure map of her neighborhood.

**Barrington Heights** – (Meredith Olmstead/President reports via email) – May 7<sup>th</sup> annual education day. Certified as a fire wise community and have met the standards for fire breaks. There are huge areas that need brush hogs to create a barrier from fires. There is a lot of labor that needs to be done. Need a 20 ft. fire break to keep West Linn safe. Focus this year is on education day and Barrington Heights and NA have created new safety committees to keep housing safe. Map your neighborhood, department of forestry. TVFR will be there as well. Want to encourage safety. Had a car crash into their bricks. Engage neighbors for spotting license plates and crime is also up as well. Want to enlist residents with better communications. They are encouraging Next Door as their venue of communication.

**Parker Crest** – (Bill Relyea/President) – Staff giving direction to get around codes versus pushing preservation. The watershed can't handle the current load development. Rosemont and Parker Rd. has a large amount of undeveloped property. Wants to look at how homeowners are getting along with the watershed. There is more pressure to annex land and will now be up to city council. Hydrology concerns with unincorporated areas as they are not paying for school levies and water infrastructure. What happens when they get annexed into the city? Many use a septic system. Environmental health and on-site waste water. Watershed slows down runoff.

### **New Business**

Map still shows Hidden Springs and Rosemont as merged and still needs to be changed.

Municipal code 2.1 – Ed sent out a copy to the NA's asking if there needs to be any changes. Ed had three suggestions: NA Board must have at least three members. NA must have a meeting annually where there is a budget is presented. Bill said the code needs to be changed before this is added. We should include a financial report or status. Bill makes a motion to approve the neighborhood and Gail seconded it. All approved. Ed will send Russ the email on the new formula for Stipends.

Last thing any topics for next month. Meeting Dates – Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> – Ed will not be here will send Karie. Alan can take notes if Tracy is not here.

Russ said Committee for Citizen Involvement includes: 2 people from city council (Russ & Bob Martin) and the Chair of Planning Commission, NAP Chair, Chamber member, Historic Review Board, 2 citizens at large and business person at large (Gail Holmes). First meeting is Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Gail wants to have a class on teaching us about pruning.

### **Adjourn**

Seeing no further business, Chair Schwarz adjourned the meeting at 9:15pm.