

Neighborhood Association Presidents Meeting

Adult Community Center

June 30th, 2016; 7:00pm

Minutes

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

NA Presidents, or their representative, present were:

- Ed Schwarz – Savanna Oaks NA President
- Karie Oaks – Marylhurst NA President
- Meredith Olmsted – Barrington Heights, Tanner Woods, Hidden Creek NA President
- Doug Vokes – Sunset NA President
- Frank Heuschker – Hidden Springs NA President
- Tracy Gilday – Skyline Ridge President
- Bill Relyea – Parker Crest NA President
- Gail Holmes – Willamette NA President
- Kazi Ahmed – Robinwood NA President
- Alan Smith – Bolton NA President
- Russ Axelrod – Mayor
- Brenda Perry – Councilor
- Eileen Stein – City Manager
- Courtney Flynn – Citizen Engagement Coordinator
- Debra Taevs – Guest Speaker
- Patrick Malee – West Linn Tidings visitor
- Noelle Bledy – Sunset visitor

Approval of Meeting Minutes – The May 26th, 2016 meeting minutes, as amended, were approved.

Amendments -

First Page – SOS change to Save Our Sunset

2nd Page – Marylhurst – 1st sentence delete a walk way, the could and replace with and Valley View

Last page – Meredith Olmsted checking into church and well water

Community Comments – End of first line need to say Storm water drain sprays three feet of water

*After Sunset Creek and Neighbor reports

*Replace the word a with their own “hydrogeologist....”

*Change the first New Business to Old Business

Under Map – change to Rosemont Summit NA

NA Reports

Savanna Oaks (Ed Schwarz/President) – Quiet month. City will mail a postcard to each NA once a year. Savanna Oaks has an ice cream social on July 10th at 3pm. This is a well-attended event with lots of ice cream and games.

Marylhurst (Kari Oakes/President) – Working on a plan for Valley View Dr. to improve the street by adding a sidewalk with no beauty strip. Parking at the end of Marylhurst Park was not developed. A conceptual draft proposes 13 slots with overflow. Kari is working with the Public Works Dept. and making some recommendations. Kari will report back at the next meeting. Marylhurst is planning a Social for next month.

Robinwood (Kazi Ahmed/President) –

Bolton (Alan Smith/President) – The house on 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. Bolton doesn't have a treasurer and will talk about their assets at their next meeting. There was a report of a dog charging on Mary S Young Park and knocked a person over breaking his leg. The person was in the no leash area. Peggy Jones is West Linn Code enforcer and she is ticketing mostly folks from out of West Linn who are not putting their dog on a leash in the areas where they are supposed to.

Willamette (Gail Holmes/President) – City Manager Eileen Stein came to Willamette's NA meeting. Need new meeting signs and now meeting at the police station. City is making two new neighborhood signs. Next meeting July 13th at 7pm. Handris building is a new construction site with 3 lots in which the owner has indicated putting up a hotel on the upper floor. This site will also have retail opportunities.

Sunset Neighborhood (Doug Vokes/Vice President) – Sunset NA had their picnic last Sunday and it was well attended. S.O.S.P.C. (Save Our Sunset Park Committee) filed an appeal with LUBA. SOSPC asked for a stay. If approved, a stay will stop the work and if denied the work can continue. Will know in a week what the decision is. The plan moving forward will be worked out with the school and city. There is concern with putting more water into the Sunset Creek. Needs to be monitored. More issues with trees, changing hydrogeology of land, and concerned that if significant Doug Fir trees are removed how that would affect the land. Still nine majestic trees. Russ had originally suggested that they put in an underground vault. If lined won't harm surrounding area.

Hidden Springs (Frank Heuschker/President) - Need a sidewalk on Santa Anita to allow for a safe path to Trillium Elementary School. Cars speed on Rosemont and when coming down the hill toward the elementary school the crosswalk is too close. Earthquake preparedness. Visitor Debra with Exceed Enterprises been around as a non-profit and train people with disabilities. Now starting this recycling business and 45 different cars came. Filled a box weighing 3745 lbs. Collected clothing, CD's and other textiles. Offer receipts for donations. Is interested in doing this again for other neighborhood associations. June 11 Hidden Springs had electronic recycling event. Next electronic recycling event is in September. Old TVs need to be recycled responsibly.

Russ suggested to Debra to go to the city and see if West Linn as a city could participate. Kazi said they had a fix it event where experts come and fix it instead of throwing it away. Maybe the next recycling event could be a fix it or recycle it fair.

NA Reports

Skyline Ridge – (Tracy Gilday/President) – Had NA meeting last night June 29th. Forming an Emergency Preparedness Committee to map our neighborhood. 4th of July picnic coming up. Inquired about Lead & Radon in West Linn/Wilsonville schools. Both have tested negative for all schools in the West Linn/Wilsonville school district. Still need someone to head up neighborhood garage sale. Spoke about Street of Dreams and will get a promo code for discounts. Great response to water pressure issue. Marylhurst Drive is having the street resurfaced.

Barrington Heights – (Meredith Olmstead/President) – Need new meeting signs. Formation of safety committee with the HOA like map your neighborhood, fire safety. Want to keep neighborhood informed.

Parker Crest – (Bill Relyea/President) – Ex. Recent flyer mentioned three different subdivisions in the PCNA. Need for improvements like lighting, sidewalks, and people parking on streets. No continuity with posting issues and sending issues in minutes to city. Would like the city's help in addressing these issues in the land use. Concern that Planning Commission's primary focus is on codes for builders. Russ identified roads as high priority. Planning Commission are supposed to be doing street improvements. Example, Oppenlander Field needs to be paved.

Not sure if the Planning Commission or Parks and Recreation are appropriate place to bring up paving Oppenlander Field. Russ said its involved in TSP. Wants this to be in the capital improvement plans. Better planning coordination and collaboration with the neighborhood associations. Detour on Willamette Falls Drive there were no pre-notifications about this. Karie suggested being notified of events in your neighborhood so if residents ask we can let them know.

New Business

Rosemont Summit Revitalization – Meredith Olmsted stated that all NA's are tasked with coming up with one to three concrete ideas that makes our neighborhood successful. Wants input from all NA's. They need encouragement and support.

- Tracy Gilday – Neighborhood directory, traditions like garage sale and socials. We should come in with success stories. May take a commitment from each of us to partner with Rosemont Summit to get this group up and going.

Meredith Olmsted – Reporting on Willamette Christian Church and Salamo Road. On Sundays it is hard to leave the arterials from 8-1pm. The church rents land from Safeway and are entitled to a certain amount of spaces, however there is concern that too many spaces are being taken due to church services. The parking lot at Safeway is very full on Sundays. Talked to Safeway manager and said the shopping center manager is in charge of parking at Safeway.

Traffic safety – Concerned that the church is not obeying the city laws via the city street. Talked to WL Police. Church has hired professional crossing guards and they are stopping traffic on Salamo without a permit. Talked to Peggy Jones and said she doesn't believe her that police know about this. Asked straight out if they have a permit to stop traffic and the answer was no.

Did send an officer to talk to them and said to talk to them like a good neighbor. There is no permit to do this and impedes safety vehicles. This is a police issue and is concerned about selective enforcement. Meredith also called the county and found out that the church is building another building. 7600 sq. ft. is going to be added and will accommodate 770 more people. The current building accommodates 500 people. The county has already approved their application for this new addition. There is great concern about excessive traffic on Salamo Rd on Sundays. Would like to suggest Eileen and Russ to outreach to the church and talk to County Commissioner Savas and get a hand full of NAP's to meet with the church. Also police chief, city manager, and pastor should meet to address traffic issues and emergency response. Should add a traffic study. County planning staff should be at meeting as well and look into the city's response.

NA Outreach – Mayor Axelrod mentioned that last summer the NA's supported a booth at Music in the Park. We need something to attract the kids to the booth and need parks and rec to setup tent, table, and chairs.

Motion: Move to use emergency funds to buy NA Banner for Publicity – Unanimously approved.

Rosemont Ridge Stipend – This was discussed and Ms. Stein informed the presidents that the stipend for Rosemont Summit is being held by the city and will be available to the NA once it starts meeting again. This includes the stipends that have been held by the city while the NA was inactive.

Article in Tidings about pesticides running off into the streams –Tanner Creek is mostly affected by Round Up and pesticides going into our streams. Suggest we have a forum and Russ said there is a forum for this. Sustainability Advisory Board keeps track of what pesticides the city uses. Sharon in West Linn will put together an educational workshop for this, possibly in August. Meredith suggested the app Next Door to mention this.

Next NAP meeting is July 28.

Economic Development Committee is doing a consumer survey, available at Library.

The city has a survey regarding City Hall operating hours. Presently, they are available every other Friday (9 days 80 hrs. plan). This is a pilot project. The benefits include access to City Hall at 7:30am to 5:30pm for paying utility bills after work.

John Morgan with the Planning Dept. requests to be put on next NAP agenda to discuss the Arch Bridge Project.

Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Chair Schwarz adjourned the meeting at 9:22pm.