

Neighborhood Association Presidents (NAP) Meeting
Adult Community Center, 1180 Rosemont Road, West Linn
September 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Vice Chair Karie Oakes when a quorum was met. Present:

Alan Smith, Bolton NA President	Courtney Flynn, Citizen Engagement Coordinator
Karie Oakes, Marylhurst NA President	Russell Axelrod, Mayor
Kazi Ahmed, Robinwood NA President	Brenda Perry, City Councilor
Roberta Schwarz, sub Savana Oaks NA	Marvin Kaiser, CEO Mary's Woods
Doug Vokes, Sunset NA	Karen Tolvstad, Mary's Woods
Gail Holmes, Willamette NA President	

Agenda: There was consensus to move item 5.a. Mary's Woods Construction Information to follow Community Comments, so our guest speakers would not have to wait until New Business to speak.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: It was moved and seconded to approve each of the June 30, 2016 and July 28, 2016 drafts as corrected; and to approve the August 30, 2016 draft. All three motions passed.

Community Comments: None

Mary's Woods Construction Information: Karen Tolvstad and Marvin Kaiser gave a history of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary and the Mary's Woods Retirement Community and plans of the new expansion, The Village at Mary's Woods, which began ground breaking recently. The Village will add 200 apartments, common spaces and a business-commercial area with parking for both, to the existing 268 apartments. The mixed-use development grew from the longtime vision to provide a continuum of housing, healthcare and education to nuns and the community. It is located adjacent and north of Marylhurst University and will be completed in two phases by Jan-Feb. 2019.

Discussion ensued about the expressed concern of the impact to traffic on Hwy 43 of the additional vehicles of The Village residents, guests and the wider community visiting it and the adverse impact to West Linn (WL). The current carrying capacity on Hwy 43 is inadequate, especially during commute times and particularly in this area where two lanes converge to one lane. It was questioned if WL was included in the planning stage.

Mr. Kaiser pointed out that the Sisters had previously made improvements to Hwy 43 and are working with the city of Lake Oswego (LO) which approved the development and with the Oregon Department of Transportation to improve crosswalk safety. Mayor Axelrod informed members that WL's recently updated Transportation System Plan included multi-modal transportation. It would be useful in coordinating with LO to find the best solutions to the traffic problem, which he will speak with the mayor of LO about. Linda Tolvstad will stay in touch with NAP to keep the community engaged.

Old Business

Rosemont Summit NA Revitalization

Alan Smith reported he had spoken to the Church of the Latter Day Saints in Rosemont Summit neighborhood and they are agreeable to having the RSNA meeting there. Alan suggested NAP schedule it in January because there was work yet to be done on the postcard and it could not be mailed in a timely matter for an October meeting; and a meeting in November or December might not be well attended because of holidays. Consensus was to schedule it in January 2017.

Review of the NA tri-fold handout

There was further discussion about if using the photo of one particular NA would confuse citizens and/or appear biased. It was suggested the photo could be interchanged with those of other NAs in future printings and each distributed for use in each respective NA. Ms. Flynn said this would be possible. The information submitted by each NA is intended to identify the unique characteristics of each NA. It was noted that the NA map, though small, would give citizens some idea of which NA they belonged.

Ms. Schwarz moved to approve the draft of the NA tri-fold handout, with the possible exception that the names of each NA on the map be bolded, if it would improve their appearance and is technically possible. Mr. Smith seconded and the motion passed: 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

Ms. Flynn will print the final draft and distribute it to NAs, local coffee shops and phone inquiries.

Councilor Perry excused herself from the meeting after an announcement to vote for the Clackamas County 6 % Fuel Tax in the November election. WL will get 40% guaranteed to fund roads and it will sunset in seven years.

New Business

Discussion of taking Minutes of Meetings

It was noted that the minutes of WL advisory boards and NAs vary greatly in type & quality of recording (audio/visual, written) and the kind of content. It was suggested that the City provide training for accurate and concise written minutes. Council will soon be taking up the subject of minute taking for its meetings. Mayor Axelrod suggested this be taken up by the Committee for Citizen Involvement.

NAP Reports

Sunset- Neighbors are keeping an eye on Sunset school development. The appeal to LUBA by “Save our Sunset” group is awaiting the City record of the decision to permit the school.

Bolton- Donated \$200 to Willamette Falls Heritage for a plaque at the Grindstones project to honor mill workers. A neighbor questioned what the city policy for dead tree removal is.

Willamette- There is several buildings in pre-application. Construction at 11th and Willamette Falls Drive is postponed until Spring. Plans for a small market faire are being considered for the closed Lavender Blue store. Trick or Treat at businesses on Halloween from 4-6 pm. WNA is updating its Vision and Mission Statement, which is the name for its neighborhood plan.

Robinwood- River’s Network, who is mapping all creeks flowing into the Willamette, gave a presentation about how to care for creeks. RNA will be hosting a WL Candidates Forum on October 11 at 7 pm at Robinwood Station for the entire community. A resident was troubled by the permit process and fee required to replace a deck in a water resource area.

Savanna Oaks- After twelve years, the final fundraisers to achieve \$3.5 million needed for the White Oak Savanna Park are approaching. Baja Fresh will donate 15% of proceeds on September 25 and the Holiday Craft Fair will benefit it on November 19-20 at Willamette DR and Jolie Pointe RD.

Marylhurst- Continues to work with the City to improve safety on Valley View by considering both the newly proposed plan and the street improvements of the approved Marylhurst Heights Park plan. The ice cream social was rescheduled to Sept. 24. Meeting September 27 to nominate officers for October elections.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.