

Neighborhood Association Presidents (NAP) Meeting
Adult Community Center, 1180 Rosemont Road, West Linn
October 27, 2016 at 7:00 PM
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Chair Ed Schwarz when a quorum was met. Present:

Alan Smith, Bolton NA President	Patrick Noe, Sunset NA President-elect
Karie Oakes, Marylhurst NA President	Jerrold Galyon, Sunset NA Vice President-elect
Kazi Ahmed, Robinwood NA President	Bill Relyea, Parker Crest NA President
Ed Schwarz, Savana Oaks NA President	Russell Axelrod, Mayor
Doug Vokes, Sunset NA Vice President	
Kathie Halicki, Willamette NA Secretary	

Approval of Meeting Minutes: It was moved and seconded to approve the September 21, 2016 draft as corrected. The motion passed 5 yeas, 0 nays, with 1 abstention.

Community Comments: None

Old Business

Rosemont Summit Revitalization

Chair Schwarz requested an update on this issue. Mr. Smith stated that he and Meredith Olmsted (Barrington Heights NA President) had been working on a location and postcard for the meeting. Mr. Smith will follow up with the Latter-Day Saints Church to determine which dates the church would be available in the second half of January 2017 for a meeting. Chair Schwarz will follow up with Ms. Olmsted and Ms. Flynn (Citizen Engagement Coordinator) to determine the status of the postcard.

Willamette Christian Church Traffic

The NAP having had no response from the city on this issue, Ms. Oakes volunteered to work with City Manager Stein, Mayor Axelrod, and any other necessary agencies. Ms. Oakes will report back with updates at our next meeting.

City Water Pressure

Mr. Relyea noted that the water pressure at the service to his home is 105 psi while the recommended pressure inside a house is less than 70 psi. Mr. Relyea stated that the city codes should be modified to require a water pressure regulator be installed when new homes are constructed. It was suggested by Chair Schwarz that Mr. Relyea bring this issue to the attention of the City Council as a Community Comment during their next meeting.

New Business

Officer Nominations

Chair Schwarz opened the floor for nominations for Neighborhood Association Presidents (NAP) Committee officers. Nominations were as follows:

Chair – Ed Schwarz

Vice-Chair – Karie Oakes and Tracy Gilday

Secretary – Bill Relyea

Voting will take place at the next NAP meeting.

Training on How to Take Meeting Minutes

Chair Schwarz mentioned that he would like to see the City provide training to all officers of city boards, commissions, and committees on how to properly take meeting minutes. There was general agreement that this training would be useful. There was discussion on who best could provide this training. After discussion Mr. Ahmed agreed to research this and determine if someone could be found who could provide such training.

NA Report to the City Council

Chair Schwarz stated that the city is requesting from each Neighborhood Association their 2016 accomplishments and 2017 goals.

Hwy. 43 (Willamette Drive) Improvements and Funding]

Mayor Axelrod reported on the October 27 meeting at METRO where West Linn presented its proposal to receive funding for improvements to Hwy. 43. Present from the city were Mayor Axelrod and Councilor Martin along with several citizens. Mayor Axelrod stated that this is a long process and that METRO will accept citizen input through November 7. There are approximately 27 applications but only 7 or 8 will receive funding.

Advisory Boards Meetings with NAP

Mayor Axelrod reported that he had been approached by representatives of other citizen advisory groups who would like to make presentations to the NAP. Chair Schwarz stated that other groups were always welcome to present and that they should contact him to be placed on upcoming agendas.

NAP Reports

Savanna Oaks- A representative from Yes on Measure 97 was present at the last meeting.

Marylhurst- No quorum at their last meeting so could not hold their officer elections. They are still in need of a Secretary. A Measure 97 advocate attended their last meeting. Candidate for Oregon State Representative Paul Southwick also attended their last meeting.

Robinwood- An election was held and new officers were elected. Ms. Ahmed will report the new officers' names and contact information to Chair Schwarz. A candidate forum for Mayor and Councilor elections was held. The proposed development at 18000 Midhill Drive has a new application which has increased the number of dwelling units from 33 to 47. This is taking place while the old application which was denied by the City council is being appealed to the Land Use Board of Appeals. Representatives of the developer will be at the November 8 meeting. The new application is using an expedited process which means it will bypass the Planning Commission.

Parker Crest- The 56-unit PUD development proposal for 1270 Rosemont Road went to the Planning Commission. Concerns about inadequate public safety improvements were expressed by members of the public who testified.

Sunset- Officer elections were held at their September meeting. New officers were elected. Sunset is planning to participate in the "Map Your Neighborhood" program. They are planning a community meeting to involve neighbors. Their past three years of meeting minutes have gone missing from the city web site.

Bolton- NA members have recently learned that there are five halfway houses in the NA. Neighbors would like more information about them – where they are located and information about the residents. Trees are to be cut in Hammerle Park – the NA is concerned about whether an adequate study has been done on the trees. Neighbors are anxious to

begin the process of revitalizing the new park that was recently acquired by the city but have been delayed while lead and asbestos studies are done on the house on the property. Mayor Axelrod stated that the city is planning to remove this house and a second house on other property and is seeking bids to remove both to save money. The NA will be holding elections in November. They recently updated their by-laws to clarify voting requirements for members.

Willamette- They will hold their elections in November – they have no nominations so far. Main Street West Linn made a presentation at their last meeting. The Halloween theme is “Flintstones.” For the holidays, Main Street has obtained a grant to provide wreaths to local businesses which will be decorated and displayed during the holiday season. Businesses will also be decorating their windows. Carriage rides will start on December 10. There will be a Christmas “pop-up” shop in the former Lavender Blue location. Willamette NA funded \$1,000 for holiday tree lights. The owner of the General Store property is hoping to open a “cidery” but must work through city codes which may not allow for this type of business in that location. The owners of the property at 14th and Willamette Falls Drive are proposing to construct a two-story office building with no first-floor walk-in businesses as are present in the rest of Willamette.

Chair Schwarz stated that he is proposing the next NAP meeting for early December.

Seeing no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.