

City of West Linn, OR
Neighborhood Association President's (NAP) Meeting
Adult Community Center, 1180 Rosemont Road, West Linn, OR 97068
December 22, 2016 at 7:00 PM – 9:10 PM

Minutes

Ed Schwarz, Chair
Karie Oakes, Vice Chair
William Relyea, Secretary

Attendees:

Karie Oakes, Marylhurst NA, President	Jerrod Galyon, Sunset NA, Vice President
Kazi Ahmed, Robinwood NA, Immediate Past President	Russell Axelrod, Mayor
Ed Schwarz, Savanna Oaks NA, President	David Baker, Rosemont Summit NA
Robert Jester, Barrington Heights NA, Vice President	Samuel Grosz, Willamette NA, Member
Steve Meisen, Bolton NA, President	William Relyea, Parker Crest NA, President
Jim Farrell, Skyline Ridge NA, Officer	Jim O'Toole, Robinwood NA, President

7:00PM Call to Order by Chairman Schwarz

Handouts

- Circulate statement addressing traffic issues
- Circulate Meeting Minutes from October, 2016
- Circulate Rosemont Summit NA Sample Postcard
- Circulate NAP December 2016 Meeting Agenda

Meeting Minutes Approval from October, 2016

- Review of the Minutes from October
- Call for Discussion, Comments, Changes etc...
- Call to approve the minutes as drafted, Relyea made a motion to approve, the call was seconded
- Vote to approve or deny
 - 6 ayes,
 - 1 abstention,
 - 0 nays

- Minutes approved as drafted

Community Comments

- Chair Schwarz called for community comments and asked if anyone had anything to discuss that was not on the Agenda.
- No comments or additional issues were raised.

Old Business

Revitalize the Rosemont Summit NA

- Email from Mayor Axelrod – David's interest in helping the process
- Chair Schwarz, mentioned discussions with volunteer, Alan, about securing a location for a meeting with the community. The Latter Day Saint Church on Rosemont was mentioned and Alan will be contacted for clarification.
- The postcard to revitalize the NA, being sent to the households in RSNA – explaining the purpose of a NA was reviewed, and tentative places, dates, etc were discussed for the meeting.
- Chair Schwarz, will rework the postcard, to include information discussed at the NAP meeting. No need to distribute to everyone, Mayor Axelrod, City Manager, will receive the updated postcard

Development at 1270 Rosemont Road

- Mayor Axelrod clarified that the development had moved through the planning process...the development is in the Parker Crest NA.
- The Planning Commission added language in the approval about public safety improvements and the developer will be adding traffic control measures to the project.

Notice about the proposed Rosemont Summit NA meeting and distribution of the postcards.

- Chair Schwarz asked about acquiring the email address of the RSNA representative and how many residents there are in RSNA. The response was about 1600

7:20 PM Introductions were made through a once around the table format.

Report of Willamette Christian Church – Traffic Issues

- Karie Oakes discussed the traffic issue with City Manager Eileen Stein.
- Eileen didn't know that it was still a problem after Karie asked about the status from the first meeting on this issue.
- City Manager Stein is scheduled to meet with the church leaders on 12-22-2016 and will discuss traffic issues with them.

New Business

NAP Officer Elections

Chair Schwarz opened the floor for officer elections, passed out ballots and asked the BHNA President to count the votes. Votes tallied – and read into the record.

Chair

Ed Schwarz - 9

Write In - 0

Vice Chair

Karie Oakes - 7

Tracy Gilday -2

Write In - 0

Secretary

Bill Relyea – 9

Write In - 0

SB 1573 and Potential issues, Law Suits, City Charter impacts – Status

- Home rule allows the city to decide its own destiny...13 cities have stated that this SB impacts their charters...Home Rule allows cities to determine how they will grow and what their growth looks like. Destiny function and run, there was an understood rule, by the state passing this law, largely put together by builders, developers, property owners. We are a member of LOC and they filed a law suit, so we are tracking the issue through their action. The matter is in a different district court, so we couldn't join the suit, but we are tracking it. Litigation is in play and we will need to address the matter again when the courts make a decision.

City of West Linn Community Development Director

- The City Manager hired a new Development Director – John Williams. He was previously with Metro and the City of Canby

Community Safety and Public Concerns

- Mayor Axelrod reported that the City has reaffirmed in the City its commitment to safety. The City is seeking input and feedback, regarding becoming a sanctuary city and certain measures that are taken regarding people's immigration status and what the police can or can't do and without understanding or being fully versed in all police policy we (the Council) didn't have enough information to address all the issues, but we wanted to get something out, so that's why we put together the current proclamation. The Council is open to evaluating comments from citizens on how we may supplement the proclamation and how we can incorporate measures that work for West Linn. The essential message is that we are not going to tolerate hatred, discrimination, of any kind anywhere, bigotry, bullying, sex, no matter what the orientation is. So I am really proud of that...

School District Boundary Changes

- The Mayor discussed meetings with the local school district and a discussion unfolded about the history of how the West Linn / Wilsonville School District was formed.

Hwy 43 Multi Modal Transportation Safety Project

- Chair Schwarz moved on to the next agenda item regarding the Hwy 43 Transportation Safety Project. Chair Schwarz mentioned being in a good place regarding the allocation of funds and asking the NAP group to support the measure so that he can give testimony on behalf of the NAP group.
 - Vote taken on measure by the NAP Group to Support Testimony on Hwy 43 Multi Modal Transportation Safety Project and the measure passed.

9 - Yes

0 - Abstentions

0 – Nays

New Item

- The Sunset NA has an issue with the Sunset School on its agenda and a land use item under appeal – we will have a NA meeting the 3rd week of January – most likely a decision will be made and a lot of things to talk about regarding what may or not happen and it seems like this is a big deal for our NA. We want to encourage members of the NAP group and others to come to the meeting, voice opinion, participate and give everyone a chance to understand what is going on... January 24, 2017 meeting in the Library at the current Sunset School.
- LUBA was discussed and the pending decision date was reviewed along with the posting of information.

NA Reports

- Savanna Oaks – Ed Schwarz, a party attended our last meeting and gave a presentation about recycling. I can forward the name of the Master Recycler who gave the presentation for those NA interested in adding it to their agendas.
- Skyline – No Report
- Mayor Axelrod and Commissioner Jim left the meeting due to concerns over a conflict with information that Kazi is going to discuss.
- Robinwood - Kazi – Future development and softening the approach – its all about the money – he is not backing down...wants to go around the City Council and Planning Commission – there is a process for an expedited hearing and he will go that route... There is an effort underway to buy land for park use. In addition on Hwy 43, Mary

Woods has its own development in process and that will cause traffic concerns...and that along with townhouses currently going in development along Hwy 43 will cause more congestion along a corridor that is already overloaded.

- Bolton – Steve – Election were held , I will be President and Alan will be Vice President
- Sunset – Elections – Patrick Noe, Jerrod Gaylon, and Leslie Bowlin elected...master NA program was discussed - some kind of APP to prepare for emergencies, a presentation to come in next month... Nextdoor etc, earthquake preparedness, LUBA land use appeal for the Sunset School site.
- Chair Schwarz reminded those that have held elections to let the city community coordinator know so that email and other information can be exchanged.
- Barrington Heights – elections – and fair amount of vandalism on holiday decorations – the HOA spent \$12K on decorations and damage has occurred...some homes have also had damage...
- Parker Crest NA - Relyea mentioned there appears to be an upswing of information being posted on Nextdoor Neighborhood about potential John Does and unwanted or questionable behavior, people posing as Direct TV representatives, looking in backyards, collecting notes about who is home and who is not – if we don't take an active stance and report matters to the police they can't respond - The NAP's should encourage citizens to report these issues to the police. Working with the City Park and Recreation Department to sponsor a Music in the Park event – the NA will likely purchase a banner to increase exposure and show support for how NA's work to improve life for the citizens of West Linn. There are two properties each having approximately 3.5 acres coming before the City Council in January for annexation.
- Marylhurst NA didn't reach a quorum at our last meeting. Teri Cummings was elected as a City Councilor and she was the NA secretary – we will have elections to bring someone else in to that position – some items about a boat and a bench, whether those items are on personal property or city property...the city asked about a fence, some issues with dogs...We had some signs purchased for notification about NA meetings...the signs were purchased on the internet, we will be getting new signs and we will use a part of them.
- Any other comments or questions – Council is getting together on the 3rd week of January for a retreat to set our 2017 goals – we would like your feedback prior to our retreat – We are retreating on 20 and 21 January – Get your goals and accomplishments in...common voices, things that we can do together...that the council can facilitate...
- Mayor Axelrod asked about goals we can accomplish collectively. Please forward the information to the City Community Coordinator

- Meeting adjourned at 9:10PM