

# WEST LINN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS MEETING- MINUTES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

7:00 PM – West Linn Adult Community Center

## Attendees:

Robert Jester, President, Barrington Heights, Tanner Woods, Hidden Creek NA	Robert McCarthy, President, Bolton NA
Alice Richmond representing Parker Crest NA	Jim O'Toole, representing Robinwood NA
Chris Groshko, Vice President, Rosemont Summit NA	Ed Schwarz, President, Savanna Oaks NA and NAP Chair
Kathie Halicki, President, Willamette NA substituting for Abby Farber as NAP Secretary	Teri Cummings, City Councilor & NAP Liaison
Sue McHugh, Member of Parker Crest NA	Laura Masterson, Luscher Farm, CSA
Sobin Hiraoka, Luscher Farm, CSA	

1. Chair Schwarz brought the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

There were 7 NA officers or their representatives, Teri Cummings, and 3 public in attendance.

Bob McCarthy said that he would like clearer agenda items with dedicated times for discussion items. Chair Schwarz concurred.

Alice Richmond wanted to know if the meeting was being recorded. Chair Schwarz informed her we had never used one to the best of his knowledge. Ms. Richmond was informed that we did not need to record meetings since we are not an advisory board, but if she would like to record, she is more than welcome to.

2. Robert McCarthy made a motion to accept the agenda, Robert Jester seconded, agenda approved.
3. Jim O'Toole made a motion to accept the November 2019 minutes, Robert McCarthy seconded, minutes approved.
4. **Community Comments** – Sue McHugh commented on the Parker Crest NA situation. She does not know if she currently belongs to an NA.
5. **Old Business**
  - a. **Discussion of reconstituting an inactive NA.** Chair Schwarz provided an update on Mr. Ramis' findings on this issue. The Secretary of State was not helpful. West Linn code is not helpful. It was suggested that NAP take it to the City Council. Chair Schwarz is going to take this to a City Council work session to get some guidance on this issue for NAP. Mr. McCarthy would like to know if the City recognizes Ms. Richmond as president. The Parker Crest Neighborhood website lists the office of president as open. Ms. Richmond insists that she is duly elected president. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous (7-0-0) for Chair Schwarz to go to City Council to find out City Council's position on validity of Parker Crest election. NAP is unclear if the quorum was met for said Parker Crest election and if the rules were followed. Ms. Richmond informed us that no other officers were elected. Mr. O'Toole suggested that a neutral person run the first Parker Crest

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meeting for the designation of what a quorum is (for this meeting and only this meeting) and for the election. It was suggested that perhaps Parker Crest could use the Clackamas County Dispute Resolution Service IGA to run the meeting, to make sure it is done properly. Mr. O'Toole pointed out that good and bad can come from mediation. Ms. Richmond informed us that there is a postcard to go out to all Parker Crest residents letting them know of a meeting/election of board members on Feb.21.

It was suggested that it would be a good idea to make a notice in the Tidings of the meeting. Councilor Cummings informed us that Chair Schwarz may not be able to get on City Council agenda before the Feb.21 meeting. Chair Schwarz is going to try to postpone the postcard until the City Council gives NAP some guidance. Chair Schwarz said that the postcard says that all positions except President are open. Ms. Richmond feels that a facilitator was already used and ruled in her favor in their report to the city. Mr. O'Toole asked to know the name of the facilitator and to see if it was reported back to the city. Chair Schwarz asked Ms. Richmond to provide the name and contact information of the facilitator.

Councilor Cummings said that NAs are independent organizations and must follow public meeting laws.

- b. **Update status of West Linn Post Office.** Mr. McCarthy informed us that negotiations continue and are making progress. Graymor has agreed to a 20-year lease (in 10-year increments). There is no finalized footprint. Most likely it will be retail only, not packages. The Mayor has asked that Graymor and Post Office issue a joint statement as to the proceedings. Post Office moves exceedingly slowly. Mr. McCarthy also informed us that Bolton has three land use issues at this time, (at the Central Village area) and they have asked that the city look at traffic as a whole, with these parcels, and not piece meal.

## 6. New Business

- a. **Luscher Farm CSA Program.** Community Supported Agriculture. Presentation made by Laura Masterson and Sobin Hiraoka. CSA is farmer grows food. Program at Luscher Farms was started in 2005. Everything is organic, wide variety of vegetables (some not seen at stores), vegetables fresh – picked 1-2 days previous, helps with climate change, community building program. You can take preparation and cooking classes. Sign up through Lake Oswego Parks and Rec. Program is open to those outside of Lake Oswego (Those from West Linn, Wilsonville, and Tualatin are participating). 10% of the participants are not from Lake Oswego, during the winter there are 60 families enrolled. You can try out one share, buy one time. Laura and Sobin will come to Neighborhood Associations and will give presentations. They gave us part of their bounty, pie pumpkins and Gills golden pippin squash. Prices range from \$630 - \$1317, depending on number of shares and season.

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- b. **Discussion of Bolton NA resolution on Burnside Park.** Mr. McCarthy reported that Steve Meisen (past president) is concerned about developers trying to develop in Burnside Park. Bolton NA passed a resolution to mandate Burnside Park to remain as a “Wilderness” park (passive-park) in perpetuity, without further development *as deeded*. It was suggested that other NAs may wish to discuss passing a similar resolution.
- c. **Clackamas County Dispute Resolution Service IGA** – Chair Schwarz already discussed this. This is good for neighbor to neighbor. You need to go through the city, the city is to facilitate the meeting. It is recorded, and the City Attorney needs to weigh in on findings.
- d. **Political advocacy by NA board members**- Rules about NA officers, political positions, candidates, and measures. Cannot do, even in public (cannot use title). Only speak on behalf of NA after the vote of the membership. Cannot speak on measure or candidate even with vote of membership. A request for clarification on NA Board Members using their titles in political endorsements will be asked at the upcoming training for Community Advisory Group and NA board members.
- e. **Citizen Advisory Group and NA group training** – will be held Wed. Jan. 21, 2020 at 5:30 at City Hall.
- f. **Other business**
  - i. Martin Luther King Day of Service. 1/20/2020 10:00am-12:00 at Robinwood Station. Help clean and repair our community center and grounds.
  - ii. Councilor Cummings suggested that perhaps NA’s could form a partnership with the Public Safety Advisory Board (upcoming Emergency Preparedness Faire). She would like the NAs to be involved. The city could issue a voucher to pay for citizens to take CPR and First Aid courses.
  - iii. Tree Code – Ms. Halicki updated NAP about Shannen Knights letter about West Linn’s tree code. Our “new” tree code says “up to” instead of minimum of 20% of trees to be kept. Also, the penalty is not strict enough. Perhaps we could get a task force together to look at the existing tree code, let the City Council and Planning Commission know that you are interested in this code. Come up with potential changes.

## 7. Neighborhood Updates

- a. **Barrington Heights**- Annual meeting to be held in April at the WLACC. Fire wise to be re-upped.
- b. **Bolton** – Three major developments upcoming (property next to Key Bank, 1575 Burns St., and Post Office). Have three presentations for pre-applications. Have amended Bolton by-laws – adding a position for Treasurer (never had one before), updated the website.
- c. **Rosemont Summit** - 2020 Goals (a. Quality of Life Enrichment, b. Call to Action –local, county, metro c. Community Involvement and Civic Life d. Emergency Preparedness) Quality of Life Enrichment = parks/neighborhood beautification, neighborhood signs, community garden, environmental sustainability, after school activities.

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- d. **Willamette** – Construction on Historic Willamette Falls Dr. (parking already an issue, had to park five blocks away to get to Ale House). Open House update on construction Tues. 1/14 10am-12pm. Businesses are open. WNA meeting 125+ showed up to meeting due to proposed Dollar St. Middle School. The school district was in attendance for the discussion. Albertsons property may have been sold. Asked about having petitions inside meeting room, suggested to ask Mr. Ramis at Training session on Wed., 1/29.
- 8. **Next NAP meeting** 3/19/2020 at 7:00 pm in the Adult Community Center
- 9. Seeing no further business, Chair Schwarz adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.