

WEST LINN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS MEETING- NOTES

Thursday, May 21, 2020

7:00 PM – Via Zoom Video Conference

Attendees:

Ed Schwarz, President Savanna Oaks NA and NAP Chair	Lauren Beeney, President, Hidden Springs NA
Karie Oakes, President, Marylhurst NA & NAP Vice-Chair	Dennis Pollman, President, Robinwood NA
Abby Farber, President, Rosemont Summit NA & NAP Secretary	Kathie Halicki, President, Willamette NA
Legion Anders, President, Sunset NA	Julia Simpson – Incoming President, Willamette NA
Robert McCarthy, President, Bolton NA	Teri Cummings, City Council President
Richard Sakelik, City Councilor & NAP Liaison	

1. **Call to Order** - The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by NAP Chair Ed Schwarz
2. **Approve Agenda** – A motion was made to approve the proposed agenda with the addition of two items to the Other Business section. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
3. **Approval of Meeting Notes** – A motion was made and seconded to approve the Notes of the January 2020 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. **Community Comments** - There were no community comments.
5. **Old Business** -
 - a. **Discussion of Bolton NA resolution on Burnside Park** – Steve Miesen, a member of the Bolton NA, created a resolution which asks City Council to maintain Burnside Park in perpetuity as a wilderness area that would never be developed in any way. His NA and the Savanna Oaks NA have both passed this resolution. After some discussion, the members agreed that this resolution should be brought back to their individual NA's for further discussion. A few NA presidents noted that they had brought the resolution to their NA's but their members needed more information before they could take action. Steve Miesen is available to present further information about the issue at any NA meeting.
6. **New Business**
 - a. **Discussion of City Park Fees/System Development Charges**

The NAP received an email from Peggy Kirkendall, a resident of the Bolton neighborhood. She wrote that she is concerned about how the City allocates use of City Park fees and System development charges, and that they should be allocated

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equitably. She also called for an audit of the fees and asked that the NAP support a call for this audit. The NAP decided that this was beyond the scope of the NAP. Robert McCarthy, Bolton NA President, noted that Peggy had raised this issue at their NA meeting and that the NA did not wish to take up this issue either and suggested that she address City Council directly with this issue.

b. Discussion of short/improper NA notice for Agenda Bill 2020-03-09-02

Teri Cummings brought to the NAP's attention that notice for a land use issue was done improperly. A discussion ensued about what members felt was the most effective way for NAs to receive notice. Some members felt email was sufficient, others preferred a combination of email and paper mail. Ed Schwartz noted that the CCI is also looking at this issue.

c. Rezoning of Hwy. 43 to add mixed use/commercial

Members discussed the EDC proposal to rezone Highway 43 to mixed use development. Members and others who are following this issue will report back to the NAP on developments.

d. Nomination of NAP officers for July meeting election

Nominations were solicited for NAP officers for election during the July meeting. The nominees are:

Ed Schwartz – Chair

Karie Oakes – Vice Chair

Abby Farber - Secretary

e. Other Business -

Making Comments on Virtual City Council Meetings: Karie Oakes noted that the City is using a new system to collect comments and reserve slots for providing public testimony at virtual City Council meetings. She noted that the system is not seamless and she was concerned about language in the confirmation email she received about “private discussion” areas being created. Councilor Sakelik said he would check on this.

West Linn Post Office – Bob McCarthy provided an update on the Post Office. He noted that there was no certainty that the PO would remain – the developer Graemor has been having difficulty in negotiations with the USPS. It appears that the PO might possibly remain until the end of the year; however nothing has been said publicly.

7. Other items of interest

a. Update on CCI activity

Ed Schwartz who is a member of the CCI, attended a meeting on April 28th. The CCI is

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recommending a change to the composition of the committee, which right now consists of three West Linn citizens, the Chairs of the Planning Commission and NAP, and a member of the City Council. All these members can vote. Members of the CCI feel that since some issues may end of with City Council, the composition should change to 4 citizen members, the Chairs of the Planning Commission and NAP, and a business member. The CCI is also going to look at the current tree code as current wording may not be protective enough. The CCI is also asking City Council to look at the changes to other code issues that they had submitted in the past.

b. From Council liaison and City Council President

Councilor Sakelik reminded us that the deadline for filing for any elective positions is August 25th. The Fireworks display July 4th at the park has been cancelled by the organizing group. Applications for the City Task Force on Equity and Diversity are open, and City Manager recruitment has begun. The renovation of the Historic City Hall building has been budgeted at \$1.3M plus. No information was available yet on the City's web site.

City Council President Teri Cummings made a presentation on the Council-approved program that sets aside 1.5% for arts installations throughout the city. The Arts and Culture Commission has been reinstated (they had not met since 2008.) and will consider recommendations from the public.

8. Neighborhood Updates

Bolton held a virtual meeting.

Savanna Oaks held a virtual meeting with 15 participants. They've noticed some vandalism in the SO park – entrance signs were moved twice, some thrown in the grass and some stolen. They've Installed new signs with vandal-resistant bolts.

Hidden Springs has new officers; Lauren is the new President. They are working to obtain pedestrian flags and the intersection of Santa Anita

Rosemont Summit was continuing to work on neighborhood signs in two locations, and has held 2 Zoom meetings since the beginning of the year. Work removing invasive species continues at Sahallie Illahee, Ibach, and Wilderness Parks.

Marylhurst last met in November 2019. Discussions continue about unsafe roads along Marylhurst Drive; they've invited a rep from the City streets department. A bid to perform landscaping in front of the neighborhood sign was accepted.

Sunset has met once this year and cancelled the April meeting. The Sunset Park rehab is on hold due to health concerns, but they are impressed with the work that has been done so far.

Willamette – The Food Pantry's need has grown - Drop off every Thurs. from 1-6 at the Willamette Methodist Church and food/box pick up is Thurs. from 3-6. – note that those picking up food must be from West Linn. A land use issue involving space behind the old Albertsons will

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involve changing the zone from mixed use to R.2.1 – divided the lot into two and building 6 condo or apartment units. The design of the median and parking spaces on Willamette Falls Drive continues; please support the businesses there as the construction has affected their sales. 1-205 tolling continues to be debated by ODOT. Finally, the Dollar Street Middle School construction proposal is going full steam ahead.

Robinwood – there were no RNA meetings for March or April, a first for this NA. Members have been keeping in touch via email. The NA updated their neighborhood plan, specifically about concrete sidewalks. A draft has been posted on the NA's blog for review. They hope to get this to City Council before October....but not sure this is feasible in the current environment. They are considering an outdoor meeting in June, but this may not happen either.

9. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be on July 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM – location to be determined. (subsequently determined will be a Zoom meeting)
 - a. NAP officer elections will take place at this meeting.
10. **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM by Chair Ed Schwarz