

# WEST LINN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS MEETING- NOTES

Thursday, July 16, 2020

7:00 PM – Via Zoom Video Conference

## Attendees:

Ed Schwarz, President Savanna Oaks NA and NAP Chair	Kathie Halicki, President, Willamette NA
Karie Oakes, President, Marylhurst NA & NAP Vice-Chair	Julia Simpson, Vice President, Willamette NA
Abby Farber, President, Rosemont Summit NA & NAP Secretary	Legion Anders, President, Sunset NA
Robert Jester, President, Barrington Heights, Hidden Creek Estates & Tanner Woods Subdivisions NA	Richard Sakelik, City Councilor & NAP Liaison
Robert McCarthy, President, Bolton NA	Jeff Bernasconi, Guest

1. **Call to Order** - The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by NAP Chair Ed Schwarz. Brief introductions of participants were made.
2. **Approve Agenda** – A motion was made to approve the proposed agenda. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
3. **Approval of Meeting Notes** – A motion was made and seconded to approve the Notes of the May 2020 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. **Community Comments** - There were no community comments.
5. **Old Business** -
  - a. **Election of NAP Officers** – At the May 2020 meeting a slate of officers was nominated:  
Ed Schwarz – Chair  
Karie Oakes – Vice Chair  
Abby Farber – Secretary  
A motion was made to elect all the candidates since they were running unopposed. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
  - b. **Highway 43 – Update on zoning** – Ed Schwarz gave update on zoning or rezoning the area located from the border of Lake Oswego to I-205. This proposal is in front of the EDC. Some issues being considered are allowing for mixed-use commercial buildings along the route, in order to increase housing. Kathie Halicki mentioned that she had received an email from the nuns at the former Marylhurst University site – the group is considering building affordable housing there and are in discussions with Lake Oswego government. More information can be learned on the Marylhurst web site.

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## 6. New Business

- a. **City Council Elections:** Richard Sakelik reminded all that the elections for West Linn Mayor and two city councilors was coming up and that the deadline to file is August 25 at 5:00 PM
- b. **West Linn Post Office** – Legion Anders opened a discussion about possible space for the West Linn Post office, suggesting that some open land in the Tanner Creek area could be used. A discussion ensued among members about whether the PO might possibly stay where it was (Robert Jeter) as well as other possibilities. Richard Sakelik mentioned that Graymor was doing a presentation to the City Council that week.
- c. **Committee for Citizen Involvement** – Ed Schwarz, a member of the CCI, presented information on that group's last meeting held in June. The CCI is determining how to best engage residents in the land use process. A document was created in July 2018 that was to better define the land planning process. They are also considering creating a brochure or flyer that discusses land use and how residents can become involved. The largest issue facing the CCI is that of the two House bills that mandate multi-family housing anywhere in certain cities (including West Linn) . A discussion of those bills ensued among members – Robert Jeter mentioned that the BH Homeowners' Association gave them advice about their CCR's that could possibly supersede the state legislation.
- d. **City Council Update** – Councilor Sakelik discussed issues including the selection of a new City Manager and the uses for the Historic City Hall facility.

## 7. Neighborhood Updates

**Savanna Oaks** - The NA met earlier in July. They discussed using the city website and resources, and how to enter an issue if you have a concern and using the YourGov part of the website. The White Oak Savanna Park raised money to have the open meadows mowed. This removes invasive species and reduces fire hazards. They are continuing to work with the Parks Department re the natural play area.

**Barrington Heights, Hidden Creek Estates & Tanner Woods Subdivisions** – is also working with the City and subcontractors on maintaining a firebreak along the east side of Salamo Road. They also got support from the City in removing a dumping site that ODOT had set up. With the help of the City, ODOT removed the waste, put in fill, put large boulders at the end of the road and wildlife field cameras. While they have not had an annual meeting, the BHT NA Board has been meeting and reaching out to the community.

**Marylhurst** – Nothing to report – they have decided to wait until later in the year to meet. They are trying to get the area in front of the NA sign landscaped and are having trouble finding someone willing to do the work.

**Rosemont Summit** has been meeting monthly via Zoom, although will skip the August meeting. They were successful in working with the City to have two signs that mark the RS neighborhood

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**Sunset** – the NA has not had a meeting in several months. They did receive an email from Andrew Tull with 3J Consulting who was hired by the WLWV School District to submit an application to expand the WLHS parking lot. 3J would like to make a presentation to the NA.

**Willamette** – Kathie noted that she is receiving multiple copies of mailed notifications by the City. Other NAP's agreed. She also noted that she'd prefer more time to respond to notices. Main Street is still under construction and asked members to please support the businesses there. Kathie also asked members to support the food pantry. The NA is dealing with multiple land use issues one including Blankenship and 13<sup>th</sup>. The City had also asked the NA to discuss a two-year extension for the Upper Middle Hill development; the NA turned this down as they felt this might open the door to putting all construction projects in West Linn on a two-year timeframe. The NA held elections, and the current officers were re-elected for another year.

**Robinwood** met on July 14<sup>th</sup> – outdoors, with 23 attendees. Much discussion focused on concern about increased traffic and speeders in the neighborhood. Parking at the end of Mapleton, lots of noise, late night parties and fires on Cedar Island were also discussed. They had a guest speaker who is working on a grant application to pay for a consultant study of the Hwy 43 corridors.

8. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be on September 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM – via Zoom.
9. **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM by Chair Ed Schwarz