

# WEST LINN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS MEETING- NOTES

Thursday, November 19, 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	Robert McCarthy, President, Bolton NA
Abby Farber, President, Rosemont Summit NA & NAP Secretary	Lauren Beeney, President, Hidden Springs NA CJ Koll, Vice President, Hidden Springs NA
	Richard Sakelik, City Councilor & NAP Liaison
	Jerry Gabrielatos City Manager

1. **Call to Order** - The Meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by NAP Chair Ed Schwarz.
2. **Approve Agenda** – A motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
3. **Approval of Meeting Notes** – The September meeting notes were reviewed., A motion was made and seconded to approve the notes for that meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. **Community Comments** - There were no community comments.
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - a. **Police Oversight and Accountability Task Force.** Attendees provided reports on the most recent Task Force meetings.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. Robinwood NA has elected a new president, A.J. Handegard, who was not in attendance at this meeting.
  - b. There was a discussion led by Ed Schwarz on the Planning Commission Meeting regarding the Savanna Heights development. There had been a code violation in that the Planning Department had approved a change without going to the Planning Commission. The change involved multiple housing on a shared driveway and a change from 4 homes to 5. Discussion ensued about the Planning Department and the Planning Commission and how better communication is needed. City Manager Jerry Gabrielatos indicated that he would follow up on this.

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- c. NA Annual Reports – All NAP's were reminded that NA Annual reports are due to the City by December 10<sup>th</sup>. The "wet" signature of the Treasurer has been waived due to the pandemic limitations.
- d. IT Services/Resources for NA's. Bob McCarthy said that he was told that City IT staff was not supposed to work with NA's. Jerry Gabrielatos said that this was possibly a misunderstanding, and that while there was only one full-time IT staff person, he was allowed to provide some support to the NA's. A discussion ensued about what IT resources were available to the NAs, including obtaining resident's email addresses and street addresses as well as using the brochure that is sent to residents with their water bills and weekly email communications from the City. Greater use of social media was also suggested as well as redoing a paper brochure that had been originally developed by the NAP.
- e. West Linn Food Pantry – Kathie Halicki reminded attendees that the West Linn Food Pantry was very much in need of donations.
- f. West Linn Post Office – Ed Schwarz sent a letter about retaining the post office to City Council, which has drafted a letter but (at the time of the meeting) had not yet sent it. Bob McCarthy gave an in-depth update on the current circumstances with the Post Office – in summary – Gramor (management company) has been quite frustrated but has filed a preapplication for the site showing two possibilities – one would be a small retail design and the other a Post Office design. There is hope that with the new administration at the Federal level, more interest in keeping the PO at its current site might occur.

## 7. Other Items of Interest

### a. Update on CCI Activity

Ed Schwarz reported on the CCI meeting of October. At the City Council's request, the CCI's main focus is to recommend a sub-group of individuals to serve to help with planning for HB 2001/HB 2003. Karie Oakes has volunteered and been approved to serve on that group. A facilitator has been hired and three meetings scheduled to do the work. There is concern that this is not enough time for work to be completed. CJ Koll is the NAP representative to CCI.

- b. **City Council Update** – Councilor Sakelik noted that HB 2001 and 2003 are very important and will impact the entire community.

## 8. Neighborhood Updates

**Bolton** – reported that the NA has been very busy, they, resolved MailChimp and switched to

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Google Mail. Amended by-laws, Walter Swann now treasurer. WLWV school district coming to talk about parking and stadium. Lance Calvert came to discuss improving traffic flow in Central Village. Big issues on this. Will continue conversations on that. Want to do survey to entire neighborhood. Trying something else to try to get people to meetings – signs with QR codes. Can buy stickers. Google Mail using instead of Mailchimp – went through a process with Google proving they were an NA and nonprofit; now have expanded capacity. 100% better.

**Hidden Springs** – the NA has purchased park benches – on order will be installed early next year. Very interested in QR code thing. Must put out new signs. December- Lauren's last meeting as President, and hand over to CJ to run things.

**Marylhurst** – primarily occupied with stopping the communications tower – Started August 5. Council goal is to stop it – best way is by annexation. Dealing with ODOT. Nudging ODOT to come to a decision about annexing. Maybe some info about selling property to WL when WL can afford it.

**Willamette** – also busy – had six land use meetings- 10<sup>th</sup> street construction in 2021, Willamette Primary in summer of 2021, entire new face, for safety issues. Candidates forum. Fields Bridge Park – Baseball putting in brand new turf at their own expense. Renovations right now at Willamette park. WFD construction almost done, back-in parking still a divided issue. Thank all to meeting last night – 2 ½ hours – building the middle school – Dollar street – over 100 people for Zoom. 2.5 hours, by 9:00 still about 75 members. Sounded like school district may come back again.

**Savanna Oaks** – meeting earlier this month – same officers reelected. 2-year term. Speaker from the Food Pantry. Jerry Gabrielatos came and introduced himself. All appreciated Jerry's time and comments. Plantings in White Oaks Savannah – ferns, camas bulbs – small, small groups. Hoping next spring more Camas and ferns. Nature play area – coming along, closer to reality, scaled-down version supported by the NA and Willamette NA. Some ADA parking spaces, nice path from Tannler to play area. Looking forward to end of that process.

**Rosemont Summit** – Nothing special to report; construction continuing on Sahallie Illahee Park Playground. Habitat restoration events at SI and Wilderness Parks continuing. Monthly NA meetings on Zoom.

8. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be on January 21, 2021.

9. **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM by Chair Ed Schwarz.