

# WEST LINN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS MEETING- NOTES

January 21, 2021

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	CJ Koll, President Hidden Springs NA
Al Handegard, President, Robinwood NA	Robert Jester, President, Barrington Heights, Hidden Creek Estates & Tanner Woods
Alice Richmond, President, Parker Crest NA	Robert McCarthy, President, Bolton NA
	Other Guests: Jerry Gabrielatos City Manager Monique Claiborne, Claiborne, Kenly Group.

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 November 2020 NAP meeting notes were reviewed. Several corrections and typos were proposed and edited. 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. **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Audit.** There was a discussion of how community engagement for the DEI audit was being handled, with suggestions made for greater outreach. Monique Claiborne, of the firm Claiborne, Kenly Group made a presentation about how the audit was contracted for, how it was being disseminated, and what the goals were. Several attendees provided comments on how to further disseminate the survey and what was going to be done with it.
  - b. **NA Annual Reports** – Chairperson Schwarz reminded us that our Annual reports were due to the City.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. **Discussion of NAs that record their meetings.**

WNA President Kathie Halicki suggested and lead this agenda item. Her concern was in reference to a joint NA/WL-WV Public Schools meeting that was recorded and that she is

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requesting be posted on the City's web site, and would the NA be assuming any liability as a result. She also raised other concerns about sharing information that was contained in a chat box as well as when NA's post in relation to a land use advisory issue (which does come under Public Meetings Law.) Ed S. suggested that she check on this with Dylan (city staff.) It was noted that Zoom videos do not include a chat feature.

**b. NA Resolutions on Post Office.**

SONA passed a resolution and drafted a letter encouraging City Council to reach out to USPS staff and other electeds re keeping a post office in West Linn. RNA did the same. Bob McCarthy of BNA gave a detailed presentation on the history of the PO in West Linn and more information on the lease/site negotiation process.

**c. NA/Planning Department communications.**

Ed Schwarz had reached out to John Williams (City Planning) about how to maintain communications between the Planning Department and the NAs. Williams responded that for general inquiries, the City Planning Department can be contacted. For specific project-related questions, Williams suggested reaching out to the assigned project manager and to copy Darren Wyss. MHNA President Karie Oakes suggested that the NAP provide training to new NA officers on this issue.

## 7. Other Items of Interest

**a. Update on CCI Activity**

Ed Schwartz reported that the past 2 and next 2 CCI meetings had been cancelled. Several NA presidents noted that they were uncertain of the purpose of the CCI – it was specifically set up to get citizen participation in the land use process. Karie O is going to review laws and code relating to the CCI so that we have a better understanding of its purpose.

**b. Update from City Council Liaison** – At the time of the meeting, the new Council had not appointed a liaison to the NAP.

## 8. Neighborhood Updates

**Abby Farber (NA secretary) requested that if possible, NA Presidents send her their NA updates in writing so she can add them the minutes. (if not possible....she's still taking notes.)**

**a. Savanna Oaks** – At its January 2021 meeting, Savanna Oaks NA passed a resolution encouraging West Linn city staff and elected officials to work with our national elected officials to keep the Post Office in West Linn. A large oak tree blew down in the White Oak Savanna Park. They are assessing what to do with it. The Children's Play Area is expected to be installed in the White Oak Savanna Park this summer.

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- b. **Barrington Heights, Hidden Creek Estates & Tanner Woods** – The NA has appealed the land use decision related to Cornwell (thanks given to Karie Oakes for help doing this).
  - c. **Hidden Springs**– The NA did not hold a meeting in January 2021. NA donated to the City for park benches to be replaced – 2 in Alice Binski Park and 2 in Palamino Park. They are also waiting for the Parks Department to repair benches in Sunburst Park. They also updated their signs to add QR codes to them.
  - d. **Marylhurst** met in December, will meet again in January. The communications tower at Kaptyns street was discussion. They passed a resolution similar to SONA's in support of retaining a post office in WL. They have discussed obtaining signage for the creeks in the neighborhood to increase community awareness. They are also promoting the Backyard Habitat certification program and hope to get more involved. They are also figuring out how to better monitor zoning in the neighborhood – they've noticed some areas being zoned R7 and they prefer less dense zoning.
  - e. **Parker Crest**– the NA is holding virtual meetings due to the pandemic. They are also considering about whether to hold the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration as many appear to be interested in doing so. A discussion ensued about the format of NA meetings and whether it was appropriate for business meetings to be conducted via email.
  - f. **Robinwood** – AJ Handegard, the new NA President noted that he's catching up with many things in his new role.
  - g. **Rosemont Summit** – the new playground has been installed at Sahallie Illahee Park. Work continues on that park and Ibach Nature Park (both connected) to remove invasive species. The NA is hoping to have grand re-opening in the summer of 2021 when larger groups are permitted to assemble.
  - h. **Willamette** – The NA held a public webinar re the proposed construction of a new school on Dollar Street.
9. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
10. **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM by Chair Ed Schwarz.

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