

WEST LINN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS MEETING- NOTES

March 18, 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	CJ Koll, President, Hidden Springs NA
Abby Farber, President, Rosemont Summit NA & NAP Secretary	
	Other Guests: Allen Hendy, Ellen Sweeney from ODOT

1. **Call to Order** - The Meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by NAP Chair Ed Schwarz. A quorum of members was not present.
2. **Approve Agenda** – A motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
3. **Approval of Meeting Notes** – The January 2021 NAP meeting notes were reviewed. An additional comment was added.
4. **Community Comments** - There were no community comments.
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. **Committee for Citizen Involvement:** A discussion of the CCI ensued. It was noted that several meetings have been cancelled, and that the City's two planning staff, one of whom is also the staff liaison to the CCI, were overwhelmed with applications for new development. Karie Oakes gave the group an overview of the purpose of the CCI. Additional discussion included how residents communicate with the CCI, the difference between the Planning Commission and the CCI; whether CCI meetings could go ahead without a staff liaison present, new zoning legislation, and better communication with younger residents.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **I-205 Improvement Project:** Ellen Sweeney and Allan Hendy from ODOT provided an update on the I-205 improvement project. Their presentation included a timeline of phase 1 of the project, an update on the budget (funds have not yet been secured), the data used to promote the project. NAP members raised questions about the need for tolls, traffic crash and other data, neighborhood opposition to tolls, ODOT's presence at the West Linn Farmers Market, and funding. Ellen said that she'd have the people doing the tolling project

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get in touch with Ed so that they could present on the need for tolling. Contact information for the tolling project was also provided:

Oregon Toll Program: www.oregon.gov/odot/tolling/Pages/default.aspx

I-205 Toll Project: www.oregon.gov/ODOT/tolling/Pages/I-205-Tolling.aspx

Contact the team:

oregontolling@odot.state.or.us

503-837-3536

- b. **NAP Meeting Start Time.** Based on a poll of NAP members, it was agreed that the meeting start time would remain at 7:00 PM.
- c. **Ice Storm – what went right, what went wrong:** Members discussed the recent ice storm. Comments included: lack of leadership (no Emergency Manager for all of West Linn), communications (not all residents use social media) no notifications about firewood, emergency generator at the police department headquarters, the need for taking leadership in the neighborhoods, and how neighbors did come together to help one another and how the Fire Department responded well to the emergency.
- d. **Proposed NAP Election Forum:** Member CJ Koll proposed that the NAP hold a candidates' forum for the upcoming general election. Members agreed that this was a good idea; CJ and Abby Farber took leadership of the project (forum was subsequently held on April 27th with all candidates invited and those actively running campaigns attended.)

7. Other Items of Interest

- a. **Citizens Advisory Group Training – Event Monday March 22.** Members were encouraged to attend.
- b. **Updated list of Current NA Presidents:** Ed has a sign-in sheet he can share.
- c. **Update from City Council Liaison** – Not in attendance; unclear if one had been appointed.

8. Neighborhood Updates

- a. **Savanna Oaks:** Quite a lot of damage to SO Park; a few work parties and individuals have been going out (Roberta Schwarz every day!) A lot of work needs to be done.
- b. **Willamette:** Very hard hit; still in process of getting things picked up. Good news – the city is getting ride of back-in parking along Main Street. A committee of nine people is working to get the PO back to West Linn. The Food Pantry reported an increase in February due to the storm (people losing food in freezer.) Dave's Killer Bread donated products.
- c. **Hidden Springs:** At their meeting that week they heard from the I-205 project group as well as those working on the pedestrian and bicycle bridge concept. The Mayor also provided a report. A SOLVE event will be held on Carriage way; David Kleinke (Park Steward) will be

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- speaking at their next meeting. Park benches paid for by the NA are being installed. They also encountered communications problems during the storm; it took a week for the City to put up caution tape at Sunburst Park. Attendance is small at NA meetings; looking for ways to boost.
- d. **Rosemont Summit:** - Also had major storm issues – since most of the NA is located “up the hill” residents were essentially trapped, as all major routes (Pimlico, Hidden Springs, Skyline, Rosemont Road) were blocked by debris or too icy to negotiate. Fortunately, the new playground at Sahallie Illahee Park was not damaged.
 - e. **Marylhurst:** The NA wants the City to purchase the ODOT property so MH Park can be completed. A long-time problem on a right-of-way on Marylhurst Drive exists, the NA is hoping to hear from the City Manager; a city worker did remove the overgrowth in the area. The NA is promoting a project to erect signs showing the names of rivers and streams. Jeff Randall from the City is helping coordinate this.
9. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be held on May 20, 2021.
10. **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM by Chair Ed Schwarz.