

## **Neighborhood Association Presidents Meeting**

June 17, 2015 at West Linn Adult Community Center

Attendance: see sign in sheet.

Ken Pryor, VP of SONA, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm, in place of Ed Schwarz, who was unable to attend.

It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the February 25, 2015 and April 16, 2015 minutes as drafted.

### **BHT**

Reported they are a "Fire Wise" community, which they worked to achieve for seven years with several agencies. It appears the threat of fire exists throughout WL with varying degrees of severity. Education about fuel loading and weed abatement required. BHT worked with various agencies as part of Disaster Preparedness and Evacuation planning; BHT will work with any NA interested in achieving the same.

### **Skyline Ridge**

Tracy Gilday updated her directory of NA members as a result of the boil water order affecting their area. Concern was registered regarding the speed and thoroughness of the City's alert. Reports of illness by some residents that didn't receive the alert soon enough. Reverse 911 system was mentioned. Tracy used NextDoor and MailChimp as a vehicle to contact residents. Concerns were raised regarding the supposed "backup system"; Counselor Frank believed it to be a sequence of unavoidable events.

Concerns for slurry seal on streets. They are planning their social, but NA stipend is inadequate to fund it. There is a public right of way, Skye Parkway and Stonehaven Drive, where dog owners do not clean up after their dogs that is problematic and they would like to work with the city to get signage. The green strip is a bus stop and poses health risk to children. It was learned there is a Community Service Officer and approximately a \$500 fine; however enforcement is an issue. There was a multi-family mailbox needing replacement and the homeowners association is inactive. There are two houses being built that neighbors complained about because of the length of time and the amount of earth moving and tree removal. Tracy understands there is a formal complaint before the city council.

Tracy reported the city stipend to SRNA is insufficient to fund their Fourth of July celebration and requested NAP address the possible underfunding of SRNA and has repeatedly asked the City for assistance, in an attempt to avoid this situation. She appealed to NAP for help and there

was general consensus of the nine NAs in attendance that SRNA should get additional funding for the event and to review the stipend policy at a future meeting. Mayor Axelrod to provide feedback.

### **Robinwood**

LOT continues, but neighbors cite management of pipeline construction has improved and somewhat less obtrusive. Cedaroak boat ramp will be reconstructed. Mr. Ahmed explained he is the owner of one of the homes under complaint. However, unbeknownst to him, his permit has recently expired and he has received a Stop Work Order from the city causing further delay and the potential of having to re-submit for permits could cost \$5,000. Discussions with city agencies and banks are in progress.

### **Rosemont-Summit**

Inactive. (Comments from neighbors in attendance cite lack of notice regarding water boiling alert).

### **Sunset**

Annual picnic on June 28 at Sunset Park. Grant Oaks presented the map your neighborhood program. A representative attended the pre-application conference for Sunset School redesign in May.

### **Willamette**

Addressed stop sign issues. Presentation by Grant Oaks about Map Your Neighborhood program. Thinking of moving meetings to Police Station community room. Formed a traffic sub-committee. Approved a new sign design. Preparations for 4<sup>th</sup> of July are in progress.

### **Marylhurst**

A work party of about twenty members and guests weeded and planted at the labyrinth at Marylhurst Park as part of Take Care of West Linn Day. The good turn-out included many neighbors who have/do not participate regularly in MNA. Will be hosting the NA booth at Movie in Marylhurst Park on July 31. Planning a social for September that is combined with tables for neighborhood businesses, craftsmen, or hobbyists to share/publicize their work.

### **Bolton**

Steve Meisen reported continued strong attendance at meetings of about 50 members and now meet at the library. Interested in city purchasing property adjacent to Burnside Park.

Concern for deer crossing on Hwy 43 at Hammerle and MSY parks as three deer have been struck recently; signage needs serious consideration.

### **Parker Crest**

Representative attended the pre-application conference for expansion of the Adult Community Center. Sponsoring the NA booth at the Music in the Park.

### **Savanna Oaks**

NLWL is sponsoring a thank you Bar-B-Que for volunteers of the White Oak Savanna on June 27, 11:30-2:00. Also ice cream social on July 12 from 1-3 at Douglas Park. Representative attended the pre-application conference Friday June 19 at 10:00 AM for Tannler DR west-side and Blankenship and will remain active as it proceeds.

### **Doug Garner**

The Economic Development Committee reviews applications for additional funding for planned events using the Clackamas County \$20K tourism grant to the city to be used in marketing or enhancing the event with an activity. The Chamber of Commerce also wants to promote events.

### **Review of the NA flyer**

There should be a map of NAs available also. The flyer does not describe NAs or what they do. Neighbors Helping Neighbors and Take Care of WL day are not NA events. Flyer fails to answer "Why should I Join?" Mr. Pryor suggested NA Presidents submit suggestions by June 26.

### **NA merger of RSNA and HSNA to create a new NA**

Nothing has been done in a year. Could schedule an event like a social with both NAs where the vote to merge would occur. The city could issue a postcard to notice members of both NAs. HSNA is 1200 homes and RSNA is 600 homes. The council took the merger up in a work session and asked the two NAs to jointly meet. Discussion revolved around determining the objective of the merger. Doubts raised as to merging two underperforming NAs would yield one healthy NA. Also mixed message introduced; expanding citizen engagement while reducing the number of NAs seems antithetical. Others felt the merger would broaden the pool of interested participants. Mayor Axelrod plans on attending HSNA meeting June 30 to get a better understanding of the issue and defer to a re-evaluation at a future work session, ultimately obtaining a vote by the council as to determining any next steps. NA Boundary changes may also be reviewed in that discussion.

The final two agenda items were deferred to the next meeting. Ed Schwarz to announce date of next NAP meeting.