



CITY OF West Linn

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COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT MEETING NOTES – Jan 28, 2025, 6 PM – 7:30 PM, Bolton Room/Webex

<u>Members Present:</u>	Shannen Knight, Beau Genot, Vicki Olson, Tanner Woody and Jacob Hasler
<u>Members Absent:</u>	Holley DeShaw, Charley Anderson absent
<u>Council Liaison:</u>	Mary Baumgarner absent
<u>Public Present:</u>	Frank Carini, SONA; Karie Oakes, MNA; Dolly, adorable baby
<u>Staff Present:</u>	Aaron Gudelj, Associate Planner; Danielle Choi, Community Relations Coordinator

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1. Call to Order

Chair Knight called the meeting to order at 6:02pm and took roll.

2. Welcome New Members

The committee welcomed returning members Shannen Knight and Vicki Olson. Later in the meeting, new member Jacob Hasler joined, and the committee proceeded to welcome him aboard.

3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Tanner Woody volunteered to be Chairman and Beau Genot volunteered to be vice chairman. The committee proceeded with a vote and both were elected unanimously.

4. Public Comment

Two residents were present: Frank Carini, Current President of SONA and Karie Oakes. Mr. Carini said he was here to listen, and Ms. Oakes requested to save her comments until the neighborhood association merger discussion.

5. Approval of Meeting Notes 11.26.2024

The notes from the previous meeting, held Nov. 26, 2024, were reviewed by the committee and approved unanimously.

6. Discussion: Neighborhood Association Mergers

The committee discussed the possibilities of NA mergers. A number of issues were discussed including:

- a. Lack of Public engagement and attendance except when major issues are discussed.
- b. Is there a need to clarify the purpose and value of the NAs.
- c. Updating the NA page on the city website for more clarity regarding item b.
- d. Utilizing non-traditional means of reaching out and increasing involvement with the NAs. For example, a booth at the Main Street Farmer's Market, a booth at the music and movies in the park events
- e. Does the current email communication system need improvement to help accomplish this task? Are we reaching everyone? Mr. Carini shared a few stats regarding their MailChimp mailing list. He informed us that they are only reaching between 5-10 percent of the area population. How can we increase these numbers in order to extend the reach?

Ms. Oakes shared a bit of NA history and why they exist. They were formed through the statewide planning goals for land use and land uses issues and specific projects such as sidewalk prioritization.

- f. NAs serve as a conduit of communication between the city and the neighborhoods. Can this conduit be utilized in additional ways to make it more productive? Can emergency preparedness be incorporated into the NAs?
- g. Consider having the NA meetings on weekends and make them a more social function type function>
- h. What can be done about the current inactive status of a few NAs? How can they be revitalized?

A motion was made to write a letter to the city council requesting permission to use the next 3-4 meetings work on a community engagement plan to address these issues. Ms. Knight so moved. Ms. Olsen seconded. The vote to proceed was unanimous. Mr. Genot offered to work with staff to produce a letter to be approved at the next meeting.

7. CCI Announcements

The next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2025, at 6PM.

8. Staff Announcement

None

9. Adjourn

Chair Woody adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm