

ROBINWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MINUTES

JUNE 11TH 2024 MEETING

Meeting Called to Order by Tony Bracco at 7:03pm

New Attendees: None

Agenda: Unavailable due to technical difficulties. Minutes from May Meeting unavailable to approve. To be approved in July.

Treasury Report: \$4,376.91 in Neighborhood account. Unchanged from last month.

HWY 43 Project: Skepticism of what is new in this project versus the “Envisioning 43” effort from 8-10 years ago. Tony mentioned that there are old maps from this old 43 project stored in the utility shed. Are they to be included? Looked at? A waste of time? Discouraging for momentum if many neighbors feel like this is repeat work.

Neighbors who attended one of the new 43 project’s outreach events at the station had this takeaway:

- A big, limiting factor of making “best use” is the requirement that a building footprint can not be more than 50% of the lot it is on. Solutions proposed include multiple-storied buildings with parking underneath or moved behind business fronts. Multi-use buildings/condominiums.
- When the consulting group was asked specifically about neighbors' ability to maintain some control over the look of and composition of businesses added to 43 corridor, the team responded by saying that there was no real way to retain control. This doesn't seem right. Implementing a design plan alongside the land use adjustments seems like the right approach.

Neighbors expressed concern that this project, like the one that took place 8-10 years ago, will not actively include neighborhood recommendations. There is a desire to make better use of the land along the corridor, but we want to make it feel like “West Linn”. How do we make sure this project includes discussion of a potential, future design board or design criteria committee that can help to really make the corridor a “vision”.

Housing Production Strategy Working Group

- First of four total meetings for the group occurred June 10, 2024 Subsequent meetings will be announced later but the plan is for one meeting in October, one in November and a concluding meeting in February.

- The goal of the group is to explore and evaluate various tools to aid in the city's compliance with Oregon State Law (2019). We will be recommending strategies for increasing development of affordable housing to meet the need of our city's population.
- Members include City Planners, Consultant Group MIG, Developers, Affordable Housing advocates and one representative for ALL the neighborhoods.

Michelle Goldberg is the representative for neighborhoods on this group and gave a brief summary of the groups first meeting.

Questions from neighbors that Michelle will ask at the next meeting: What happens if we don't comply with the HB2003(2019)? What other communities are we modeling? How many communities are making changes to be in compliance with this state law?

Announcements:

- Saturday July 13th: Blood Drive at the Station (9a-2p)
- Open Mic Night on June 29th. Sign up at 630p and Show starts at 7p
- Mondays at the Station 5p-530p: Free "Laughter Yoga with Justin"

OLD Business: Infill Committee forming to address cluster housing in Robinwood. No official start yet. Committee to be formed at July Meeting

NEW Business:

- Need to form a Neighborhood Picnic Committee
- Send a postcard to the neighborhood to boost attendance

Public Comment: Homage to Bill Walton of the Trailblazers given. He lived in Robinwood on Steamboat.

Call to Close by Tony Bracco at 8:10pm. Motion seconded by Michelle Goldberg