

**West Linn**  
**ROSEMONT SUMMIT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

7:00 PM – West Linn Adult Community Center

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1, Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Jason Knox at 7.06 PM.

2, Agenda

- The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the July meeting were approved.

4. Special Guest- Lance Calver – West Linn Public Works Director / City Engineer

- Lance spent over an hour explaining the roles and responsibilities of the public works department. It is the second largest city department. The department is responsible for much of the city's infrastructure – water, sewage, streets, etc. The public works department is not responsible for city buildings (i.e., the old Bolton fire station, etc.) since city buildings are the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation department (under Ken Worcester and Ken Warner). More information on the Public Works Department can be found on the city's website at <https://westlinnoregon.gov/publicworks>
- Much of Lance's comments focused on the recent updates to Rosemont Road. Lance mentioned that many of West Linn's streets were designed using theories dating from the 1970's when the car was king, and the focus was on transportation by automobiles. The theory of transit design has changed, and the new focus is on 12-year-old boys biking to Middle School. This results in narrowing the streets to reduce vehicular speed and to provide bike lanes that are separated from lanes that are designed for cars. Lance indicated that not only was this done for safety reasons but that it was also more cost efficient since it was less expensive to build separated bike lanes than to build wider streets. Lance also mentioned that vision zero, road transportation with zero deaths, was a driving factor in the new theory of street design.
- Some of the member of the Association have been directly impacted by the changes to Rosemont Road. Among the difficulties that have been encountered were difficulty in entering and exiting driveways on Rosemont Road, garbage collection and mail boxes.

In response to drive way difficulties and garbage collection, Lance indicated that he plans to meet individually with every affected homeowner to discuss their need to determine what could be done in view of existing city codes. Lance felt that individual meetings with affected members were preferred to group meetings. Lance was not able to give specific dates when the meeting would be held since utility work needed to be completed first. In relations to mailboxes, Lance indicated that his department would work with the Postmaster. The current plan is to have group mail boxes that can be opened from the sidewalk side of the mail box.

- Lance stressed that the Rosemont Road project was a work in process and was being closely observed by Portland authorities since they might use similar theories in modifying Portland Streets. Lance indicated that the knowledge learned from this project would be applied in updating Willamette Falls Drive in the Willamette downtown area when that street is updated in 2019 or 2020.
- Lance indicated that in 2020, that one project would be the intersection of 10<sup>th</sup> Street and I205. Since that intersection involves I205, ODOT would be involved but the West Linn Public Works Department would take the lead.

#### 5. Treasurer's Report

- There was no treasurer's report.

#### 6. Old Business

- Proposed park cleanup event is now scheduled for Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 8.30 to 1 pm.
- Proposed annual neighborhood picnic has been scheduled for Shallie Illahee Park on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 1 pm.

#### 7. New Business

- One potential topic for future meeting is the proposed tolling of I205 and the potential impact on the community.

#### 8. Community Comments

- There were no community comments.

#### 9. Announcement of Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM

#### 10. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 8.37.