

**West Linn**

**ROSEMONT SUMMIT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

June 3, 2021

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**1. Call to Order**

Abby Farber called the Zoom meeting to order at 7.04 pm.

**2. Review & Approve minutes.**

The minutes of the March and April meetings were reviewed and unanimously approved.

**3. Review & Approve Treasurer's Report**

The N.A. has a balance of \$9,681.20 with its account at Pacific West. The N.A. has dedicated \$2,100 for 2 benches to be installed at Sahallie Illahee Park and one bench at Wilderness Park.

**4. New Business - Oppenlander Field**

The first topic of discussion was the Oppenlander Field. The field is in the Rosemont Summit Neighborhood Association at 1275 Rosemont Road West. Oppenlander contains 3 baseball fields which are used by the West Linn Baseball Association.

Over the past 40 years, the West Linn community has enjoyed use of the 10-acre Oppenlander Fields. The West-Linn Wilsonville School Board has recently decided to sell this property.

The School Board approached the West Linn City Council and offered to sell the City the property at the appraised value of \$6,500,000. The offered price far exceeded funds readily available to the City in the budget for a land purchase.

Given the price tag, the City Council requested the opportunity to have an open community discussion of this property with enough time allowed to explore possible uses and potentially hold a city-wide vote in November 2021 on a General Obligation Bond Measure to determine whether the citizens of West Linn wanted to raise taxes so the City could purchase the property. To that end, City staff drafted an option agreement that would have allowed the City to have until the end of this year to determine whether City purchase of Oppenlander Fields was desired by the community.

After spirited and vigorous discussion, the Rosemont Summit N.A. unanimously approved the following resolution.

**Be it resolved, that in view of the long and positive relationship that has existed between the City of West Linn and the West Linn – Wilsonville**

**School District, the Rosemont Summit Neighborhood Association supports the two entities to continue with good faith negotiations concerning Oppenlander Fields with the view that the City of West Linn has the opportunity to hold a city-wide vote In November 20201 to determine whether the citizens of West Linn would support a bond to fund acquisition of Oppenlander Fields so that it could continue its current use as baseball fields or a nature park.**

## **5. Ongoing Business – Greenspace Maintenance**

David Kleinke delivered a presentation on a Greenspace Maintenance Proposal. When asked what they like about West Linn, the two most common responses of West Linn residents are (1) the good schools and (2) the good parks. Unfortunately, the parks have not well maintained over the years.

The biggest common assets in the Rosemont Summit N.A. are our green spaces. Ivy and other invasive species have taken over the N.A.'s green spaces. The N.A. needs to build a multi-year plan to improving its greenspaces. The Rosemont Summit N.A. should seek a partnership with neighboring N.A.'s in Bolton and Hidden Springs to address common greenspaces. These would include Pimlico Greenspace and Renaissance Greenspace. The recommended priorities would be to (1) remove tree ivy (in Pimlico and Renaissance Open space, (2) repair and upgrade paths (in Renaissance Open space and Sahallie Illahee Park, (3) remove ground ivy, holly trees, and blackberry bushes, and (4) remove spring weeds (herb robert, nipplewort, wall lettuce, buttercup, etc.).

David indicated that there were 2 commercial organizations that could assist the N.A. They were (1) Earth on the Edge (EOTE) which could remove the tree ivy in the Pimlico Greenspace for \$1,600 or (2) NW Youth Corp (NWYC) who could provide the services for one week of 9 youth and 2 crew supervisors who could do more comprehensive work for \$5,852.75. After discussion, the N.A. unanimously approved the use of \$5,852.75 to retain the services of NW Youth Corp. The N.A. will reach out to both the Bolton and Hidden Springs N.A. with the hope that they would partner in the effort.

## **6. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 7 pm on Thursday, July 1st.

## **7. Adjourn**

Abby Farber adjourned the meeting at 8.44 pm.