

West Linn

ROSEMONT SUMMIT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

September 02, 2021

1. Call to Order

Abby Farber called the zoom meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Eight [8] in attendance.

2. Review & Approve Agenda

N/A – not necessary for neighborhood association. These were distributed via email, on September 01, and any are welcome to add to the agenda per request.

3. Review & Approve minutes of August meetings.

The minutes were reviewed. David R. made motion to approve and John W. seconded. There was unanimous approval by all with a show of hands.

4. Review & Approve Treasurer's Report

The N.A. has a balance of \$3,328.45 in its account. *NOTE:* Hidden Springs has not yet cut us a check for their share of the forestry work being done, across multiple neighborhood associations. Park benches were less than expected and we did receive additional (annual allotment?) funding from the city for NA allocative funding measures.

5. Guest Presenter: John Williams from City of West Linn

Three big projects happening in the tolling 'world'. (1). I-205 tolling, (2). Tolling in general in Portland metro area for transportation plan, and (3). Regional tolling (up and down I-205 and I-5 corridor).

I-205 tolling – There has been lobbying for an additional lane to be added for quite some time. Directive came with this permission that there will be tolling on I-205 and is required by State Law as ODOT does not have the money to pay for the \$1/2B project. In 2017, I-205 was left out 'in the cold' with other increases in fees that are going to other projects. ODOT is about to finalize the project from 213 to Stafford Road – Project start is the bridge itself from 2022 – 2026. Sometime after that, work will start on other sections – 10th Street and 10th Street to Stafford Road. ODOT is studying impact of tolling on I-205 from 213 to Stafford Road from an electronic perspective. They are also studying what impact this will have for those wanting to avoid the toll and what options for tolling may be. In early 2022, we should have a multitude of impact reports from ODOT studies. The I-205 tolling project would get started first but would eventually become part of a greater Portland area and then more regionally all along I-205 and I-5. Tolling, at the earliest, would be 2024. Rate setting comes at end of 2022, early 2023.

Question from Abby: Will the study really reveal the adjacent neighborhood impact in terms of congestion. John stated that studies have shown initially, folks will avoid, but then will be less inclined to continue that and will (in this example) eventually remain on the highways that have tolling.

Question from Chris: What will happen to revenues, going forward, after project has been paid for? This has been abused in many other areas of the country, ultimately paying for other projects with higher and higher tolls when the original project had been paid multiple times over, decades prior. John stated legislative language has been built in, purportedly, to avoid this abuse, unless it is changed or is related to 'adjacent' future improvements/projects.

ODOT is coming to a joint meeting of West Linn City Council and Oregon City Commission (their city council is called a 'commission') on September 28. There will likely be plenty said, at this meeting, and will be conducted via Zoom meeting.

Oppenlander Field – city council has reached an agreement with school district to put this on as a bond issue in May 2022 – new school board – we are out of the confidential RE part of this – basic plan is to be talking to users of the field and those with high interest in the property – need to decide whether to put additional improvements into this field via the bond – bathrooms, ADA, drainage, etc... - are there other things we should wrap into this bond that we should see in the park? Over the next month or so, having a conversation around what that menu of things may be – November/December have city council decide what should be on the ballot – by end of February, 'it' will be over to the county – at that point, city staff can no longer advocate for any of the above – would need to be outside advocates for any adds, at that time. #1 question is why do we have to pay so much money – because the school board is asking for that amount of money to fund other projects – a fiduciary responsibility to make best of resources, for the tax payers – it's a 'market price' resolution.

A few questions from Abby, David R., and David K.

6. Ongoing Business

David K. gave a Sahallie Illahee Park. Next event is Sunday, September 12 – we are making a big push for planting in Sahallie Illahee Park with Mary S. Young 'scaling back' – plan is to put in 1k plantings in December with clearing going on in October and November – David would like feedback about what folks are looking for in the park – two current extremes > those wanting it to be pristine like a golf course and others mad because maintenance is being done - Abby will talk to Holly at West Linn Tidings around both the clearing needed in October/November and the planting in December – David K. states we get a lot of volunteers putting plants in the ground but not enough to help clear – discussion came up around post card mailers (funded by the city) to all the households in the NA.

Abby talked about planned event in the Park, in November, that was intended to celebrate the Park renovation and thank all those who contributed to this. We agreed that we need to have the in-person celebration later when it is COVID safer – what can we do in the interim? Putting our collective minds together to better understand an interim solution.

Neighborhood election leadership – Chris G. needs to step down, from VP, but is amenable to staying on in the role (if not replaced sooner), thru EOY '21. October agenda - we will have further discussion regarding elections.

Shannon Lane – Abby attended a pre-application meeting. The developers asked questions of the city – next step, if they decide to move ahead, they will file a much broader property use application and if they do that, they will need to meet with the community and be asked a litany of questions, most likely. There are many hurdles for the developers if they want to pursue the land use and we are uncertain if this will go any further.

7. New Business

N/A

8. Attendee Update

Members of the N.A. were given time to update their neighbors on how things are going during the pandemic.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7 pm on Thursday, October 7th on Zoom.

10. Adjourn

Abby Farber adjourned the meeting at 8.32 pm.