

Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association Meeting

February 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by SONA President, Edward Schwarz

In attendance were 10 members of SONA. Also present was Kyle Koonce of the Oregon department of Forestry who did a presentation on the Firewise Community program.

Mark P., a student from PSU, was also in attendance.

Meeting minutes from the January meeting were approved with a unanimous vote.

SONA Treasurer, Patrick McGuire, reported via email that the current SONA balance is \$2,672.80.

Old Business:

1. An update was given by Roberta Schwarz on the White Oak Savanna's fundraiser held in January. McMenamins had a 50% Friends and Family night on January 23rd from 5:00 pm until closing. Approximately \$1500 was raised that night. The Ribbon Cutting and Celebration at the Savanna will be in September after the Natural Play Area is completed.
2. There was further discussion of a SONA Hors d'oeuvres Potluck on June 17th from 4 until 7 pm. The sheltered area with picnic tables at Willamette Park has been reserved for a total of \$60. People were asked to bring a favorite hors d'oeuvre to share.
3. There was further discussion about future speakers that members would like to invite to present at upcoming SONA meetings. In March, we have invited a West Linn Police Officer. For April, we have invited the City Manager, Eileen Stein, and new Community Development Director, John Williams. In May, we will have Ken Warner of the West Linn Parks Department who will discuss Take Care of West Linn Day possible volunteer opportunities.

New Business:

1. Kyle Koonce of the Oregon Department of Forestry did a presentation on how to become a Firewise Community. In preparation, Mr. Koonce evaluated the Savanna Oaks Neighborhood and wrote an assessment of our fire hazards. There will be a Firewise Day on April 22nd from 10 am to 12 noon at the White Oak Savanna. This will also be our Earth Day event. Volunteers are being requested to work for a couple of hours that day to rid the area of invasive plants which are fuel for fires. Mr. Koonce suggested that receiving a Firewise Certification will result from the

expenditure of a total of 40 hours of work per year with a value of \$22.75 per hour. This equals \$3820 invested in volunteer work each year. We can count the work that the Park Department does in clearing fire breaks in the Savanna each year, too. We can also count the hour that we discussed the Firewise program as a neighborhood association. We believe that can also count the hours that we have our trees and hedges trimmed at our individual homes and Mr. Koonce will confirm that for us shortly. He suggested that as neighbors we should all do the following things to decrease our fire hazards: do not use shake roofing, have our address on easily visible signage at our home so emergency vehicles can find the proper address when they are called, clear needles from our gutters, make sure our roof is clean (no moss), keep trees and hedges trimmed, clear blackberry, make a fire break around our homes and clear it of debris.

2. There was an update on the I 205 repaving and median projects.

Edward Schwarz, seeing no further business, adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm