

Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association Meeting

April 4th, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by SONA President, Edward Schwarz.

In attendance were 10 people. 7 were members of SONA. Also present was City Manager, Eileen Stein and Community Development Director, John Williams. One guest from Willamette NA was also present.

Meeting minutes from the March meeting could not be approved because there was not a quorum. They will be read and voted on at the May meeting.

SONA Treasurer, Patrick McGuire, reported via email that the current SONA balance is \$2,612.80.

Old Business:

1. An update was given by Roberta Schwarz on the next White Oak Savanna fundraiser which will held on October 21st and 22nd. It will be the 8th Annual Holiday Craft Fair at the WL Lutheran Church.
2. The Ribbon Cutting and Celebration at the Savanna will be in September after the Natural Play Area is completed.
3. 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.
4. On April 22nd, we will have our Earth Day/Fire Wise event from 10 am to 12 noon. We are hoping to have several people come and help clear the Savanna of invasive plants which are fuel for fire. Last month our Fire Wise speaker, Kyle Koonce, stated that just 40 hours of work per year with a value of \$22.75 per hour will equal the \$3820 which is what needs to be invested in volunteer work by the community for Fire Wise Certification. We can also count the hours that we have landscapers and arborists trim our trees and bushes at our individual homes so please keep track of those and let us know the total hours. Please also remember that we were advised last month to 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 easily find us, 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.
5. In May, SONA will have Ken Warner of the West Linn Parks Department who will discuss Take Care of West Linn Day and possible volunteer opportunities.

New Business:

1. City Manager, Eileen Stein and Community Development Director, John Williams spoke about future projects and a Park Bond renewal for approximately \$18 million for Park and Facilities improvements. If approved, this would not add new taxes but would continue the current bond funds. It was stated that the City of West Linn's bi-annual budget is being prepared and it will need to be completed by June 30th. ODOT will be repaving part of 205 this summer. The Waterfront Project will be a more inclusive process than the former Arch Bridge Project. Several questions were answered and it was stated that long range planning is for a 20-year period.

Edward Schwarz, seeing no further business, adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.