

# **Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association Meeting**

**April 3rd, 2018 at 7:00 PM**

## **Minutes**

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Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by SONA President, Ed Schwarz

In attendance were 17 people. Fifteen were members of SONA. Two guests were in attendance. Dawn Grunwald spoke on Luscher Farms and Debbie Thomas discussed Mason Bee keeping.

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

Patrick McGuire, Treasurer, reported by email that the current SONA balance is \$3,831.41

### **Old Business:**

1. An update was given by Roberta Schwarz about the Eagle Scout Project being worked on currently in the White Oak Savanna. This beautiful observation deck is nearing completion. The KGW segment aired last month on Collin's project was well received.
2. There is a new concept drawing for the Natural Play Area in the White Oak Savanna. It was necessary because the surface rock found at the upper level of the Savanna makes it preferable to move the play area down to the lower elevation of the Savanna where there is less hard surface to work with in the construction. The new concept drawing was passed around.
3. The SONA Summer Potluck will be in the Savanna once the Natural Play Area is completed in late summer.
4. Carol Connell has begun her work to update her 2004 and 2005 analysis for the City of West Linn of the unmet costs of new homes paid by the taxpayers of West Linn. This update will be funded by the Savanna Oaks N.A. It will be peer reviewed by another very well-respected person in the field.

### **New Business:**

1. Dawn Grunwald from Luscher Farms spoke about the many services offered at its location at the corner of Rosemont and Stafford in Lake Oswego. These include an Organic Farm, Community Gardens, Summer Camp, Children's Garden, CSA (Community Supported Agriculture), Demo Garden, Clematis Garden, Field Trips, Kids in the Kitchen, Birthday Party at the Farms among other programs. If you would

like further information, Dawn can be reached at her office at 503 638 0376 or at her email which is [dgrundwald@ci.oswego.or.us](mailto:dgrundwald@ci.oswego.or.us)

2. Debbie Thomas spoke about raising Mason Bees which are early spring pollinators. Unlike Honey Bees, Mason Bees are native to this area. Debbie brought some wooden houses and tubes that the Mason Bees can use as their homes. The bees stay close to these homes and fly only about 300 yards away. They can withstand colder weather and come out when it reaches about 50 degrees outside. They live for about 8 weeks and come out in March and are gone by May. If you would like further information about Mason Bees, please contact Debbie at [BlackDiamondDebbie@msn.com](mailto:BlackDiamondDebbie@msn.com)
3. The annual Earth Day/ Firewise work day of SONA will take place from 10 am to 12 noon at the White Oak Savanna on April 21. Several people signed up at the meeting and all are welcome to come and help. We will be removing fuel sources and tools will be provided.
4. Three City Open Houses are scheduled for the next two weeks. One is tonight, and it is on Traffic, a Land Use Pattern Open House is on Thursday of this week and a Town Hall will be on April 12<sup>th</sup>. The details for all of these events are listed on the City's website.
5. The Fire Wise re-certification for the Savanna Oaks NA will be applied for after the work day on April 21<sup>st</sup> is completed. General information about preventing wild fires and fires in the home was distributed. There are two Fire Wise certified NAs in West Linn and information on how to get certified has been given by SONA to each of the other nine NA's in West Linn in case they would also like to become certified.
6. City Councilor Rich Sakelik spoke about the General Obligation Bond which will be on the May ballot. He gave a description of the bond and answered numerous questions. He passed out information about the three categories of bond projects and general descriptions of the individual projects in each of those categories.
7. Following Councilor Sakelik's presentation, Ed Schwarz asked if someone would like to make a formal motion to consider a Resolution from the Savanna Oaks NA relating to the GO Bond. A motion was made and seconded and a vote was taken and passed unanimously to consider such a Resolution. The Resolution was passed out, discussed at length, edited, and a motion was made and seconded to approve the Resolution. It passed unanimously (15 Aye 0 No and 0 Abstain). It is attached and will be submitted to the City Council at their next meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> by Ed Schwarz.

Ed Schwarz, seeing no further business, adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.