

Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association Meeting

November 5th, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Secretary Roberta Schwarz at 7:01 pm. A quorum of 16 members was present.

Minutes from September 2019 were approved 15 aye and 1 abstain.

SONA Treasurer, Patrick McGuire, previously reported via email that SONA received its 2019 stipend allowance from the city. The amount was \$945.00. This brings the SONA bank balance to \$5,625.64.

Old Business:

The Work Session on the Savanna's Natural Play Area, Bernert Creek daylighting, and maintenance which was on November 4th was discussed and questions were asked and answered. Photos of about 300 students from Willamette Primary and West Linn High School biology classes were passed around and their work accomplished by planting 1,000 camas bulbs in the Grandfather Grove of the Savanna was detailed. Also 120 sword ferns were planted in the Riparian part of the Savanna and were donated by a family who lives in Battleground, Washington and donated these plants from their land each year. This was our ninth year of engaging with local students to do a large Fall planting in the Savanna.

New Business:

1. Savanna Oak Neighborhood Association just updated its Firewise Certification. This was discussed and information was provided on Firewise. One member asked for a copy of the certificate for her insurance company and has been provided this proof by the Secretary of SONA. There is a discount granted by some insurance companies if you live in a Firewise certified neighborhood.

2. Information on personal financial security was passed around including information on shredding financial documents and how long they should be kept, freezing credit bureau accounts, identity theft, and tips for sound retirement planning. All this information was from AARP.

3. An update was provided on the WL Post Office. An extension has been granted to the end of February 2020. The Post Office administrator are continuing to negotiate with the owner of the existing building and are exploring other possible sites in West Linn as well.

4. An update was provided on the 25-unit lot subdivision at 23190 Bland Cr. The current owners of the property were in attendance. There were several questions asked and answered. The Planning Commission hearing on this property will be held on November 6th at 6:30 pm. One family who lives near the proposed development asked for the information of this proposal and the Secretary said that she would email them the link to the City website where it can be found and has done so. The issues from those in attendance are saving as many trees as possible, making sure the WRA (Water Resource Area) is addressed properly, ensuring adequate street width of a least 28 feet, and making sure that both construction traffic and the traffic in the neighborhood when the development is completed do not cause issues for the neighbors.

Roberta Schwarz, seeing no further business, adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.