

# Savannah Oaks Neighborhood Association Meeting

August 7, 2012

7:00 PM

## Minutes

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President Rittenhouse called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. In attendance were 15 members of the Savannah Oaks Neighborhood Association and two visitors from the Willamette Neighborhood Association.

### Old Business:

1. Minutes from the July 3 meeting were approved.
2. Report on progress of work on White Oak Savannah by the Northwest Youth Corp. and plans for Aug. 18 work part to spread rock. If all the work is completed on the trail, the final \$33,000 of grant money is expected to be released by Metro.
3. Since the city has taken no action on the staircase at 2125 Greene, a motion was made and seconded to put the city on record that the Savannah Oaks Neighborhood Association endorses their removal if they are found to be outside of the property line of the residence. The motion (see the exact wording and summary of discussion at the end of these minutes) was passed unanimously.
4. A reminder was given of the WOS fund raiser on August 9.
- 5. It was explained that the city would not approve the application of the donated geotextile fabric for the foundation of the WOS trail. Money is not available from the Parks Department for a mechanized wheelbarrow for moving the donated gravel to points on the trail where volunteers could spread it to form a walking surface for the new trail on August 18th. Neighbors for a Livable West Linn is pursuing the purchase of the mechanized wheelbarrow.**

### New Business

1. A motion was made and seconded to request permission to purchase an additional sign for the WOS to be installed by city personnel. The motion (see wording and discussion at the end of these minutes) was passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer's report was read which shows that there are adequate funds in the SONA account to cover the purchase, but that the city would be asked to contribute some funds for this project.
3. Nominations for office were made as follows:

- a. President: Ed Schwarz;
  - b. Treasurer: Patrick McGuire;
  - c. The nominees will be installed at the next regular meeting
4. Mr. Parker's application for the Tannler West property was discussed. Mr. Parker is supposed to present a traffic study in the near future for the revised designs. There were strong vocal concerns about the traffic situation with this new plan. The new plan is different than the plan presented to the SONA. Supposedly, construction may start as early as March of 2013 with approval of all regulating bodies.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

### **Motion re Staircase at 2125 Greene Street**

Be it resolved that the Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association is aware that the homeowner at 2125 Greene Street has installed a stairway from the rear of his property into the White Oak Savanna Park. The Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association respectfully requests that the City work with the homeowner at 2125 Greene Street in order to remove any part of the stairs which is on City property.

Our reasons for making this request include:

- In March 2010 a neighborhood resident notified the West Linn Parks Department of this staircase and was told that a letter would be sent to the homeowner.
- On March 25, 2010 the Parks Department sent a letter to the homeowner stating that the staircase may be considered a “non-authorized” use of park property and could require a public vote authorizing it to remain.
- Seeing no action on the staircase, the neighborhood resident then notified the City Council of the existence of the staircase.
- In addition, on numerous occasions since the March 25, 2010 letter was sent, the neighborhood resident again notified the Parks Department that the staircase was still in place.
- In July 2012 a trampoline and seating area (including umbrella) were added to the park property just below 2125 Greene Street and on July 11, 2012 a subsequent letter was sent by the Parks Department asking that the resident “prove that these items are on your property or have them removed from city property” and that the staircase “exceeds what is needed to safely access the park.”
- The staircase appears to have been installed on park, not private, property,
- If every Greene Street resident were to do the same, a significant part of the park property would no longer be available to the public as park land,
- Allowing the stairs to remain in place would establish a bad precedent by the City and this issue needs to be dealt with by the City,
- The staircase is a liability to the City because it is on City owned park property, and
- The citizens of West Linn recently voted to protect park property, this is park property, and therefore it should be protected by the City.

For the above-stated reasons, SONA requests that the City require the homeowner to remove that part of the stairs which are on City property.

### **Motion Re Purchase of New WOS Sign**

Be it resolved that the Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association respectfully requests that it be allowed to purchase, for an amount not to exceed \$1,165.00, a second sign for the White Oak Savanna Park. The sign is to be made by the same company that made the existing sign and the sign will be of the same design. This sign is to be purchased using available Neighborhood Association funds and is to be placed near the upper trailhead on Tannler Drive at the White Oak Savanna Park. The dimensions of the sign are approximately 2/3 the dimensions of the existing sign. The sign is to be installed by City personnel.

Our reasons for making this request include:

- The upper trailhead is currently unmarked and not easily seen from Tannler Drive, and
- Addition of this sign will enable park visitors to more easily find this access to the park.

For the above-stated reasons, SONA requests that the City allow the Neighborhood Association to purchase the sign and that the City provide labor for sign installation.