

Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association Meeting
August 6, 2013
7:00 PM

Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by SONA President, Ed Schwarz.

In attendance were fifteen members of SONA, six guests from other West Linn Neighborhood Associations and Chris Kerr, Economic Development Director for the City of West Linn.

Meeting minutes from the July 2, 2013 meeting were approved with a unanimous vote.

The Treasurer was unable to attend and Ed Schwartz provided his report of the SONA bank balance.

Old Business:

1. Brenda Perry was the only person nominated for the position of SONA secretary. The vote to appoint her was unanimous.
2. Update and thank you to all those who assisted with the successful Ice Cream Social on July 14th at Douglas Park. The event was attended by approximately 150 people and the costs came in under budget.
3. An update on the Weatherhill Drive development project was provided by Ed Schwarz. An email has been sent to the developer confirming that at least 50% of the trees will be preserved on this project. A response acknowledging the email was received. Concerns were also raised about the potential for a 'blind corner'.

New Business:

1. The project at 22850 Weatherhill is in pre-application. It is awaiting zoning changes to allow more than eighteen lots and annexing to the City.
2. The auction to raise money for computers was very successful and will allow 5 computers to be donated. This is up from 4 last year.
3. The Kick Starter is now fully funded. One donor provided the remaining amount, but it is hoped that donations will continue.
4. The scheduled 'Concert for the White Oak Savanna' will be held on August 17th in Willamette Park.
5. Chris Kerr, Economic Development Director for the City of West Linn, provided information on the City's "Cut the Red Tape" project.
 - a. The stated goal is to remove regulatory and financial barriers to positive economic development in the City.
 - b. The City is looking at development on Route 43 and Willamette Falls Drive. They are also reviewing options for the Arch bridge project.
 - c. Questions were raised about the timing of allowed changes on project applications.
 - d. Concerns were voiced by the meeting participants on the many significant changes proposed, the lack of citizen involvement in these plans and the rapid timeline that minimized the opportunity for discussion.

- e. Planning Commission meeting to discuss these proposed changes scheduled for August 7th, thereby allowing little time for input and discussion.
- f. Questions were posed regarding the overall economic plan for the City, but no answer forthcoming from Mr. Kerr.
- g. Three resolutions were proposed and will be submitted.
 - i. Resolution to request a delay in the hearing for one month.
 - ii. Resolution to request detail of the economic plans and potential impact on the West Linn community.
 - iii. Resolution to oppose several of the proposed changes, including the elimination of “de novo” hearings, introduction of fees to NAs when appealing planning decisions, no public review of application and design review for sub-divisions less than 25 units, changes to requirements for applicants meeting with the NA, loosening tree protection, and changes to CDC 99.160 and CDC 99.170 increasing the number of either Planning Commissioners or City Councilors required to request review of a decision.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.