

Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association Meeting

March 3rd, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Secretary, Roberta Schwarz, at 7:30 pm. A quorum of 14 members was present. There were 16 people in attendance. 14 were members of SONA and 2 were visitors, one from the Hidden Springs Neighborhood and one from the Bolton Neighborhood. The meeting had to be moved to the next-door facility at Bellagio's Pizza because of a last-minute cancellation of our reservation booking the Willamette Fire Station Community Room location, the usual spot for SONA meetings. A sign was posted on the Willamette Fire Station door and everyone found their way next door without a problem.

Minutes from the January 7th, 2020 meeting were approved with 14 aye votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstains.

SONA Treasurer, Patrick McGuire, reported via email that the current SONA balance is \$5,625.64.

Old Business:

An update was given by Roberta Schwarz on the White Oak Savanna's two scientific research projects that have been conducted in recent months. One was by PhD. student, Dylan Jones from Binghamton University, State University of New York and was concerning Oak Gall Wasps. 16 species were found at the Savanna. The second research project was by Professor Sam Fey of Reed College and concerned acorn dispersal in the White Oak Savanna and is a multi-year project. Research results on both projects were passed around so everyone could see them.

The annual Earth Day SOLVE work party at the White Oak Savanna will be on Saturday April 18th from 10 am to 12 pm and will include Honor Society Students from WL High School along with neighbors and SOLVE volunteers. We will be ridding one of the meadows of invasive plants.

There was a discussion of a possible Resolution concerning keeping Burnside Park a natural park which was led by Steve Miesen of the Bolton Neighborhood Association. It was determined that a few more pieces of documentation are needed so that the Resolution can be based on the most important facts. A deed for the park will be sent to the SONA Secretary by Steve Miesen and then forwarded to SONA members and a rough draft of the resolution will be completed before the next meeting of SONA on May 5th.

New Business:

1. There was a discussion before the meeting officially began of the Michael Fesser case with questions and answers and an invitation for all to join the March for Civil Rights on March 14th at 2 pm beginning at the former Albertson's parking lot and ending at the Police Station.
2. There was a discussion of the importance of doing a nationwide recruitment for the next City Manager. A letter that SONA President, Ed Schwarz, had sent to the City Council was emailed to all the people on SONA's list of members with a suggestion that they might also want to weigh in with an email to the CC.

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