

Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association Meeting

May 5th, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Schwarz at 7:05 pm. A quorum of 15 members was present. The meeting was conducted online using Zoom due to the pandemic. This online meeting and agenda were posted on the City of West Linn's website and numerous reminders were sent to members.

Minutes from the March 3rd, 2020 meeting were approved with 15 aye votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstains.

SONA Treasurer, Patrick McGuire, reported via email that the current SONA balance is \$5,612.90.

Old Business:

An update was given by Roberta Schwarz on two recent thefts of signs and of the vandalism of a bench in the White Oak Savanna. One of the neighbors also reported that her garage door has been dented by a rock thrown at it recently.

It was suggested by a SONA member who is in law enforcement that the City should consider buying trail cams and issuing a trespass exclusion order to aid the police in apprehending the responsible person(s). It was further suggested that police compile statistics about vandalism and theft in West Linn occurring during the pandemic.

The annual Earth Day SOLVE work party which was to have taken place at the White Oak Savanna on Saturday April 18th had to be cancelled due to the pandemic.

There was a continuation of a March SONA meeting discussion about a Resolution concerning keeping Burnside Park a natural park. In March, this was led by Steve Miesen of the Bolton Neighborhood Association. The discussion was completed and a map showing Burnside Park listed as a Passive park from the most recent Park Master Plan was shown to those in attendance. A resolution was voted on and one suggestion was added under Section 2. The vote was unanimous in favor of keeping Burnside park a natural park with 15 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstain. A copy of the Resolution will be submitted along with these Minutes.

New Business:

1. There was a discussion to authorize the President and/or Secretary of SONA to submit a Public Records Request for any and all of the specific records, communications, and the actual work produced in exchange for the \$19,000 expenditure made by the City of West Linn to Strategies 360 for public relations work for several elected officials and staff related to the Michael Fesser case. The vote was 9 yes, 5 no, and 0 abstain. One person had to leave the online meeting before this discussion began. Therefore, there were 14 votes total on this issue. It was further discussed that if any other Public Record Requests on other topics are to be requested by SONA that they will be voted on individually by SONA.
2. The money to do these online meetings, which should be no more than \$15 per month, was unanimously approved by those in attendance. The vote was 15 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstain.
3. Under "other business" Lori C. asked if anyone would like to join her in working on emergency preparedness for the SONA neighborhood. No one volunteered; however, it was suggested by the President that the Firewise literature that Lori has received should be made into a pdf and sent to the SONA members as part of the next SONA newsletter. As a follow up note, the SONA President received an email the morning after the SONA meeting and Linda B. said that she would like to join with Lori with the emergency preparedness work she is doing. Lori's contact information was given to Linda.

Ed Schwarz, seeing no further business, adjourned the meeting at 8:28 pm.