

Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association Meeting

January 4th, 2022

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Schwarz at 7:00 pm. There were eighteen people present in total for some part of the meeting. Ten members were present at the beginning of the meeting. Four additional people joined us a few minutes later but this was after the Minutes had been approved. Four people left the meeting after the presentation by Officer Higbee. Therefore, ten members were present to approve the Minutes and later to vote on the letter being sent to the City Council to ask for a Public Hearing on the proposed roundabout for Willamette Falls Drive. There was one guest presenter, Community Service Officer Nichola Higbee from the W.L. Police Department. There were three guests who live in other neighborhood associations. Kathie Halicki And Jay Hemmady from Willamette N.A. and Teri Cummings from Marylhurst N.A. 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 reminders were sent to members.

The Minutes from the November 2nd SONA meeting were read and approved by members unanimously with ten ayes, zero no, and zero abstain votes.

SONA Treasurer, Patrick McGuire, reported via email that the current SONA balance is \$6,518.10.

Old Business:

An update was given by Roberta Schwarz on the White Oak Savanna. A short photo album was shared online of Mr. Hartman's WLHS biology class planting ten White Oaks in the Savanna that were donated by Bill and Tana B. after they grew them from acorns for four years at their home. It was also stated that Professor Sam Fey from Reed College will be coming in early February with two classes to continue the research on acorn production in the White Oak Savanna. Finally, a small grant has been applied for to pay for the wildfire fuels mitigation and defensible space creation in the White Oak Savanna for the summer of 2022. We should know if the grant is approved by the end of this month.

New Business:

1. Community Service Officer Nichola Higbee from the W.L. Police Department made a presentation on her new job enforcing codes in West Linn. She currently has seventy open cases that she is working on which include improper sign placement, building in riparian zones, illegal dumping, barking dogs, noxious vegetation, illegal buildings, sidewalks that are unsafe, and many other issues. A second person will be added to work with Officer Higbee once they have completed a background check and training. The way to lodge a complaint about a code issue is to call the non-emergency number for the West Linn Police. The number to call is 503 635 0238. Then it will be investigated, a police report will be written for the public record, and the findings will be disclosed. Fines may be assessed if the code issue is not addressed by the owner of the property in a timely manner. Please give the exact address and take photos to help Officer Higbee in doing her job if you call in a complaint.
2. A question was asked about the replacement of street trees damaged by the Ice Storm of February 2021. Ed Schwarz stated that a survey will be available in the first quarter of 2022 to help the City Council decide what to do.
3. Ed Schwarz stated that SONA will have a presentation on emergency preparedness and recovery in an upcoming SONA meeting. We will ask the new person hired by the city in the emergency preparedness coordination capacity to make a presentation.

4. Teri Cummings brought up an issue as a community comment about the need for a public hearing on the proposed roundabout for Willamette Falls Drive. A motion was made and seconded to have President Ed Schwarz write a letter to the City Council to ask that this proposed roundabout be discussed by the Planning Commission at a Public Hearing. After discussion, this motion was approved unanimously by the ten SONA members present at the time. There were 0 no votes and 0 abstain votes.

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