

Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association Meeting

March 1st, 2022

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Schwarz at 7:00 pm. There were twelve SONA members present in total for some part of the meeting. One member was not present when the vote was taken to send a letter about the proposed Salamo/10th St roundabout to the City Council. Twelve members were present to approve the Minutes. This online meeting and agenda were posted on the City of West Linn's website and reminders were sent to members.

The agenda was modified to address the above-mentioned letter being sent to the CC being addressed during the Old Business update on the White Oak Savanna since it would have an effect on it and this was voted on unanimously with twelve ayes, zero no, and zero abstain votes.

The Minutes from the January 4th SONA meeting were read and approved by members unanimously with twelve ayes, zero no, and zero abstain votes.

SONA Treasurer, Patrick McGuire, reported via email that the current SONA balance is \$6,492.62

Old Business:

An update was given by Roberta Schwarz on the White Oak Savanna. SONA did not receive the small grant from Fire Wise that was applied for to pay for the wildfire fuels mitigation and defensible space creation in the White Oak Savanna for the summer of 2022. It was agreed to by Ken W. of the Parks Dept that the city would pay half for the annual mowing which costs a total of \$1280, and SONA would pay half if the members agreed. A discussion and vote were completed, and the result was unanimous with twelve ayes, zero no, and zero abstain votes. \$640 of SONA's treasury will be paid for the mowing. The NW Youth Corps annual fire mitigation and trail clearing for fire protection will be paid for by the city.

Next a draft letter for the City Council to authorize the Planning Commission to come up with City Code for roundabouts to be constructed in the City of West Linn before the 10th St/ Salamo or Willamette Falls Dr roundabouts are constructed and to engage the public in all phases of the planning projects in the public process was read and discussed and a vote was taken. There were eleven members present at the time this vote was taken. The results were unanimous with eleven ayes, zero no, and zero abstain. This letter will be sent by SONA President Ed Schwarz to the CC, PC, and Neighborhood Association Presidents as directed by the SONA members. The final copy of this letter is attached below.

New Business:

1. SONA member Lori C. presented a PowerPoint Emergency and Disaster Preparedness resource list that was very comprehensive and included information on Clackamas County, West Linn, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, and Red Cross emergency resources. This power point will be sent to all SONA members who attended the meeting. It is also available to anyone else who requests it by emailing Ed Schwarz at savannaoaksna@westlinnoregon.gov
2. Lori C. will get a list together of possible emergency supplies. These are items that are suggested by the Red Cross, and this will be discussed at the next Neighborhood Association Presidents Meeting and given to anyone who requests it by using the email for Ed Schwarz listed above.

Ed Schwarz, seeing no further business, adjourned the meeting at 8:15.

Dear Mayor Walters and City Councilors,

At the January Savanna Oaks NA meeting it was discussed and voted unanimously on to send you a letter about the proposed plans to construct a roundabout on the West Linn side of the bridge on Willamette Falls Dr near Fields Bridge Park. The letter stated our many concerns regarding the roundabout and the fact that it was not fully vetted by the public with proper citizen participation. Our President, Ed Schwarz, addressed the roundabout issue during the Community Comments at the February 8th CC meeting as well. We received no response to our concerns and request for proper citizen participation.

At the March Savanna Oaks NA meeting we again discussed these issues and the fact that a second roundabout is planned, this one at Salamo and 10th, without using the public process. It is diverging from the approved TSP plan. Recent Public Records Requests show that Marah B. Danielson Senior Planner with ODOT stated in her correspondence to Lance Culvert, Public Works Director/City Engineer that this roundabout "is significantly different than what was adopted in the TSP update a few years ago."

Diverging from the adopted TSP plan would require proper vetting and public process with citizen participation. This has not occurred. Research of Federal ODOT standards has shown that they require 4% or less slope for roundabouts. This is not the case at the proposed 10th St/Salamo location for a roundabout. Please check the area for yourselves.

There are currently no West Linn codes for roundabouts. This is a major concern. The Public Works Director stated publicly that cities do not have codes for roundabouts at the January 20, 2022 Neighborhood Association Presidents meeting. That turns out not to be the case. For example, Redmond, WA. has a roundabout manual. Bend, OR. has roundabout design guidelines that were developed by Kittleson, a company that West Linn uses.

We ask that the City Council vote to authorize the Planning Commission to immediately begin a fully engaged public process which includes researching and recommending a policy for roundabouts before either the WFD or the 10th St/Salamo roundabouts are constructed. This should include clear and certain codes and criteria which will be added to West Linn's planning and engineering documents and will include understandable technical information in order to engage the public in all phases of the planning project.

Thank you,

Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association