

Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association Meeting

September 6th, 2022

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Schwarz at 7:03 pm. There were fifteen SONA members present in total for some part of the meeting. This included a quorum of ten members 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 Minutes from the July 5th SONA meeting were read and approved by members with fourteen ayes, zero no, and zero abstain votes. The fifteenth member who attended joined near the end of the meeting so was not present to approve the Minutes.

SONA Treasurer Patrick McGuire stated that the current SONA balance is \$6,676.18. The stipend received this year from the city was \$900.

Old Business:

An update was given by Roberta Schwarz on the White Oak Savanna. Dylan Jones, the doctoral student from SUNY has published his peer reviewed scientific journal article based on his work on Oak Galls at the Savanna and seventeen other sites between Northern California and British Columbia. He will be presenting it in several upcoming conferences.

The 4th and 5th graders from Willamette Primary School will be doing the annual planting of 500 Camassia bulbs and several dozen Sword Ferns in October. This will be our eleventh year of having this event at the White Oak Savanna.

An update was given by Ed Schwarz about the SONA support of a letter from the Neighborhood Association Presidents to the City Council. This letter seeks to improve the working relationship between NAs and the city. The vote to support was held at the May meeting and there was unanimous approval. The City Council is considering the letter but has taken no action nor has the City Manager.

New Business:

1. Ed Schwarz gave an update and summary of the West Linn Redevelopment/ Urban Renewal Projects. He attended the first meeting of the committee today. He stated that the study by a University of Illinois Chicago professor looking at thirty years of TIF projects has shown that they are not usually effective. The representative from the Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue stated concerns about the amount of revenue that agency would not be receiving if this Tax Increment Financing were to be approved by the City Council. The numbers released after the presentation showed tens of millions of dollars would not be received by TVFR, the local schools, the county, the county library, Clackamas Community College, and many more community services if this TIF were to be implemented in West Linn.
2. Three SONA members volunteered to attend a one-hour meeting with West Linn Police Department and representatives from the Collaborative Reform Initiative-Technical Assistance Center to discuss WLPD community outreach efforts. The three are Rich S., Henry A., and Susanne A. They will give a report on the meeting at the next SONA meeting.
3. Nominations were taken for new SONA officers. Rich S. was nominated and accepted the nomination for SONA President. Lori C. was nominated and accepted the nomination for Secretary. Frank C. was nominated and accepted the nomination for Treasurer. There were no further nominations. No one was interested in the Vice President position so that will remain vacant as it has for the past several years. The nominations were then closed. The election will take place at the next SONA meeting.

Next Meeting:

Ed Schwarz stated that the next Savanna Oaks NA meeting will be held on November 1st, 2022 and will be a virtual meeting via Zoom.

Ed Schwarz, seeing no further business, adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.