

Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association Meeting

January 3, 2023

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Sakelik at 7:06 p.m. There were eleven SONA members present at the onset of the meeting. This met the quorum requirement of a minimum of ten members to approve the SONA agenda and minutes. Three additional members joined during the meeting. In addition, there were three guests from the community in attendance. SONA's online meeting announcement and agenda were posted to the City of West Linn's website and email reminders were sent to members.

A motion was made by Rich Faith and seconded by Beth Carr to approve the agenda. No changes were proposed. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ed Schwarz and seconded by Frank Carini to approve the minutes. The minutes from the November 1, 2022 scheduled meeting were read and approved by members with ten ayes and zero nays.

Treasurer's Report:

SONA Treasurer Frank Carini stated that the current SONA balance is \$6,625.22.

Community Comments:

Richard Sakelik, newly elected President, introduced Lori Carini, Secretary and Frank Carini, Treasurer as the new officers of SONA Board for 2023-24.

A plaque of recognition was awarded to Ed and Roberta Schwarz for their more than 10 years of service as President and Secretary of SONA. Savanna Oaks neighbors contributed funds to purchase both the award and two \$50 REI gift certificates. Members expressed thanks to Ed and Roberta by recounting specific instances of their efforts and advocacy while serving the Savanna Oaks neighborhood. Appreciation was also voiced for their dedication to the preservation of The White Oak Savanna which is now a City of West Linn park.

Old Business:

There was no old business addressed.

New Business:

Three of the candidates for the March 14, 2023 West Linn City Council election (Scott Erwin, Leo Groner and Tanner Woody) participated in a Candidates Forum. William Relyea, a current West Linn City Councilor, had planned to attend, but could not participate due to a conflicting meeting of the City Council.

The candidates addressed questions previously submitted by SONA members. Questions were also asked by the online audience. Question topics included the following: I-205 Toll Project, West Linn Waterfront Redevelopment/Urban Renewal Projects, Tax Increment Financing (TIF), the West Linn waterline funding/Abernethy Bridge upgrade, Oppenlander Field purchase and litigation, as well as issues related to the Stafford Hamlet.

Next Meeting:

Richard Sakelik stated that the next Savanna Oaks NA meeting will be held on March 7, 2023 as a virtual meeting via Zoom. President Sakelik announced that Lance Calvert, West Linn Public Works Director, will attend the March 7th meeting to discuss and answer questions concerning the 10th Street Corridor Improvements/Salamo Road redevelopment.

Rich Sakelik, seeing no further business, adjourned the meeting at 9:17 pm.