

Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2024

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by SONA President Frank Carini at 7:03 p.m. President Carini welcomed SONA members and Public Works Communications Specialist Luke Boreland and Joe Conrad, Public Works Environmental Services Supervisor, City of West Linn.

Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association General Meeting – Establishing a Quorum

At the onset of the meeting, 12 SONA members were present plus one individual from the community. President Carini determined that a quorum was established. SONA's online meeting announcement and agenda were posted to the City of West Linn's website. SONA meeting signs were placed throughout the neighborhood and email reminders were sent to members.

Approval of the September 10, 2024 Agenda and Approval of the Minutes from July 9, 2024 Meeting

There were no changes made to the September 10, 2024 agenda and members approved the agenda by unanimous consent. There were no corrections made to the SONA draft minutes from the July 9, 2024 General meeting. The minutes were also approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ed Schwarz reported that at the end of August, 2024 the balance in the SONA account was \$3,905.50. Since the last meeting on July 9, 2024, expenses have consisted of two Zoom invoices for \$13.59 each. There was a \$100 donation from a SONA member for SONA's Ice Cream Social to offset the cost for an origami demonstration/activity which was deposited in the NA's account.

New Business

A. Presentation: Overview of Environmental Services – Luke Boreland, Public Works Communications Specialist, City of West Linn

The City of West Linn Environmental Services operates and maintains sewer and stormwater facilities, as well as street sweeping. One hundred and thirty miles of sewer lines run beneath West Linn. Joe Conrad and two other city employees currently maintain this system which also includes approximately 100 miles of stormwater pipe and 63 stormwater facilities. Pump stations along with detention/retention ponds need to be maintained. Private landscapers are contracted for some surface maintenance. Streets are currently being swept approximately three times per year; however, Luke Borland stated that the City is working towards more frequent street sweeping to occur. Joe Conrad stated that when fully staffed, there should be five positions (including himself) in the Environmental Services Department. Recruitment for experienced Environmental Services staff has been a challenge. Metro's RID Patrol can be contacted for illegal dumping of tires, furniture, trash, etc.

The best way to report a concern or question is to use the City of West Linn app. The app can be downloaded from West Linn's website. Alternatively, Environmental Services can be contacted via email.

B. Update from NA President's Meeting – Frank Carini

President Frank Carini brought forward a request made by City Manager John Williams at a recent Neighborhood Association President's meeting. John Williams requested that he wanted feedback from Neighborhood Associations about a concept that was being considered where each NA would designate a second person, in addition to the President, to receive notifications from the City. This would ensure that developers would have a second person to receive requests for meetings regarding new developments. In the case of inactive NAs, this could confirm that a

notification attempt had been properly served. Discussion from the membership did not support this plan. Sentiment favored city support of NAs that would ensure NAs were robust enough to fulfill developer's requests for meetings.

Old Business

A. Discussion of the November 2024 Election for 2025-2026 SONA Officers – Frank Carini

President Frank Carini explained that there would be acceptance of nominations leading up to the November 2024 General meeting for all SONA Board members who would serve as officers starting in January 2025. SONA members are needed for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Contact Frank Carini or Ed Schwarz for more information. Suggestions were made to change bylaws to stagger elected positions (elections in alternating years) and possibly meet fewer times per year.

B. Ad Hoc Committee Update for Ice Cream Social on September 14, 2024 – Lori Carini

Secretary Lori Carini updated members on SONA's Ice Cream Social neighborhood outreach event which will be held from 1-3 p.m. in Douglas Park on Saturday. Lori confirmed that Yuki Martin would provide an origami activity and demonstrations. Two Oregon State Extension Master Gardeners will host a gardening information booth that highlights garden/yard preparations for winter and plants that would also do well in our climate and area. Handouts will be available.

The emergency preparedness booth will provide an example of a "Go Kit" and there will be a SONA booth that highlights the NA's activities. Roberta Schwarz stated that there will be volunteers to assist at a rock painting booth.

Roberta and Ed Schwarz reported that they have already purchased 182 ice cream cones/bars for the event and Roberta explained that fruit popsicles will be available for those who can't have milk, wheat, or nuts.

There will be several drawings for four different prizes. Bubble wands will be given away and there will be another activity geared for younger children (a pinata filled with rubber duckies.)

C. White Oak Savanna Park and Grandfather Grove Trail Extension Ribbon Cutting Update – Roberta Schwarz

Numerous people from the community and beyond attended this White Oak Savanna park event on July 20th. Among those in attendance were a Grand Ronde tribal council member and his son, a crew from TVF&R, and Judge Norby. Judge Norby officiated the ribbon cutting for the Grandfather Grove Trail Extension.

Community Comment

Secretary Lori Carini encouraged members to attend the upcoming SONA Ice Cream Social and to invite their neighbors.

Next Meeting

President Frank Carini stated the next SONA meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

President Carini, seeing no further business, adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Submitted by Lori Carini, SONA Secretary