

Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association Meeting Notes

November 12, 2024

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by SONA President Frank Carini at 7:05 PM. President Carini welcomed SONA members and a guest. The meeting was held both in person at the West Linn Adult Community Center and online via Zoom.

Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association General Meeting – No Quorum Established

At the onset of the meeting, nine SONA members were present. Also in attendance was Kathie Halicki, Willamette Neighborhood Association President. President Carini determined that a quorum was not established and that no official business could be conducted. However, he determined that while SONA would not be able to conduct an election, attendees could discuss the results of the SONA survey. President Carini also recommended that those in attendance could discuss a path forward for SONA for next year and this discussion could be reported at the next general meeting.

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 November 12, 2024 Agenda and Minutes of September 10, 2024 Meeting

Since there were not enough members for a quorum, a vote to approve the current agenda and minutes from the previous meeting would not be possible.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ed Schwarz reported that at the end of October, 2024 the balance in the SONA account was \$4,632.49. Since the last meeting on September 10, 2024, expenses have consisted of two Zoom invoices for \$13.59 each and reimbursements for the Ice Cream Social totaling \$703.92. There was a \$100 donation from a SONA member for SONA's Ice Cream Social to offset the cost for an origami demonstration/activity.

Meeting Discussion Items

- A. SONA Survey Results. There were three main results from the survey.
 - a. Demographics of the respondents. Who responded to the survey.
 - i. Predominantly SONA members. Responses equally divided between regular attenders and infrequent attenders.
 - ii. Those who frequently attend cited interest in new housing issues, getting updates about the NA and interest in a speaker or topic as the most important reasons for attending.
 - iii. Those who do not frequently attend cited being "too busy," "not liking Zoom meetings," and "forgot" as the reasons for not attending SONA meetings.
 - iv. Many people indicated a preference for in-person meetings.
 - b. Meeting Frequency
 - i. Bi-monthly meetings were the most popular meeting frequency, but quarterly and twice per year meetings were also desirable.
 - c. Issues. What issues are of interest and would motivate people to attend an NA meeting.
 - i. New housing developments, street maintenance, traffic and infill housing were cited as being the most important issues facing SONA.
 - ii. Lesser cited issues included park maintenance, fire department, crime and other city services.
- B. Ramifications of an NA going "dormant" if no Board can be established at the next meeting.
 - a. Kathie Halicki discussed what could happen if SONA became inactive
 - i. SONA would lose the capacity for a "free appeal" of planning decisions.
 - ii. SONA would lose the annual stipend.

- iii. There would be no unified voice in development activity or city government.
- C. Way Forward.
 - a. It was determined that there were three directions for the NA going forward:
 - i. Recruit members to complete a SONA Board and conduct an election at the next meeting.
 - ii. Merge with another NA.
 - iii. Go inactive.

Next Meeting

President Frank Carini stated the next SONA meeting will be determined after the new year.

President Carini, seeing no further business, adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by Lori Carini, SONA Secretary