

# **Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes**

## **February 11, 2025**

---

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by SONA President Frank Carini at 7:03 PM. President Carini welcomed SONA members.

### **Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association General Meeting – Establishing a Quorum**

At the beginning of the meeting, 17 SONA members were present plus one guest 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 February 11, 2025 Agenda and September 10, 2024 meeting minutes**

There were no changes made to the February 11, 2025 agenda and members approved the agenda by unanimous consent. There were no corrections made to the SONA draft minutes from the September 10, 2024 General meeting. The minutes were also approved by unanimous consent.

### **Report from November 12, 2024 Non-quorum meeting**

Since there was not a quorum at the last SONA meeting, Secretary Lori Carini reviewed the notes of the meeting which included the following highlights: review of the November SONA survey results, ramifications if SONA cannot establish a volunteer board, and a path forward for a future meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Ed Schwarz reported that at the end of January, 2025 the balance in the SONA account was \$4,591.72. Since the last meeting on November 12, 2024, expenses have consisted of Zoom invoices for \$13.59 each month.

### **New Business**

#### **A. Election of Officers for 2025-2026 term**

President Carini asked for nominations for the officers for SONA. Ed Schwarz nominated Roberta Schwarz for the office of President. With no other nominations, a vote was held for Roberta Schwarz as SONA President and the vote was 17 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstain. Frank Carini congratulated Roberta Schwarz and welcomed her as President.

Scott Zurschmit nominated Amaryllis Zurschmit for the office of Vice-President. With no other nominations, a vote was held for Amaryllis Zurschmit as SONA Vice-President. The vote was 17 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstain. Frank Carini congratulated Amaryllis Zurschmit and welcomed her as Vice-President.

Scott Zurschmit was nominated by Roberta Schwarz for the office of Secretary. With no other nominations, a vote was held for Scott Zurschmit as SONA Secretary. The vote was 17 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstain. Frank Carini congratulated Scott Zurschmit and welcomed him as Secretary.

Roberta Schwarz nominated Ed Schwarz for the office of Treasurer. With no other nominations, a vote was held for Ed Schwarz as SONA Treasurer. The vote was 17 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstain. Frank Carini congratulated Ed Schwarz and welcomed him as Treasurer.

Upon completion of the election, Frank Carini made a motion to hand over the meeting chair duties to Roberta Schwarz as new SONA President so that she could conduct the remainder of the meeting. This motion was seconded by Amaryllis Zurschmit. The vote on the motion was 17 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstain. The motion carried and the meeting chair duties were transferred to Roberta Schwarz. At this point SONA Secretary duties were transferred to the newly elected Secretary Scott Zurschmit. The above meeting minutes were recorded by Lori Carini, SONA Secretary completing the 2023-2024 term.

**B. Establish SONA Meeting Schedule for 2025**

- Proposed meeting two times per year; January and April
- Would not preclude calling special meetings such as for proposed developments.
- Continue meeting on second Tuesday of the month
- Next meeting will be April 8, 2025
- No members opposed the change to meeting schedule

**C. Discussion and vote on completing trail loop in the White Oak Savanna Park**

- Ed Schwarz showed a short video created by Ashan Ahmed of the proposed trail location in the White Oak Savanna Park.
- Trail is approximately 500' in length and creates a loop to connect the two entrances in the riparian area of the park.
- Received several bids: one for \$5,500 and will be requesting a third bid.
- Motion: Scott Zurschmit made a motion to approve \$4,000 of SONA funds to be used toward the construction during the summer of 2025 for a connecting trail to link two other existing short trails in the riparian area of the White Oak Savanna Park and any additional funds needed to pay for the trail would be covered by donations from neighbors and the public. Ed Schwarz seconded the motion. The vote was 17 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstain.

**Old Business**

**A. White Oak Savanna Park Update – Roberta Schwarz**

- There is SOLVE event scheduled for the White Oak Savanna Park on March 15, 2025 from 10 am to 12 pm. This event will be held to remove invasive ivy.
- A professor will come with two classes to count acorn distribution in the White Oak Savanna Park.
- Roberta offered to sponsor an Ice Cream Sandwich Social in lieu of the regular SONA Ice Cream Social to celebrate the completion of the new connecting trail.

**Community Comment**

Representatives from TVF&R will be attending the April SONA meeting to help SONA members prepare for fire season. Roberta requested questions be submitted to her in advance from members regarding fire safety (which attendees would like to have answered.)

**Next Meeting**

President Roberta Schwarz stated the next SONA meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 8, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

President Schwarz, seeing no further business, adjourned the meeting at 8:12 PM.

Submitted by Scott Zurschmit, SONA Secretary