

Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association (SONA)

Official Meeting Minutes (Formal Record)

Meeting Type: Special Meeting

Date: March 10, 2026

Time: 7:03 PM – 8:05 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting (Google Meet)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by the Chair.

2. Determination of Quorum

The Chair confirmed that a quorum of members was present. Fifteen members attended, including participants by video and telephone.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the February 3, 2026 meeting were presented for approval.

A correction was identified:

The year in the header should read 2026 instead of 2025.

Motion

Motion: To approve the February 3, 2026 meeting minutes with the correction noted above.

Second: Received.

Vote: Motion adopted unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported the following financial update:

- Monthly Google Meet expense: \$7
- Current account balance: **\$2,072.20**

The report was received and filed. No vote was required.

5. New Business

A. Planning Commission Decision – City Operations Complex

Members received a report regarding the March 4, 2026 Planning Commission decision approving the City Operations Complex application by a 4–3 vote.

Members were informed that representatives of the association had previously testified at the hearing and had obtained additional documentation through a public records requests to ODOT relating to landslide hazards and additional issues of concern at the proposed site.

B. Resolution to Appeal Planning Commission Decision

Because the City Operations Complex will have significant impacts upon the Savanna Oaks NA and its members as described in the testimony which is now in the public record for the application, a written resolution was presented to the membership proposing that the Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association:

1. Appeal the Planning Commission decision to the West Linn City Council.
2. Request a waiver of the \$400 appeal filing fee.
3. Authorize Roberta Schwarz (President) and Ed Schwarz (Treasurer) to represent the association in filing and presenting the appeal.

Motion

Motion: That the Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association adopt the resolution authorizing an appeal of the Planning Commission decision regarding the City

Operations Complex, request waiver of the \$400 appeal fee, and authorize the SONA President and Treasurer to represent the association in the appeal.

Second: Received.

Vote

A recorded vote was conducted by show of hands and verbal responses.

Result: Motion adopted unanimously with 15 votes in favor and none opposed.

Full text of Resolution located in Appendix A, below.

6. Authorization to Represent Association – Proposed Development Application

Members discussed a proposed development project consisting of approximately 314 residential units and 10,500 square feet of commercial space within the neighborhood area.

Members considered whether the association officers should represent SONA in future Planning Commission and City Council proceedings concerning the development.

Motion

Motion: That the members present authorize the SONA President and Treasurer to testify and represent the Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association at Planning Commission and City Council hearings regarding the proposed development application.

Second: Received.

Vote

Result: Motion adopted unanimously with 15 votes in favor and none opposed.

7. Announcements

White Oak Savanna Maintenance

Members were informed that a contractor has been secured to mow approximately eight acres of the White Oak Savanna meadow area. The City will fund the mowing at a cost of \$1,650.

Community Ice Cream Social

Members discussed the annual neighborhood ice cream social. General consensus supported postponing the event until next year due to ongoing development matters affecting the neighborhood.

8. Adjournment

Motion

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Second: Received.

Result: Motion adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Certification

These minutes constitute the official record of the Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association meeting held on March 10, 2026.

Submitted by:

Scott Zurschmit

Secretary

Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association

Date Submitted: 3/13/2026

Date Approved: 3/13/20

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS on March 4, 2026 the West Linn Planning Commission voted 4-3 in favor of the City Operations Complex application (CUP-25-02/DR-25-02/WAP-25-01); and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission approval relied upon findings which SONA believes contain errors in interpretation and application of the West Linn Community Development Code, Comprehensive Plan policies, and applicable approval criteria, particularly regarding landslide hazards, public safety, access, and suitability of the proposed location for critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS three Planning Commissioners expressed concerns regarding the application for the Operations Complex related to landslide susceptibility, having only one entrance/exit, and zoning (among other issues); and

WHEREAS the City Operations Complex is a critical piece of infrastructure which will serve the residents of West Linn in an emergency; and

WHEREAS the new City Operations Complex should be located in an area not subject to landslide hazards; and

WHEREAS SONA presented evidence to the Planning Commission of landslide hazard susceptibility in the proposed location of the Operations Complex; and

WHEREAS SONA agrees that the city needs a new Operations Complex but objects to the proposed location chosen for it; and

WHEREAS SONA representatives with standing also testified both orally and in writing that the application did not meet several relevant West Linn Community Development Codes, Comprehensive Plan Sections (including Goal 7) and Municipal Codes and this testimony was backed up with many exhibits and entered into the Public Record and discussed by members at SONA meeting(s). Note: We were joined in opposing the location of the Complex by a former West Linn Mayor, three former West Linn City Councilors, three former West Linn Planning Commissioners, and many other community members. and

WHEREAS several official ODOT documents were recently received by us through a Public Records Request to ODOT which speak directly to four important facts which were previously unknown:

1. ODOT addresses the likelihood of an earthquake causing a landslide in the area ODOT sold to West Linn. They state that “there is significant uncertainty regarding the landslide” and “the seismic stability of this landslide has not been evaluated”.
2. ODOT states they believed that West Linn planned to build “a city shop” on this property (not a 40,000 sq. ft. three-building, multi-story, Operations Center).
3. ODOT states that it is not ODOT’s stated practice to sell areas where there have been landslides where landslide mitigation has been constructed. And they further state “We recommend this property be retained by ODOT”.
4. ODOT states that, in this case, the location of the ODOT construction records of the mitigation are unknown. (Therefore, they are lost). and

WHEREAS The Operations Complex will have significant impacts upon the Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association and its members as described in the testimony which is now in the public record for this application;

NOW, THEREFORE, SAVANNA OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION RESOLVES:

Section 1. That the above-referenced Planning Commission decision contains errors in findings and application of the relevant approval criteria and is not in the best interests of the citizens of West Linn, and therefore should be appealed to the City Council for reconsideration.

Section 2. As Per CDC 99.140 and CDC 99.240, these members of SONA hereby authorize the SONA President and Treasurer, both with standing, to appeal this Planning Commission decision to the City Council. They further request a waiver of the \$400 fee for this appeal. This application will have significant impacts upon the Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association and its members. The President and Treasurer listed above are approved by these SONA members to represent them in offering testimony and exhibits in support of the denial of the application and therefore the approval of the appeal by the members of the City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF March 2026

/s/ Roberta Schwarz

Roberta Schwarz, President
Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Association

AYE: 15 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0