

Sunset Neighborhood Association Special Meeting Minutes
Sunset Primary School, 2351 Oxford St, West Linn, OR 97068
Tuesday, June 12th, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Legion Anders, President of the Sunset Neighborhood Association (SNA), called the meeting to order at 7:10p.m.

PRESENT

15 members and 1 guest

The meeting attendance sign-in sheet is in our files and is available upon request.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

1. **John Morgan – West Linn Waterfront Development Consultant:** A brief outline of the paper mill operation: the island that the mill sits on is owned by PGE, who has an efficient power generation facility. The paper mill buildings and equipment are owned by an investment firm. The paper mill has leased the land for 126 years. The water outflow from the mill is input to cool to power turbines, therefore PGE is dependent on the mill functions somewhat. PGE, the investment group and the city need to work together for any development to occur. Note that the paper mill announced in October, 2017 that it would cease operations, but there is always the possibility that a portion of the mill may reopen on a reduced output basis.

Any development will be tourism based, to include hotels, restaurants, and a park for waterfall viewing. This will only exacerbate the existing traffic flows of cars using Willamette Falls Drive and the old Oregon City Bridge. Also, cars coming south on route 43 add to the mix. Will widening I 205 stop folks from using Willamette Falls Drive and provide enough bandwidth on I 205 itself in ten years?

ODOT is opposed to converting the old Oregon City Bridge (which carries 20 k cars per day) to pedestrian/ bicycle only, as is Tillicum Crossing. It should be noted that the upper portion of the land area near the mill is zoned general commercial, meaning Home Depot could effectively apply to operate, or some other large enterprise that does not meet the waterfront development objectives. Utilizing this space for offices would make traffic worse, as that would only add to the 5pm rush hour flows. It is possible that by moving Willamette Falls Drive, access to the waterfront development area would be further west, thus alleviating flows into the area where the old police station resides. Therefore, it is hoped that the development does not add to the traffic near the police station, with the additional understanding that this development would not completely solve the traffic issues either. For additional information go to:

<https://westlinnoregon.gov/waterfront>

2. **Sunset Park update :** Update as of June 12, 2018 – copy of e-mail from city:

SNA President Legion Anders,

Thank you for reaching out to the Parks & Recreation Department in regards to the park project that will be occurring at Sunset Park. We realize that the community is eager to see

the park project move forward as soon as possible. The initial planning for the concept at Sunset Park has been completed with the assistance of your Neighborhood Association and we are now moving into the Final Design and Construction Documents. We understand that you are looking for a timeline of events that will occur in the next few months.

1. The construction of the park is scheduled to be completed by the spring of 2019.
2. With this being said there may be portions of the park that will be able to be completed and utilized prior to the completion the entire park.
3. In the design of West Linn parks there are a few standard amenities but many that are unique at each site - playground (young & older kids), splash pads and in some cases picnic shelter and even size of restrooms.
4. Prior to this month we did not have funding for the project. With the passage of the Bond Measure we are now ready to put all of the pieces together to move quickly.
5. Traditionally we will work with interested residents to assist with the selection of the playground features. This could start as soon as July/August 2018

As we move quickly on this project and dates are more defined over the next month we are more than willing to share all the timelines with you as they develop. You have mentioned that some in your association are under the impression that the park will be completed by the end of this summer. If our Department in some way led your members to believe this is the case we are sorry for the misunderstanding.

Sincerely,

Ken Warner
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director
Parks and Recreation

There was some discussion regarding the fact that Brenda Perry at our April meeting indicated that the project was 'shovel ready', and that the construction would begin in July once the bond passes. The issue of transparency was thusly raised. A follow up with the city in August was suggested in preparation for our September meeting with the idea that detailed plans will be presented at that time.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed changes to neighborhood granting process

Reduction of the annual reserve hold-back from \$1,000 to 500, with the additional \$500 being distributed to smaller neighborhood associations.

Additional adjustments to funds allocation based upon a four-tiered system that would result in a reduction of money given to the SNA approximately \$12.

A list of the smaller NAs will be sent to those in attendance.

2. Newly-amended bylaws – go to: <https://westlinnoregon.gov/sunset/sna-bylaws>

3. **Sunset Neighborhood Picnic** – Will be held Saturday, September 8th at Sunset Park assuming the park is available. It was felt that the summer months of July and August were already consumed with vacations, and that the early part of September would afford the likelihood of favorable weather. Post cards will be mailed out to all the Sunset residents.
 4. **Pesticide usage at West Linn Schools** - A neighbor who attended a recent West Linn school board meeting was appalled that they were not at all interested in hiring a professional to review their pesticide management, and that the board is getting their information from a pesticide lobbyist, an obvious conflict of interest. It is noted that non-harmful green products do exist. Only one of the board members was interested in not maintaining the status quo. The state has a list of approved products, some of which are organic, but the board has no interest in making any changes at this time.
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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the SNA, the President adjourned the meeting at 8:41pm.

****Next quarterly meeting Tuesday, September 25, 2018@ 7pm****

- www.ci.west-linn.or.us
- www.Nextdoor.com - resource to get to know your neighbors and to communicate
- <https://westlinnoregon.gov/sunset>
- Facebook page – Sunset Neighborhood, West Linn, OR (community)

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