

Sunset Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes
Sunset Park – picnic shelter #B, Bittner St, West Linn, OR 97068
Location change for this meeting (due to Covid 19)
Tuesday, June 22, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Legion Anders, President of the Sunset Neighborhood Association (SNA), called the meeting to order at 7:07p.m.

PRESENT

14 members attended the meeting and 1 guest.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes of the previous meeting January 28, 2020 were available and approved as posted on City website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

City of West Linn – NA Stipend Account 2020-2021

Opening balance		\$3,000.40
07/30/20	2020 – '21 Fiscal Year Budget	900.00
06/22/21	**** Balance to date ****	<u>\$3,900.40</u>

ANNOUNCEMENTS / HANDOUTS

- SNA Sunset Park *ice storm clean-up* – was done by a few neighbors on 3 Saturdays in March 2021.
- Wilderness Park: volunteer SOLVE cleanup – 6/26/21 - 9am

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Adopt-a-Street Program** – Maintaining Cornwall to Sunset Street and down to Willamette Falls Drive. This program provides the neighbors an opportunity to *volunteer* their time to remove litter/trash along designated streets. You can also do this on your own. SNA recently contacted the Public Works department to see if they are going to mow Sunset Ave so we would then be able to pick-up trash. No responds as of today's meeting.
2. **Sunset Park update** – Ken Warner, Park & Recreation Director, was unable to attend due to the city policy of not conducting in person meetings. Discussion regarding a

few miscellaneous items, namely a missing bench near the play water feature. Also, the old park had little rocking horses that we would like in the new park design and possible teeter totter or some items that would attract younger children since we don't get our swings back. These items would attract younger children and should be located near the shelters. In addition, the new design has no swings, which possibly could be installed where the old ones were. Finally, the zip line was removed, not sure what happened. It has been noted (by a Sunset parent) that the zip line is not suitable for small children. Pictures of these issues were previously sent to Mr. Warner with no response. The wading pool from the old park was not replaced with a splash pad as seen in today's parks, Hammerle Park, Tanner Creek Park, etc. A lack of a sunny location was the reason. It should also be noted that the new theme of Sunset Park was to be a 'nature based' concept, hence the water feature. Sunset has many trees, and the natural slope was thought to be desirable for a zip line. Whether this theme has proven to be popular remains to be seen.

Community gardens- original discussions with Ken Worcester indicated a desire for this concept adjacent to the tennis courts. City water available nearby. Our two community gardens in West Linn (Fields Bridge, Adult Community Center) currently have waiting lists, indicating a need.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Sunset Neighborhood Picnic - TBA** – In view of the redevelopment of the park, the date has been postponed until further confirmation with the parks department. Possibly waiting until sometime late summer, or early fall when the park is finished to have a 'grand opening' celebration. Will check with the city for any date conflicts.
2. **Walkway at the corner of Walden-Riverview Street** – There used to be concrete stairs that the city has now taken out because they were not maintained, and as a result, had become unsafe. Area is not mowed, hence a fire danger. President Legion is going to speak with someone at the city regarding maintenance of the pathway. More information forthcoming. Should neighbors be maintaining this property?
3. **Ice storm debris** – Piles of dead branches, etc. located in Wilderness and Mary S Young Parks, potential fire hazards. Approx. 300 dump truck loads. City of West Linn monitors for dryness, however, petition being circulated for city to **QUICKLY** transfer the piles to a recycling center. July 4th fireworks, an area of concern. There are still branches hanging from a few fir trees in Sunset Park that should be removed.

[FAQ on Storm Debris Piles | City of West Linn Oregon Official Website](#)

4. **Weeds**– The bio swales adjacent to city and school properties are now *populated* with weeds (which equals spreading seeds with the wind, etc) that exceed the permissible height per city code crowding out the plants designed to remove hydrocarbons. It is **unsightly** and no one seems to want to *take ownership*. They can be seen all over for a

‘city of trees’, which is odd for a locale seemingly claiming to be so attractive to residents.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the SNA, the President adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

****Next quarterly meeting Tuesday, September TBA @ 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 ??* – www.facebook.com/sunsetneighborhoodwestlinn - Sunset Neighborhood, WL (community) – **a volunteer has come forward – info to follow – Thank you**

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