

Sunset Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

Location: Online, Zoom Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Christelle Sheldon, Vice President of the Sunset Neighborhood Association (SNA) called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A motion to approve the agenda was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

PRESENT

15 members were present throughout the meeting.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes of the previous April 16, 2025 meeting were available and approved as posted on the SNA website.

GUEST SPEAKER

Dean Suhr, Vote Before Tolls

- Dean Suhr, a Rosemont Summit resident and former neighborhood president briefed the association on ODOT's congestion pricing and tolling plans, arguing that 24/7 tolling would push drivers onto already constrained local routes and that the region's worst delays come from bottlenecks on I-205 and at the I-5 Rose Quarter.
- He outlined Initiative Petition 31 (targeted for November 2026) to require regional voter approval of tolls and related details such as rates, use of funds, and any sunset provisions, noting a goal of approximately 180,000 signatures by the end of June 2026. He added that the state's concept has expanded from specific bridges to all of I-205 and I-5 and is currently paused until summer 2026, not canceled.
- Discussion also touched on alternatives such as mileage-based fees for EVs, the collection overhead of the gas tax versus tolling and privacy concerns raised by GPS-based road-usage charge proposals.

Luke Borland, West Linn Public Works

- Luke Borland reported that a new water main is being installed from the top of Sunset into Reed Street and up Parker Street to replace an undersized line serving several homes in the area and to add a main on Parker, improving pressure and reliability in the area. Traffic impacts should be modest because the streets are not main corridors,

though residents should expect daytime construction noise and equipment movement.

Clark Ide, West Linn Public Works

- Clark Ide, summarized ongoing Summit/Cornwall corridor safety work: consultant studied six intersections and prioritized improvements at Oxford & Summit, Summit & Knox, and Cornwall & Lancaster, with near-term actions at Oxford & Summit. The preferred long-term package sidewalks, ADA crossings, and flashing beacons, remains unfunded until at least 2027. The city may bundle some elements with the Safe Routes to School Project. He also noted that speed bumps are generally avoided due to emergency-response concerns, and he encouraged residents to submit formal requests for issues such as the Simpson blind curve or a stop sign at Sunset/Riverview, which is not typically standard on an evacuation route.

TREASURER'S REPORT

SNA – Discretionary Funds

Date	Description	Debit	Credit
July 21, 2025	WL Library - Copies - Summer Gathering	\$7.50	
July 21, 2025	Amazon Purchase - Summer Gathering	\$52.43	
July 21, 2025	Amazon Purchase - Summer Gathering	\$35.47	
July 18, 2025	Amazon Purchase - Summer Gathering	\$20.38	
July 17, 2025	Yearly stipend, City of West Linn		\$1,589.13
June 27, 2025	Initial payment artist for Summer Gathering	\$50.00	
April 17, 2025	Donation to Historic Willamette Main Street	\$150.00	
April 08, 2025	Check #1006 Zoom Annual Subscription	\$159.90	
March 17, 2025	Yearly stipend, City of West Linn		\$1,458.09
May 23, 2024	Check #1005 Zoom Annual Subscription	\$160.86	
Jul 21, 2023	Check #1004 Zoom Annual Subscription	\$149.90	
Jul 14, 2023	Yearly stipend, City of West Linn		\$1,460.70
Jul 27, 2022	Yearly stipend, City of West Linn		\$900.00
Mar 16, 2022	Check #1003 Zoom Annual Subscription	\$149.90	
Jul 22, 2021	Yearly stipend, City of West Linn		\$900.00
Jul 30, 2020	Yearly stipend, City of West Linn		\$900.00

Available Balance \$9,271.98

OLD BUSINESS

- **Sunset Summer Gathering** : Planning for the event is complete. The event will take place on Saturday, August 17, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Sunset Park. Vendors have been secured, and activities will include a caricature artist, live music, and a kids' activity table with temporary tattoos, bubbles, and coloring. Visits from the Police Department and the Fire Department are expected. Pizza from Spectator Pizza and ice cream from Dairy Hill Creamery will be available while supplies last. RSVPs are not required but are helpful for planning, and attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs, as the park offers ample shade.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Officer Elections** : Consensus to maintain the interim president model until the next quarterly meeting, when all positions will be up for re-election (no objection was recorded).
- **Future agenda items proposed** :
 - Invite library staff to present on resources beyond book lending.
 - Explore neighborhood-funded pedestrian flag program at Oxford/Summit as a temporary safety measure pending a better solution, similar to what exists in Hidden Springs.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Sunset NA, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

**** Next meeting TBA, tentatively in October ****

Respectfully submitted by Cayetano Gil Sanchez, Secretary of the SNA.

SNA OFFICERS

President	-
Vice President	Christelle Sheldon
Secretary	Cayetano Gil Sanchez
Treasurer	Julianna Guy

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