

Willamette Neighborhood NA
Minutes of November 11, 2015

7pm West Linn Police Station

The meeting was called to order by president, Gail Holmes, at 7pm. Minutes from last month's meeting were summarized and approved.

Treasury has a balance of \$4,299.35 with obligations of appx \$800 for a wooden Willamette sign, \$150 for Halloween treats and \$200 for Main Street seasonal banners.

Transportation: Midge Pierce reported on the considerations of the TSP plan. The Planning Commission will address this subject Wednesday November 18 and Midge urges WNA to attend.

Traffic calming devices for Willamette Falls Drive are:

1. curb extensions
2. pavement textures and striped crosswalks
3. stop signs at 14th at bus stop(will affect Dollar Street also)

Signage considerations:

"No parking" on roadway at Field's Bridge Park

Final decisions are yet to occur. WNA urged to attend and testify.

Main Street: Jody Carson mentioned a new manager, Noelle Brooks, who will work 10 to 15 hours a week and work with local merchants. With a manager in place, Main Street will then be eligible to apply for grants.

The Holiday Parade on Willamette Falls Drive will occur December 5th followed by Santa at the Fire Station.

Red decorative seasonal banners will soon appear on posts along WF Drive.

Plans are developing for median strip improvements, flower bed revitalizing and reshaping plus future "period" light standards.

Willamette entrance signs: WNA has chosen the south end of 10th Street in the median strip plus the east end of Field's Bridge as appropriate locations. A third sign would be nice at Johnson Road and Blankenship. Suggestions will be forwarded to Parks and Rec who will install signs.

Annual WNA Report: Gail will organize a report including accomplishments and goals.

A tri-fold flyer about the WNA would be a priority. In addition, a goal will be to support the Main Street Design Committee's efforts to improve WF Drive.

Historic Review Board: Jody Carson described a sculpture planned for the entrance to the river path along the Willamette. It will include original grinding stones and an interpretation of paper shredding and manufacture. Donations encouraged.

iCon Construction: Scot Sutton and Kevin Godwin of SGR Architects presented plans for an office building at 11th and WF Drive. The building will be 25,000sf with underground parking plus alley parking totally 42 slots. Office and retail space is planned with a possible boutique hotel on the second floor.

Members of the WNA were very pleased with design and offered suggestions.

Dogs in Mary Young Park: David Baker described a petition circulating which requests Mary Young Park be open in entirety for off leash dogs at certain hours. The Parks Advisory Board unanimously voted down this petition of 500 persons. An existing off leash area near the parking area could be fenced.

The WNA voted to support the decision of the Parks Advisory Board and urged a negative vote among the City Council for the following reasons:

1. safety to humans and other dogs
2. detriment to vegetation and wildlife in this natural area
3. liability should someone be hurt
4. potential unsanitary effect on play fields
5. a poor precedent for other city parks

The WNA will meet December 9th at the police station if room is available.
Meeting adjourned 8:30pm

Elizabeth Rocchia