

Willamette NA June 13, 2018

At 7:02, President, Gail Holmes, called the meeting to order. With the secretary absent, minutes were deferred to July.

The treasure has a balance of: \$3,674.05 with no impending expenses.

WNA guest Eileen Stein, West Linn City Manager, was asked to speak to the General Obligation Bond and how its monies will be dispersed. Bonds will be issued in September and it is still uncertain as to exact amount that will be realized.

Transportation projects will receive the largest amount...about \$13,000,000. This will include: the Salamo Road/10th Street interchange and the waterfront design traffic plan.

The Parks will receive apps, \$3,500,000 to address improvements and renovations plus aspects of the Parks Master Plan.

Capitol Improvements should receive 2,500,000 for improvements and facility needs. Non TVFR firewalls and senior center and the library are included.

\$1,900,000 has been left undesignated. Work will begin on designated projects one or two years out with the majority of work underway within three years.

Question: How will projects be chosen for undesignated funds? Three different surveys have been circulated to define needs and wants. 2,500 inputs from the surveys related to Parks and directed priorities. The City Budget Committee analyzed the survey and rated the projects.

The 'First Student' bus park has a For Sale sign on it. Will the City please consider encouraging a hotel/restaurant or some other public access to enjoy the river view.

Question: What is the mechanism for informing WL residents? On June 25, the Council will adopt a resolution to issue bonds. In August, the Council will work on the bond offering and in September, bonds will be issued. When bonds are sold, the proceeds will go in a special fund.

“West Linn Wednesdays” is an online venue for city news. PGE has hired its own consultant and will work with John Morgan on the waterfront plan and the paper mill area.

Question: Is it still possible to introduce ideas for GO funded projects? There will be a GO Bond page on the city website for news and suggestions.

Question: Charles Awalt asked if the city could encourage TriMet to establish a transit center that would allow a reasonable transportation hookup to the Veterans facility on Blankenship. The current system is very cumbersome for vets visiting the facility. The VA, Charles said, was not allowed to approach the City or TriMet and his individual efforts have not been effective.

Robinson Foster gave a presentation on alternative transportation modes and urged the WNA to support House Bill 2017 which he will present to the Oregon Legislature. His proposal includes ‘land ferry’ options for freight and ‘transit on demand’ which would provide cars in certain zones at a cost lower than Uber and higher than TriMet. He hopes these options would avoid tolls on the freeway. He encourages use of the river in transportation and will include a ‘no negative environmental impact’ provision in his proposal.

Robinson says ODOT is not considering any alternative mode of transportation because it lacks authority to do so. His House Bill 2017 would change that.

Eileen Stein introduced the new West Linn Police chief, Terry Kruger. He spoke to his plans for the department and training his officers would have as they joined the force. Traffic still seems to be the #1 complaint. He offered to have officers on duty stop in at NA meetings for a few minutes.

He will consider a “What to look for” program for middle school parents to spot drug use in students.

Willamette needs closer sign monitoring. There are too many illegal temporary signs especially on WF Drive. The flower beds sometimes get cluttered with signs.

Rae Gordon of Historic Willamette described upcoming programs and events. They are sponsors for the West Linn Days Parade and Car Show on July 21st. July 14th will be the annual Street Dance on Willamette Falls Drive.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.
Elizabeth Rocchia, ver temporary secretary

Willamette Neighborhood Association Resolution

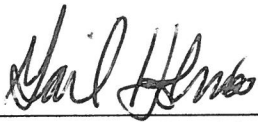
In a unanimous vote on Wednesday, June 13th, 2018, the Willamette Neighborhood Association resolved three things:

First, that the Oregon Transportation Commission table tolling scenarios to be recommended by the Oregon Department of Transportation pursuant to its responsibilities under Oregon House Bill 2017.

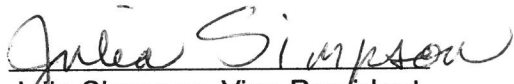

Second, that before the Oregon Transportation Commission votes to forward the tolling scenarios to the Federal Highway Administration for approval, it needs to know more how alternative river-based, railway-based, and "transit on demand" transportation services may decongest highways, with positive lifecycle environmental impacts.

Third, to learn more about alternative river-based, railway-based, and "transit on demand" transportation services, that state and federal elected officials identify and allocate funds to the Oregon Department of Transportation to conduct business feasibility assessments of them.

Facts and concepts presented in the position paper titled, "The Steel Interstate Coalition strategy to reduce Portland, Oregon metro highway congestion," (<http://www.steelinterstate.org/Projects/Oregon>), serve as a basis for this resolution.



Gail Holmes, President


Julia Simpson, Vice President
Kathie Halicki, Secretary (support but not in attendance)
Elizabeth Rocchia, Treasurer

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