

Willamette Neighborhood Association Draft Meeting Minutes November 13, 2019

Kathi Halicki brought the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

WNA Board present: Kathi Halicki, Julia Simpson, Elizabeth Rocchia, Mary Baumgardner

The quorum was met.

Treasurer report: Elizabeth R. reported a balance of \$4,284.33

Approval of minutes from 9/11/19: Julia moved to approve, 2nd by Mary, approved w/ 2 abstentions

TVFR Lieutenant Robin Peters, Station 59 community update:

Oregon has sent 30 firefighters to California to help fight wildfires there.

Seasonal fire prevention reminders: checking & changing smoke detector batteries, maintain furnaces regularly every fall paying special attention to any wood burning stoves or fireplaces and chimney flues, keep objects away from baseboard and space heaters. Crosswalk and bicycle safety and awareness now that it is dark at an earlier hour in the day. 80% of calls WLFD responds to are medical assistance needs.

Willamette Falls Dr. 'historic downtown' construction update:

Lance Calvert presented an update at the 10/21 city council work session including the following points:

- Overhead power will be moving over to 8th Street not Knapp's Alley as previously stated.
- Median dividing opposing lanes is still under discussion at certain points along the street.
- Pull-in rather than back-in parking is winning out in current opinion polling.
- Flashing lights at crosswalks has been proposed.
- Plants and smaller trees in the raised beds are available on a first come first served basis.
- Large tree removal will begin on Nov. 16th.

Main Street:

It was discussed then moved and seconded to offset cost of wreaths along historic main street by a donation of \$400 from WNA budget. Approved.

Post Office update:

There is not enough room for post office at Sourdough Willy's property on Hwy. 43 and the desire to move the post office to the former Haggen in combination with a grocery store is so far simply wishful thinking.

Parker property on Tannler also unfeasible. The post office is still working with Graymor.

Neighborhood signs:

Keisha Brewster reported that she has identified multiple potential locations for new signs. The suggested priority order of placement: 1. Tannler/Blankenship 2. Bland Circle. Rest up for discussion. She said we should get a 2-year commitment for their purchase. Possibly the city permit fee of \$250 per sign will be waived.

School Discussion:

Since the bond measure passed there is a possibility of the middle school construction on Dollar Street moving forward. Many remain concerned on multiple aspects of this plan. Those who wish to should organize and speak out.

Annual Report:

Food bank – city grant requested for \$2,500. City approved amount of \$1,500.

Announcements:

11/16 Willamette Falls Drive tree removal

11/20 Traffic Safety Committee, crosswalks and signage discussion, 1pm

11/20 Metro Transportation(T2020) Tri-County Task Force meeting at Metro offices public comment 5:30

Meeting adjourned at 8:10

Submitted by Mary Baumgardner

WNA Sign-in Sheet: 10/9/19

Terry & Debbie Meyers

Vicki & Jeff Hood

Claude Bonfiglio

Dean Riddle

Keisha Brewster

Lt. Peters TVFR

Earl Molander

Ann Bremer

Kathie Halicki

Julia Simpson

Elizabeth Rocchia

Mary Baumgardner