

## **Willamette Neighborhood Association Draft Meeting Minutes January 8, 2020**

### **Kathie Halicki brought the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. (slightly early due to large crowd)**

WNA Board present: Kathie Halicki, President, Julia Simpson, Vice President,  
Elizabeth Rocchia, Treasurer and Mary Baumgardner, Secretary

The quorum was met. Sign in sheet showed 106 in attendance but some didn't sign and a few turned away at the door when they saw the size of the crowd. (Average expected attendance approx. 16-20.)

Treasurer report: Elizabeth R. reported a balance of \$3,884.33 reflecting no change from 12/11/19

Approval of minutes from 12/11/19: Unanimous approval

### **Announcements:**

No cause termination of WL city manager, Eileen Stein by 3/2 city council vote at 1/6/20 meeting.

John Williams, Deputy City Manager named as acting city manager

WNA postcard design completed and mailing plan moving forward

City of West Linn has a new website - more user friendly, check it out =)

ODOT nighttime I-205 lane closures between I-5 & OR 212 for RealTime Sign installation ongoing

Hwy 43 project update available on city website/Public Works/GO Bond Projects

Jan. 8th City Hall blood drive 10am-4pm these will be held in the future as well

Jan. 13th Metro Transportation task force taking public input. Metro Regional Center, 600 NE Grand 6pm

Jan. 14th Historic Willamette Falls Dr. Open house on construction update at WLPD 10am-noon

Jan. 26th History talks at Willamette Cider and Ale House 2-4pm

Feb. 22nd Petticoats to Poodle skirts historical fashions tea by WL Historical Society at McLean House

### **Dollar Street Woods community petition presentation:**

Laura Wirth and Dana Clarke gave a [presentation](#) on the Dollar Street Woods proposed school build petition including the request that WLWVSD commit to the following:

1. Be accountable to addressing citizen questions and concerns in a transparent and timely manner.
2. Provide a dedicated liaison.
3. Consider potential alternatives to locating middle school at Dollar Woods site.

The petition currently has approximately 450 signatures.

### **WLWV School District presentation:**

WLWVSD Supt, Dr. Kathy Ludwig, Communications Director, Andrew Kilstrom and Construction Project Manager, Remo Douglas, were present to answer citizen question cards and direct questions. District representatives agreed that the cards would be sorted, grouped into concern categories and addressed with responses passed on to WNA for disbursement to anyone who had signed up with an email address. They will also be holding community open houses for any and all to participate in and inviting specific, impacted residents to have input to the process. School district website has bond project links and Andrew Kilstrom is the point person for questions. Traffic and site feasibility studies will be conducted.

Dr. Ludwig presented information about the third high school to explain the need for the new middle school. The high school, Arts and Technology, is losing its lease in Wilsonville. Projected growth in West Linn and Wilsonville led district to conclude that Athey Creek site is the best new location for this high school which district expects to have a growing student population from current numbers of 80-100 up to 400-500. Therefore, the district must find a new location for the approx. 700 middle school students now using Athey Creek site on Borland Road. The district already owns the 20-acre parcel known locally as Dollar Street Woods. It is a long triangular shaped parcel between Willamette Falls Blvd. and Dollar St. across from Fields Bridge park with a ravine along the wide end and tapering down to a point at Fields Bridge and Tualatin river. The plan is to site a new middle school facility here with an increased capacity to serve up to 850 students. The recently passed school bond funds cannot be used to purchase new land. The approximately 50-acre Athey Creek/Stafford Primary/District Facilities site, at Borland and Stafford Roads, cannot house both a middle and a high school due to lack of water infrastructure and county compliance issues, according to the present district representatives.

### **Audience participation portion:**

Some specific areas of concern voiced by citizen questions included:

#### Traffic:

- Willamette Falls Drive and Willamette area traffic issues ongoing and worsened by anticipated traffic increases especially at drop off and pick up times.
- Potential impact of street light which might be necessary to accommodate increased traffic.
- Unknown but anticipated impact of increased traffic in combination with I-205 changes/tolling.

#### Site concerns:

- Wildlife habitat and natural space/urban forest loss from tree removal.
- Geotechnical complications and inherent cost increase due to historic sand deposits, steep site topography and lot shape, adding excessive engineering and excavation costs.
- Potential historic and culturally significant archeology of site which has not been well researched or documented according to an archeology professional neighborhood member present.
- Usable acreage less than the 20 acres considered appropriate to site a secondary school due to steep drop off and triangle shape of lot.

#### Community impact concerns:

- Noise and light pollution from athletic field use at night by high school & other youth teams.
- Increased traffic and potential neighboring property value loss.
- General safety issues.
- Overflow parking during school and sports events causing parking and safety issues for neighbors.
- Emergency access/egress due to only evacuation route for entire Dollar Street neighborhoods of Brandon Place, River Heights and homes along Dollar Street.
- Water pressure impacts to nearby homes.
- Unknown but anticipated traffic impacts at main and secondary entrance/exit driveways.

2 audience members spoke in general support of the district and location of proposed school.

WNA board announced that there will be future opportunities for discussion of this topic.  
District representative indicated their preference to host the forums, schedule TBA.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00

**Submitted by Mary Baumgardner**

## Willamette Neighborhood Association Sign in January 8, 2020

1. Kathie Halicki
2. Julia Simpson
3. Mary Baumgardner
4. Elizabeth Rocchia
5. Terence Shumaker
6. Sue Cahlander
7. Scott Esqueda
8. Megan Burt
9. Brandon Burt
10. Kathy Ludwig
11. Remo Douglas
12. Andrew Kilstrom
13. Janet Wheeler
14. Tony Docekal
15. Catherine Docekal
16. Jacob Hlad
17. Jason Wessling
18. Chris Jones
19. Mike Jones
20. Kery Mason
21. Charles Herring
22. Laura Stallard
23. Rich Brooke
24. Greta Patterson
25. Julie Dennis Hlad
26. Carli Cox
27. Peter Anca

28. Anne Culbertson
29. Phil Culbertson
30. Kathy Selvaggio
31. Nicole Mitchell
32. Robert Mitchell
33. John McCabe
34. Jessica Orth
35. Christine Lewis
36. Mike Selvaggio
37. Ric Holdersann
38. Lia Azgapetian
39. Jon Smith
40. Dell Pilcutice
41. Leslie O'Rourke
42. Renee Hartena
43. Hannes Kraetschner
44. Susanne Kraetschner
45. Jeff Kohne
46. Jennifer Kohne
47. Lonnie Sexton
48. Rebecca Regello
49. Dick Bailey
50. Brett Delia
51. Amy Pettitt
52. Felicia Williams
53. Christopher Williams
54. Don Smith
55. Mary O'Malley
56. Shannon Campagna

57. Kuliti Shiferaw
58. Dana Desbana
59. Jan Mobley
60. Marty Maharg
61. Lonnie Shumaker
62. Carolyn Sundholm
63. Conrad Sundholm
64. Scott Peterson
65. Alys Peterson
66. Terry Meyers
67. Debbie Meyers
68. Laura Wirth
69. Lisa Prentice
70. Bill Prentice
71. Annemieke Wiegman
72. Cheryl Hall
73. Auke Witt
74. Barry Witt
75. Juliana Cimral
76. John Cimral
77. Karin Haag
78. Barry Desbiens
79. Ron Mobley
80. Claude Bonfiglio
81. Maureen Bonfiglio
82. Norm Zobrist
83. Jan Zobrist
84. David Rogers
85. Greg Havemann

- 86. Anita Havemann
- 87. Jack Snook
- 88. Darin Vincent
- 89. Mindy Lachner
- 90. Dana Clarke
- 91. Megan Cox
- 92. Kay Hawkey
- 93. Wade Clarke
- 94. Dan Vorhies
- 95. Tim Barho
- 96. Brad Wuebke
- 97. Barbara Falconer
- 98. Olesya Denney
- 99. Victoria Vyetskiy
- 100. Judy Martin
- 101. Shannen Wright
- 102. Brad Hulquist
- 103. Helen Klimeck-Jones
- 104. Ron Klimeck-Jones
- 105. Carmen VanDemarr
- 106. Ken VanDemarr