

Willamette Neighborhood Association ZOOM meeting Feb. 10, 2021

After some technical delay, the meeting was called to order at 7:20 by Kathie Halicki

Attendees: Kathie Halicki, Julia Simpson, Elizabeth Rocchia, Mindy Lachner, Diana Clarke, Laura Wirth, Jeff & Vicki Hood, Debbie and Terry Meyers, Diana Cubbage, John McCabe, Marcella Martinson, Jan Mobley, Rebecca Hollenbeck

Minutes: The minutes of December 9, 2020, were read and approved.

Treasury: The WNA balance remains at \$2,798.21

Nominations: Elizabeth nominated Shawn Hughes for Secretary and Julia seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Food Pantry: Kathie reported that Phil Rees, a long time Food Pantry volunteer, had been awarded the Robert Moore Volunteer Award. Debbie Meyers reported 1541 families had been served in 2020 including 3128 adults and 1703 children. 424 Holiday food boxes were distributed plus gift cards for the children. The Food Pantry is managed 100% by volunteers with food donations. They are connected to 'farm to family' so receive onions, potatoes, apples, meat, and carrots but always need fresh produce and fresh bread.

Donations can be sent to The WL Food Pantry, 1683 Willamette Falls Dr. (United Methodist Church). Cleaning products and personal hygiene products are always welcome. Information can be found on the WLFP website, mention in the WL water bill newsletter. Clackamas County also directs needy clients to the Food Pantry.

Athey Creek Update: Kathie reported that 2 or 3 positions are available on the WLWV School Board. Laura suggested that the WNA wait until an official application to the WL Planning Dept. is completed before scheduling another community meeting (possibly March). Neighbors have engaged a traffic expert to review plan.

Comments = School District controls the questions submitted and answered. Insufficient information to citizens so far. Taxpayers notified they were over charged. School built for 850 students when enrollment is down. Now estimated at 600. WL Planning Commission will make decision. Construction will require 18 months... 2022 to 2023. Operating budget will be huge, therefore reconsider. A pause is possible because of current concerns but pressure is for speed. Comments can be included in commissioner's packet by sending them to:

Chris Myers cmyers@westlinnoregon.gov

Historic Willamette Main Street: Rebecca reported that she has an office upstairs, at the Elligson House (unit 6). Brad Hulquist is the new chair of Main Street. Updates = Back in parking will be reviewed in March. Citizens may comment via social media or HWMS website.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/YW6ZGM8

Curb between sidewalk and bike path may be painted green for safety. New banners will soon appear on the light poles. Lights in trees are scheduled for November – March. St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated with raffles for gift cards (for businesses along Main St.). PGE poles coming down, to be repositioned on side streets. A bike repair and possible water station are planned for WF Drive. Volunteers for committees always welcome.

West Linn Post Office: Diana reported that the current post office will close Sat. Feb. 13th. Undelivered letters and Post Office Boxes will go to Gladstone and undelivered packages will go to Oregon City. So far citizen pressures have made an impact on our Senators and Representative. www.wyden.senate.gov/contact/email-ron

www.merkley.senate.gov/contact/email-jeff

www.schrader.house.gov/contact

Neighborhood Association Presidents (NAP) meeting: Diversity, Equality survey underway through the city of West Linn. Respond to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DYYTJRK>

Other updates: Applications for emergency business grants program

cwl_communitygrants.westlinnoregon.gov

Interim City Councilor suggestions by 2/16. Current applicants: Joan Hallinan, Kim Bria, Miki Mehandjiyski, Peter Mack, Rita Henry, Todd Jones.

Oregon City-West Linn bike-pedestrian bridge project.

(503)731-8246 for Sandra Hikari Sandra.Y.Hikari@odot.state.or.us

West Linn Police Scam – scammers pretending to be WLPD “Warrant out for your arrest”. Report to WLPD (503) 655-6214 or non-emergency # (503) 635-0238.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.

Submitted by Elizabeth Rocchia