

WILLAMETTE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION FINAL MINUTES

Meeting called to attendance at 7:09pm Wednesday, March 10, 2021

- I. Reading of February minutes.
- II. Shawnie motioned to past previous minutes – Jeff for Julia seconded – motion passed.
- III. **In attendance:** Kathie Halcki, Shawnie Hughes, Jeff for Julia, Elizabeth Roccia, Rossan Ceja, Mikal, Victoria Hood, Debbie Meyer, Seaneen Manning Rudkin, Rebecca Hollenbeck, Shannon Knight, Renee Harkema, and John McCabe
- IV. **Land Use Update:** Addresses provided for locations a) Salon, b) Divide property in diagonal properties. Individuals asked about Athey Creek.
- V. **Food Pantry Update:** 1541 meals delivered in 2020. 3121 were adults – children were. Also, Killer Bread will also be providing donations, waiting to hear further information.
- VI. **Historic Main Street Update:** The entire city was open for grant applications, they received 53 and the review has begun. Prefer to be brick mortar stores/restaurants full time. Not at home businesses though understood they do need support. Survey from city council and distributed via social media regarding: Back in parking (90% would like to reverse parking to pull in parking) The information was sent to City Council for discussion. For Monday, March 15, 2021.
 - *Striping cannot be done until warmer weather, also will paint the dark asphalt green for bicycles.
 - *St. Patrick's Day Promotion on Main Street. Businesses will be open and include marketers raffle tickets for some of the main street businesses.
 - *April, the third Wednesday to try and create an event.
 - *June to August on Wednesday, will be Wednesday Market days.
 - *Four businesses lost tents in the ice storm. A few volunteers showed up to assist removal of the tents. The city paid for new tents helping at \$1,000 each.
- VII. **Seaneen story about family lost chestnut tree.** She would like to create a memory from the ice chaos. Instead of firewood, let us do something memorable. Spoke with Patrick – a Wednesday Market Member. Came up with "Heritage Tree Project" thought we could create a cutting boards or Chartucchire Boards with the engraving "Ice Storm 2021." Patrick could help with this, but we will need an 8 ft long mill cut and band saw. The wood must dry, and he suggested a Kiln. She asked for thoughts and ideas and no one responded. Elizabeth suggested the old equipment at Foster Farms and Renee Harkema said she has a friend who owns a mill. Shannon appreciated that information and would investigate those suggestions. Rebecca also mentioned some of the downed trees have been made into wooden spoons.
- VIII. **Discussion began about cleaning up in our area.** Kathie mentioned renting a chipper to remove some of the debris or a group by high school students or scouts. Lance is going through the neighborhoods at least twice a week, do not be alarmed if no one is picking up debris, that will happen. There is no specific timeframe, but cleanup will cost at least \$2.2 million. Rebecca wanted us to know how much Lance

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Calvert was prepared and we should appreciate him. He had a plan to proceed even when others did not!

- IX. **Thoughts of City Preparedness?** How did the city do? How can they improve? ER Prep? 24 hours away from no water for the city. Elizabeth asked a Question – can firehouses have generators and other information? Mikhail responded that there are a lot of steps before something like that can happen. Kathie asked if Mikhail would give a presentation on safety tips sometime in June/July for everyone? Mikhail agreed.
- X. **Kathie presented information on our Post Office.** West Linn has 27,000 residents and has no post office – where Lake Oswego has three. She also shared Marylhurst post office information: one-man office open M-F 9-4 closed Sunday and limited hours on Saturday – Last pickup is 9:30 on Saturdays.
- XI. **Kathie provided congratulations to Todd Jones** for being appointed interim City Councilor.
- XII. **John McCabe (JM) provided update on school board.**

New school board positions are opening. School Board (SB) may have acted irresponsibly with grant money given to them from the state. The SB reported 9,900 students would attend this year, however only 9,200 have been attending. The state will take back their funds on May 15, 2021. There will be a shortfall of \$3.9 million and may have to close Art-Tech and a primary school. Mikhail asked if we could have an outside audit? JM stated that what the SB is doing or done is criminal. The SB auditor chose not to continue their position. If the SB is putting money into the general fund, it is illegal.

Suggestion was made to have someone outside the SB audit the Board. JM agreed that an independent investigation is what should happen. Also shared there was no reducing of staff during this time.

- XIII. **I-205.** Kathie inquired if we should have the ODOT try to present something to us in the future. The group agreed this would be helpful and informative.
- XIV. **Fry's.** Kathie shared the Fry's in Wilsonville is closed. Mikhail asked if Kathie knew the reason. Kathie shared due to bankruptcy.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm