

Willamette NA Meeting May 12, 2021...Zoom

Kathie Halicki called the meeting to order at 7:04

Treasury balance: \$2,634.29

Minutes of the April 14 meeting were read and approved with the following correction:
“ A recently found document declares that major development in the Stafford Triangle must be halted until 2040”

Property presentation: Michael Jenkins plans to change the use of property at 16th and WF Drive to commercial from residential. This is a mixed use zone which allows this change. Conversion to a beauty salon will be a low impact business, will require 100' of street improvement, and will offer ADA access through an existing garage. An existing 6' fence will be lowered to 4' and parking will be on site. After design approval, conversion will proceed with August 1, 2021 the goal for completion.

Willamette Park Concept Plan: A plan to widen Volpp Street and remove adjacent trees has caused concern among adjacent residents of Volpp Street.

Michael Drive: An easement has been requested for street vacation.

Willamette Falls Drive Concept Plan: a design and plan is available on the WL website under 'Planning' which illustrates the widening of WF Drive from Fields Bridge Park to the Arched Bridge. To accommodate required sidewalks and bike lanes will involve acquiring property by eminent domain. Design will adjust to topography. A **public hearing** will occur on June 16 for comments. The plan will be presented to City Council on July 12.

Dollar Street school property: The WLWV School District's plan has been accepted by the Planning Commission with reservations about the proposed roundabout at Fields Bridge. Buses and large vehicles may not be able to turn easily.

Historic Main Street: Rebecca reported that the abandoned **gas station** has been sold and will become a wine bar with room for food carts. Improvements are planned but no major reconstruction.

Tables and chairs in the bicycle track have been allowed during pandemic and will be removed as restaurants resume indoor dining.

Handris has purchased the empty wooded lot on WF Drive and will keep it as an open space with a possible fountain. An adjacent homeowner may utilize the back half of her lot for a commercial kitchen.

The Wednesday Market will resume June 2 in its previous location from 4 to 8 with food carts on 14th street. It is hoped that the City will agree to close 14th to traffic during these hours.

Third Wednesday Events will commence in June and become a permanent event. Special menus may be offered by restaurants.

The Design Committee of Main Street will develop a map where additional benches and waste bins could be installed.

The American Recovery Act Plan offers major opportunities for grants. Possibly \$500,000 would be available for business development. Rebecca welcomes ideas and suggestions. More citizen input is encouraged by Main Street. Rebecca's contact is: **executivedirector@historicmainstreet.com**

President's comments: Kathie met with WL City Manager requesting an interim emergency plan. He said nothing would happen until a person was hired for that purpose. The City relies on social media for communication. We all agreed that is not adequate.

No decision has been made for a relocation of the Post Office.

Kathie will try to find a speaker to address wild fire emergencies.

WNA officer nominations will take place next month. New candidates are welcome. Julia Simpson has declined to run again as vice president .

ODOT has included "no tolling" in its options.

WNA member comments:

West Linn needs a Community Emergency Response Team to facilitate internet power and organize a ham radio system. Many licensed ham radio operators live in area. Clackamas County has a structure to organize volunteers, supplies, resources and equipment. A helicopter landing site could be necessary.

'Map your Neighborhood' is part of 'Prepare Oregon' which enables small residential areas to act as first responders. Responsibilities are defined and assigned.

Broad band internet service should be available city wide to benefit low income residents. This could be included in grant applications. Many residents don't know about the WNA or other city information.

Police department will be getting a new chief. The following suggestions were offered:

1. must be a good leader with strong ethics
2. must offer transparency, be present in the community...walk around, chat
3. must improve the union contract
4. must uphold the law of the land

5. must establish goals and review them regularly
6. must have more contact with neighborhood groups

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30

The next meeting will be June 9 and may be held in the park! Stay tuned.