

## **Willamette NA Meeting June 9...Zoom**

President Kathie Halicki called the meeting to order at 7:05

**present:** Janet Zobrist, Kathie Halicki, Rosie, Debbie Meyers, Darren Wyss, Lance Calvert, Kevan Lesser, Mary O., Elizabeth Rocchia, Becky and Greg Smith, John McCabe, Mary Baumgardner, 976740 (?)

**Minutes** of the May 12 meeting were read and approved

**Treasurer:** Balance is \$2,634.29

**Public Works:** Lance Calvert answered questions about debris removal from the February ice storm. The City has a huge pile of chip at Mary S. Young Park that needs to be removed eventually. FEMA has paid 75% of storm recovery costs with \$1,500,000 spent so far. Broken trees are yet to be cleaned up with the costs on private property to be paid by property owner.

**Nominations:** WNA Board positions are open for nominations. There were none at this time. voting will occur next month.

**Planning:** Darren Wyss presented graphics for the Willamette Falls Drive Concept Plan which are available on the WL Planning website. He explained that the purpose of the concept plan is to make eligible any state or federal funds which might be available in the future. He foresees no action for several years. The road will be widened to accommodate pedestrians and bicycles. He answered several questions relating to specific locations. Eminent domain will not be used if possible. A “mini” roundabout is planned for Fields Bridge Park/ WF Drive and 10th street which could accommodate a ‘drive over’ for large vehicles. A major traffic change will occur where WF Drive meets Hwy 43. A bike lane from West Linn to Lake Oswego is planned. Questions are welcomed via email.

The following meetings on this topic are:

**June 16: Planning Commission public hearing**

**June 24: WL Transportation Board reviews plan**

**July 6: presentation to WL City Council**

**July 12: City Council public hearing**

**WL Food Pantry:** Debbie Meyer reported that the group that has donated fresh produce will end its commitment on July 1 so the WNA voted to donate \$500 to the Food Pantry to cover this need. More can be donated later in the year.

**Land use:** Removal of trees on Volpp Street for widening concerns residents who fear negative impact from floods and water runoff. Mary Baumgardner will look into the future use of the nearby holding ponds.

The abandoned gas station on WF Drive has a new owner who will present a plan to the WNA soon.

**Presidents report:** The US Post Office will reopen this fall at a new location in the Cascade Summit shopping area. Citizens were thanked for their letters of concern.

Music in the parks will resume this summer. Both the WL Library and WL City Hall are now reopened.

The WLWV School District has Oppenlander field is for sale. The City of WL is considering purchasing this property for a park.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45  
Elizabeth Rocchia, scribe

**further notes from president:**

Police Dept: Michael Stradley will step down next Tuesday for his involvement in the unconstitutional actions with former WL Police Chief Terry Timeus. Further information is available in the WL Tidings.

Willamette Falls Heritage Foundation is addressing a pedestrian-bicycle bridge over the Willamette River. There are several options.

West Linn is partnering with the Willamette Falls and Landings Heritage Area Coalition to make the former city hall a multicultural community center and pursue a National Historic designation.

Willamette Locks Commission: House Bill 2564 has passed on the third reading and will move to the Senate. Funding for locks improvement has increased since previous estimates according to the Corps of Engineers.

The bill regarding tolling on 1 205 is in committee. The tolling system may stretch from the freeway entrance at Wilsonville to Glen Jackson bridge.

The WNA has reserved the community room at the police station beginning in September. The members may decide to use the room or continue with ZOOM.

