

Willamette NA Meeting July 14,2021
Willamette Park

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm by president, Kathie Halicki.
The **minutes** had been handed out and were accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The WNA has received a stipend from the City of West Linn equalling \$1,340. This plus the addition of \$400 (addition error) brings the current balance to: \$4,374.29.

Elections: With no new candidates, the slate for president, secretary and treasurer was passed with current office holders. Vice president, Julia Simpson, was thanked for her long, generous service.

City Manager: Updates and Q and A.

Jerry Gabrielatos announced the 34,000 cubic yards of chip from the February ice storm had been removed from Mary S. Young Park. He presented 4 items of interest:

- 1.Diversity, Equality and Inclusive will be included in the internal organization of the City and in the community organization as well
2. The budget review is in process needing more revenue and reduced expenses.
 - a.Director of Emergency Management will soon be hired.
 - b.Park Dept needs more maintenance workers.
- 3.A plan to address the homeless population will be developed
- 4.WL Public Works needs to relocate out of a residential neighborhood into a larger building

Questions:

1. Where are emergency generators for each NA?.....call Dylan Digby for answer
2. We need better emergency response during a storm or heat wave.
3. Can the budget process be more transparent?
4. Meetings should have an option of being open to public since Webex is awkward and not everyone has a computer to access Zoom.

September will likely begin open meetings with Council and Planning Commission.

WLWV School District meeting will be August 4th

WNA meetings will be held in WL Police Station beginning in September. If not, for some reason, we will meet via Zoom.

The WL Food Pantry would welcome donations of homegrown produce. Delivery should be Thursdays from 12:00 to 3:00. The Pantry has been awarded a grant of \$3,000 from the City.

Main Street reports that the Wednesday Market has 79 vendors this week.

Volpe Street: Becky Smith, speaking for her neighbors on Volpe Street, asks the WNA to request the Planning Commission and Council to:

1. pause and consider separating into two portions of the Park Department and Public Works application to improve Volpe Street.
2. revisit the code requirement of 28' width for streets plus sidewalks.

This "one size fits all" 28' requirement in the existing code does not fit the area from the boat parking lot to 9th street along Volpe Street. The street is narrow but has room for a new sidewalk, has homes close on the north side, has safety issues with speeding cars, and has trees that would be removed with widening. There is a slope on the south side leading to a walking trail.

Comments: Traffic from exiting boat parking lot should be directed left toward the park. Large boats and vehicles endanger residents on Volpe and have an awkward exit at the top of 9th street (which is no better than existing park exit)

The WNA supports Becky's request as stated in 1. and 2. Motion, seconded, passed.

Comments from Kathie:

The WNA will table its discussion of the school property on Dollar Street until its August 11 meeting.

Emergency preparedness speaker will be arranged. We will need to identify needs and resources. Another option is to have a speaker describe a "map your neighborhood" program.

request from Fields Bridge Park neighbor: Ask the Park Department to require chalk not spray paint for arrow markings during a race. The paint lasts too long and looks bad.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30
Elizabeth Rocchia