

Willamette NA MeetingSeptember 8, 2021

Zoom attendance: Hood, Halicki, Simpson, Hulquist, Rocchia, Cubbage, Rebecca Regallo, Ric, Tammy, Rosanne, John Boyd, Erich Lais (WL Public Works) Rebecca (Main Street)

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Kathie Halicki. The minutes of the WNA Special Meeting on August 25 were read and approved. The Minutes of the July 14 WNA meeting were read and approved.

1. The **treasury** has a balance of: \$4,374.29. Payment for Zoom use for September 2021 to September 2022 was approved for a fee of \$150. Jeff Hood will be the principal and can appoint an administrator. The treasurer will reimburse Jeff.
2. Erich Lais from **WL Public Works** answered questions about the fountain proposed for Willamette.
 - a. The structure will be 5'x5'x8' without a "topper"
 - b. Cost for fountain is \$42,000 + \$10,000 is installation equipment + \$6,000 architect's fee totaling appx \$60,000 from water funds not bond funds
 - c. Carbonated water plus regular water. Surface will be tan colored.
 - d. Maintenance will be minimal needing occasional cartridge exchange. A dog separate bowl is planned on sidewalk surface.
 - e. Utility poles continue to be removed from WF Drive.
 - f. The goal is to have lights on trees for the holidays.
 - g. The curb between the sidewalk and bike path will be cut to 2"

note:

It has been verified that during the City Council meeting of 8/16 that there was no motion, vote, roll call, or thumbs up vote taken to move the fountain forward. You can view this at West Linn City Council 8/16 video hour 1:47:28 to 2:13:05. Suggestions were made but no vote taken.

comments:

*Could the "topper" have a more appropriate theme? Perhaps pioneer?

*Involve the Arts and Culture Commission in plans

*The WL City Code was bypassed. Land Use Review is required for installations in public right of way as "public art" despite fountain being a "water" project

- surface decorations, ie: tiles, could be applied to add local interest
- When the adjacent lot becomes a park, the fountain will "fit in".
- the public should have been able to take part in the choice
- WNA was not included in the process. Comments should be directed to WL Mayor for better inclusion.

3. **Main Street:** Rebecca reported that 11 more benches will be installed soon plus 5 more trash cans and more bike racks. Main Street banners are up but funding for more seasonal banners is needed.

The LGPA golf tournament could bring needed business to Willamette. The Chamber of Commerce and Main Street will have an unmanned booth at the Oregon Golf Course promoting a visit to Willamette.

The '3rd Wednesday' begins September 15th from 4 to 8pm
October 31 will be a Halloween event for children with popcorn and apple cider
November 17th will be a beer and wine walk in Willamette

The WNA is asked to contribute possibly \$350 for children's prizes and treats.
This will be voted on in the October WNA meeting

4. **The Food Pantry** asks for any home grown produce.

Notes:

Progress on the Post Office is going along but slowly.

Robinson Fosterr has information and suggestions for the DOT. Please contact him at: fosterr@comcast.net or 503 781 9339

John Williams will speak at the October WNA regarding state housing bills HB 2001 and HB 2003.

Further updates:

- Boo Drive thru, Willamette Park Friday oct. 29 and Sat. Oct. 30
- Library book Locker - self-service lockers for no contact holds for pick up.
- Blood Drive - Dept. 16th 12:30 - 6:30 at the Adult Community Center use sponsor code WestLinn to schedule an appointment.
- Sept. is National Preparedness month
- Clackamas River Keepers are asking residents to reduce or turn off outside watering to help the Chinook and Coho salmon. They are coming up stream now.
- Golf - one route visitors can use is the 14th St. and Willamette Falls Dr. 4 way stop. Then 14th up to Pete's Mountain Rd. Could be a super spreader (like the state faire). If you go to Main St. during or 2 weeks after please wear your masks.
- I 205 a). Phase 1A will begin in late spring/early summer 2022. (West A St. across Abernathy Bridge. This fall, tree removal will occur on each bank of Willamette River under the Abernathy Bridge in WL and OC. Trees will be replanted at the end of construction. b). tolling revenue needed to construct future phases or could be use to pay back funds borrowed for the Abernathy Bridge. Earliest tolls cold begin in 2024. c).Phase 2 Stafford to 10th St. (package to be determined). Stop by the OC Farmers Market Sept. 18th and speak to the staff.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32