

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7pm by WNA President Kathie Halicki. The minutes of the September meeting are on line but not in hand at the moment.

Treasurer's report: The WNA has a balance of \$4224.39 after paying \$149.90 for one of Zoom use.

House Bill 2001:

Planning staff presented an explanation of the recently passed bill which will encourage 'middle housing' in cities across Oregon. The Planning Department will visit neighborhood associations for input and also launch a survey with questions which the WNA addressed as follows:

Upon reviewing the West Linn City Middle Housing Plan there were many questions posed by the membership regarding how this would look in an already planned community. The city advised there was 200 acres that are available for this type of housing. Discussion moved on to how the middle housing would appear on the land use and conversation was created about light blockage around neighbors and surrounding communities.

Discussion moved on how to approach the sidewalks with new construction building. Many members agreed that a new community should have the sidewalks put in as opposed to not. Membership thought that the city should approach each neighborhood association with how this will impact the community. One member said the city cannot expect to have decisions made on plan drawings, neighborhoods need to see this in real life. City told WNA (Willamette Neighborhood Association) that they have a consultant to assist with legislative laws.

City showed the membership about cottage clusters and each one would have one parking spot. The membership argued there is limited parking as is, the clusters will need more space to park. The city retired the conversation by telling all that survey will be available until December at westlinnoregon.gov/planning/online-survey. The membership can also review the legislative bill at westlinnoregon.gov/planning/house-bill-2001-phase-2.

ODOT Tolling Update:

2017 transportation auto tolling on 205 approved and ODOT has already begun studying the roads.

Membership concerned people would go around the tolling and clog Borland Road and Willamette Falls Drive. This can affect local business. In early 2022 West Linn should have a report with impacts. ODOT is primarily studying around Abernathy bridge. We were advised we can lobby "how" it should be done, not if it "will."

2024 is when we can possibly see the electronic tolling begin, this will help manage the time of day that is considered prime time driving. Membership voiced concerns about semi-trucks driving through town to avoid the tolling. WNA could possibly see additional noise, and less safety.

Willamette News:

During the safety improvements of Abernathy Bridge, West Linn's water line will be replaced with a new line. As per the original agreement with ODOT, West Linn must absorb this cost which may be \$8 million to \$10 million.

Oppenlander Field will be on May 2022 ballot to decide if field should be sold to the city. If the city buys, a decision will be made whether Oppenlander should remain a park or something else. If city wants to keep a park, the city will have to make capital improvements.

Construction for the Rose Linn Convalescent Center went to the Planning Commission and received unanimous approval.

A development at Blankenship & 13th has also been given a two-year extension.

A lot division on Bland Circle and Klearny received a three-year extension.

The West Linn Emergency Director has asked NA's to present 5 needs in emergencies. The WNA suggests:

1. more efficient communication. Don't rely just on Facebook.
2. specify locations for generators
3. secure generators for electricity for Care Centers
4. provide recharging packs for devices for loan to residents
5. open community centers, or fire houses for refug

Main Street: Rebecca asked the WNA for funds to spend on Halloween treats for children. WNA voted to donate \$200. Elizabeth will send Main Street a check asap.

A decorative topper for Lance's drinking fountain was discussed at the September WNA meeting. The Arts and Culture Committee declined to consider the issue so a committee will be formed to make suggestions. Elizabeth Rocchia volunteered from WNA. A member from Main Street will be added.

Halloween festivities: Willamette Falls Drive Sunday October 31, 3 to 6, with pumpkins and decorations
Boo Drive at Willamette Park boat ramp will be October 29 and 30, 6:30 to 8:30 pumpkins and decorations.

Notes:

The new Post Office has delayed its scheduled fall opening which will now be February.

The WNA's appeal to City Council to reverse the Planning Commission's decision on Athey Creek School construction failed after two long sessions. The next step would be appeal to LUBA but this was deemed impractical.

Comments:

The process failed because conditional use terms are vague.

Clackamas County not yet contacted about the roundabout which is key to traffic flow.

TVFR not yet asked to review this project.

Observers felt councilors were confused about the result of a tie vote. Under planning commission rules, a tie vote is a negative vote whereas with council a tie vote reverts the issue back to the planning commission vote, hence the WLWV proposal prevails.

City Council will review its vote process at another meeting. Need to try to make voting on issues consistent with City Council and Planning Commission.

Open public session regarding bargaining with Clackamas County Police Officers Assoc. which represents WLPD: Friday Oct 15, 1-5.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30