

Willamette NA Meeting....January 12, 2022...via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by president, Kathie Halicki, at 7:02pm. The **minutes** of the November meeting which had been read on line were approved.

Treasurers report: The current balance is: \$3,524.39

Emergency preparedness: Brenna Cruz, new WL Emergency Preparedness Director, introduced herself and proceeded to outline city precautions:

snow: plows sweep, de-ice and mark street closures ;found on-line city map

West Linn Ready: This is a new page on WL city page to indicate closures or delayed opening at City Hall that saves staff travel. Shelters and warming centers will be indicated as well helpful information re: electrical outages, refuse hauling and access to power for phones and computers. The WL Library and the Senior Center were refuges last February during the ice storm. Emergency Service Centers will need CPR equipment, etc. to be official. WL is working with TVFR to hopefully use fire stations.

WL is offering a 'flash alert' and weekly newsletter to people submitting email addresses. Clackamas County has a similar 'public alert' service

Doug Erickson, WL Library Director, is the new Communications Director and will work with churches for volunteers and temporary sheltering.

power outages: 503 464 7777 is the number for PGE

Ham radio operators can be trained by county. Dick Bailey has training and preparedness experience. Brenna hopes to engage the Public Safety Advisory Board in this activity.

The WL Police department has a room devoted to emergency equipment.

Proposed round about: As part of the Athey Creek school construction, a round about is indicated 18' from Fields bridge and a steep slope to the river. Teri Cummings has sent letters and inquiries to the Planning Commission and to City Council to clarify the specifics of this proposal. People who know this area worry that traffic and geological conditions cannot safely accommodate this plan. The WL code does not have directions for round abouts. Also off street parking is indicated when its usage is undefined.

Questions that need answers: Where will additional land come from? Baseball tournaments which would need extra parking occur only 4 or 5 weekends a year. Hence the wisdom of extra parking near a steep incline is questioned by neighbors.

Teri cited this area as a hazardous on county maps as well as being a flood plain. The upland hillside is composed of sand and silt which could slip with top loaded development. Trees on the slope indicate by their growth habit that the soil has slipped.

Public hearings are needed to review the application specifics and assure the public that the area can be safely developed and meet all existing code requirements.

comments:

How can large vehicles maneuver a mini round about?

How can the conditional use of Brandon Place closure be resolved?

When will the specific details be vetted by the District?

Will West Linn need to pay for the school's required street improvements?

Letter: It was moved and seconded that the WNA write a letter to the City Council and the Planning Commission requesting a public hearing.

LUBA Appeal: Scot Peterson, Shannon Knight and others have filed an appeal which will have a hearing early in February. Although there are few occasions when LUBA has decided against a city or school district, there are many reasons why this appeal is valid. There are real mistakes in the process. Violations of the Comprehensive Plan and the area transportation plan are not addressed. No mitigation has been offered and the process has not allowed enough public comment. Hopefully LUBA will remand the application back to the WL Planning Commission and City Council.

LUBA APPEAL

A link to appeal information is attached: <file:///file/id=6571367.34510501>

WL Food Pantry: The WNA was thanked for its \$500 donation last fall. Debbie Meyers reported a successful Christmas box dispersal. 113 families were given boxes along with 118 gift cards for children. A total of 1600 families were served in 2021. They have a need for donated canned fruit since fresh is hard come by in winter.

March and April are usually lean months because there are no food drives. Donations will be appreciated.

Main Street: Rebecca listed the many projects and activities of Main Street:

Lighted trees were very cheery but patterns/sounds are still a work in progress.
Three new members have joined the Main Street Board.
A revised walking tour booklet is in progress.
New directional signage toward Main Street will be installed at the boat ramp.
A committee will meet soon to decide upon an appropriate fountain topper.
Verbiage for the fountain plaque is being rewritten.
There are 12 new businesses in Willamette. We lost 4.

'Business Bingo' to win business gift cards will begin soon.
February will be 'show your love' month to send appreciation to local businesses.
March will bring the St. Patrick's Day event similar to last year.

Post Office: Diane announced a possible opening of the new Post Office near Safeway on or about early March. Residents need to show appreciation to postal workers.

Land use: Handris/ICON has an application for a lot subdivision on 9th street adjacent to the wetlands. 5 lots would be requested.

New WNA officers: Diana Cabbage and Shannon Knight has offered to be vice president and Vicky Hood has offered to be secretary. Voting will occur at the Feb WNA meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15
Elizabeth Rocchia

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