

Willamette NA Meeting February 8, 2023 Zoom

President Kathie Halicki began the meeting at 7pm.

The secretary summarized the December 14 minutes which had appeared on the WL website. MSP

Treasury shows a balance of \$3,236.52.

No Tolling presentation

Dean Suhr presented his petition to bring tolling on I 205 to a vote. He needs 200,000 signatures to put this issue on the ballot by June of 2024 citing the need to establish voter participation in this use of state highways. In 2017, the legislature passed HB17 to study tolling on all major highways.

He said the revenue from toll fees is not tagged for maintenance and the laws do not include a sunset provision. ODOT needs to be transparent as to the uses of the revenue. He has petitions for those willing to pass them around.

Robinson Fosterr spoke to the need of the state to consider river and rail as alternative modes of transportation. To learn more about "Choice before Tolls", contact him at RFosterr@comcast.net

Main Street Rebecca announced Beth Smollens as the events coordinator for Main Street.

Feb: 'Share the Love' offers valentines customers can give businesses

March: St Patrick's Day scavenger hunt, music and photo booth

April: a meeting in WL of all Main Street executives in Oregon

The MS storage unit was broken into and equipment stolen totaling \$9,000

A grant of \$200,000 will be available for building improvement through the state. Only one structure can apply.

A new Willamette Walking Tour Guide will be available soon.

West Linn Food Pantry Debbie stated the same needs persist: canned fruit, peanut butter in small jars. She buys fresh produce, dairy and meat.

Update Kathie reported that property on 9th st has been approved for a duplex. This will mean 2 separate houses on one lot: set price over \$1million....allowed by HB 201. Another duplex has been approved on Killarney which will require the removal of a median on a curve in the street.

The library will have a food drive in February to benefit The Food Pantry.

Applications for Mayor of WL are open in February for a May 16 vote.

Elizabeth read a letter outlining traffic and development concerns in Willamette that have not included residents concerns. She will speak to City Council and Planning Commission asking for time on the agenda for a discussion with affected residents. The letter will be amended before presentation.

Keisha told of a 'Coalition of Persons of Color' which is conducting a countywide survey. To take part, contact Troy Blackwell at 312 560 9394

Diana alerted us to the election in March for City Council members and a separate election in May for Mayor and for WLWV school Board.

A candidate forum will be scheduled for the April WNA meeting.

Kathie said the time for public input at council and planning meetings may be reduced from 5 minutes when many people want to speak on the same issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15
Respectfully submitted.
Elizabeth Rocchia
secretary