

Willamette NA Meeting March 8, 2023 via Zoom

President, Kathie Halicki called the meeting to order at 7:03
The minutes of the February meeting were summarized and approved.

Treasury: remains at \$3,236.52

Park Dept: Ken Warner described a plan for improvement Willamette Park. A pedestrian ramp and non-motorized boat launch will be built at the undeveloped beach at the mouth of the Tualatin. This will enable ADA access as well as canoe and kayak launching from two part floating dock.

There will parking improvements and paved walkways the length of the Volpp Street. The concept design has been funded but will need further detailing. The GO bond has provided \$280,000 with a balance coming from grants and hopefully the Oregon State Marine Board.

PGE Wildlife Riparian Edge: Andrew Bidwell, PGE biologist, is developing a habitat project on PGE property at 4th and Volpp Sts. This is an area of trees and underbrush needing improvement for scenic value and habitat use. He is hoping to organize groups to pull ivy and clear invasive plants. This event will be **April 20-23** with tools supplied.

Safe Routes to School: The City is aware of the unsafe aspect of 19th St. The WNA is urged to ask for a sidewalk as a priority in a letter of support. This will be on the April agenda and voted upon for presentation to the Traffic Advisory Board April 26th. There is a statement in the 2003 record of the WNA supporting this improvement.

Resolution: Julia will rewrite the resolution prepared for the Planning Commission because a few changes have occurred. Darren Wyss will be urged to put the WNA on the PC agenda for discussion asap. Volpp Street, 9th street, 19th street and Willamette Falls Drive are prime topics of concern.

Main Street: A grant from Mt Hood Territories will aid Main Street's plan for signage in Willamette Park and in Willamette business area. These will be informational and directive.
March 17 will celebrate St Patricks Day with activities 4 to 8 in Willamette. April 11 will be a clean up day preparing for a Main Street conference April 20-21
May 17 will begin the Summer Market..Wednesdays 4 to 8
A new Market director is needed.
June 17th the WL library will host an event at the Willamette Garage.
Rebecca will be going to a National Convention for Main Street in June.

Food Pantry: Debbie reported an increase in the number of families served each week. Ukrainian and Russian families are now regulars and cause the need of a translator to make a request list for them.

CCI: Shannen reported that this committee is reworking its by-laws and defining its purpose. Its goal is to improve communication between citizens and the City.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45
Elizabeth Rocchia
secretary

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