

Willamette NA Meeting 6/14,/2023 via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by President, Kathie Halicki.

The minutes as they appeared on the WL website were approved

The Treasury reported no change...\$3,236.53

It was moved, seconded and passed that \$150 be paid to Jeff Hood for one more year of Zoom and \$300 allowed for office supplies for WNA Board.

Tualatin Valley fire and Rescue:

A slide presentation by Jacob Fuhrur and Captain Phiffer described the area and services in their district which includes 540,000 people from North Plains to Newberg. There are 29 stations with 627 personnel, 463 of whom are in fire rescue. The majority of their calls involve medical or water assistance, There were 1954 responses in West Linn.

Special attention was given wild fire prevention and the necessity of an evacuation plan. In a disaster such as an ice storm when power is out, the fire stations may not be open. Residents should go to the library or senior center.

Social media and the WL website will offer instructions. Pet rescue is limited.

Police Chief Mahuna announced 24 officers in the department with room for 4 more. West Linn has been named "Safest City in Oregon". The recent spree of broken car windows is still under investigation but some ID's have been made. He urged people not to leave their garage door openers in the car parked in the driveway. The police department will have booth at the Old Time Fair in July.

Homeless issues;

Mental health services are needed but in short supply. WL has no money to hire.

Drugs and cleaning up camps are source of complaints.

Current laws do not criminalize possession of drugs.

WL and LO co-fund a mental health resource person in police department.

Police try to work one on one to find services.

Proximity to the bridge means easy access to Oregon City and its services.

Every city in the state must establish rules and, hopefully, locations.

State legislative decision did not include funding.

Council President, Mary Baumgardner zoomed from Toronto, Canada.

Camping to be allowed on city owned property in designated areas.

This could include parks with bathroom amenities.

Goal is to treat each person fairly, preserve dignity, and offer compassion.

ODOT's sound walls may be an attraction for camps.

Doug Erickson is WL Community Services Director collecting ideas

He will endeavor to build a team to deal with homeless individuals

Main Street will host a wine walk next Thursday. Tickets are available at Main Street website. July 8 will be the Old Time Fair and Parade. Volunteers welcome.

Update notes:

1.The Traffic Advisory Board will promote sidewalks for 9th street and 19th street

2.The Fields Bridge Appeal will continue its hearing at 6pm July 20th before City Council. Attendance is encouraged.

3. The **Left Turn Only** sign near the boat parking exit would ease 9th Street traffic. The WNA will suggest a mandate.
4. The August picnic with SONA will be organized by Richard Saklick. Our new neighbor Beau has offered to help.
5. ODOT will hear ideas on July 12, 11:30 - 1:30 ,at the Adult Center. Tolling is still being promoted despite resistance.
6. The Clackamas County office of Equity and Inclusion may lose its funding and close. This office offers services to a large community. Letters to County Commissioners in support are seriously needed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17pm
Elizabeth Rocchia
Secretary