Willamette NA Minutes August 9, 2023 Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by President, Kathie Halicki. The secretary read the minutes of July 12 and they were approved. The treasury balance of \$2,981.97 has been enhanced by a stipend from the City of \$2.174.84 making a current balance of \$5,156.79.

Kathie read minutes from the special WNA meeting of Monday, July 31. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Works interim Director Erich Lais presented updates on current projects.

- 1. The 'Welcome to West Linn' wooden sign fell apart when it was dismantled.
- The LEFT TURN ONLY sign at the boat parking lot requested by the residents of Volpp Street was deemed unnecessary. An on-sight count of trailered boats on a busy day showed that most turned left anyway with only 3 turning right into Volpp St and ultimately 9th St. More of a problem are cars parking in designated boat trailer slots. Fines should apply.
- 3. Brandon Place closure onto Dollar Street was a condition of approval from the Planning Commission to the WLWV School District. Bollards which could be removed by first responders was suggested. A chain would not be adequate. Residents along Dollar St fear heavy traffic to and from the Athey Creek School will be disruptive and unsafe. Public Works will pursue a solution.
- 4. Roundabout safety at 10th st: Sidewalks into adjacent properties will be only a few feet more when finished than existed before. Special care and attention is being given to residents.
- 5. Willamette Falls Drive Improvements: Several comments questioned the need of a sidewalk on the south side abutting Fields Bridge Park. A high retaining wall would deface the natural character of the park. Erich explained that the road would need to shift several feet to the south to accommodate the street improvements on the north side. This would require a retaining wall in several places in the park.

Erich agreed to walk the area with concerned persons: Elizabeth, Jeff, Michail, John and Diane Garret

6. Speed of 20mph was suggested. There will be a 20mph sign at entrance to roundabout though Kittleson Report did not suggest decrease in speed exiting. Comments reflected concern for safety of pedestrians on road with increased traffic and frequent speeding.

**SONA ice cream social** invitation to spend \$700 was rejected in favor of supporting The Food Pantry. Personal donations to the Food Pantry would be matched by the WNA up to \$700. Debbie sees all incoming checks and will keep track for WNA donation. A motion to this effect was passed unanimously

The **Food Pantry** has had a very generous response with donations ever since the topic of homeless encampments was introduced. If the Police Office is a designated encampment spot, Debbie anticipates more use of the Food Pantry.

**Updates**: Review of City Manager John Williams generated a few comments. Kathie took notes August 15 will be a virtual Town Hall meeting on Zoom to discuss a city recreation center August 29 the library will be closed all day.

September 17 9am to noon SOLV will work in Fields Bridge Park. Volunteers from the neighborhood are encouraged

**Next WNA Meeting** will be September 13 at the Adult Community Center and also via Zoom. Notices will be posted. 7pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 Elizabeth Rocchia secretary