Willamette NA Minutes Nov 8, 2023

via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 by President Kathie Halicki. **Minutes**, as they appeared on the WL website, were approved. **Treasurer** was not present therefore no report.

Park Dept has a new Director, Megan Big John, who introduced herself. She will come back to the WNA with plans for projects. She stressed a need to educate the public as to why a dog leash law in parks is necessary. Safety plus wild flora and fauna protection are involved. So far WL police have issued warnings not fines. She is open to suggestions as to how to effect this.

Land Use A correction from last months' minutes: The third floor of the proposed ICON building on 12th has yet to be reviewed by the Historical Review Board. City Council will address this after the HRB decision.

Public Works Luke Borland introduced the planners developing options for Volpp Street improvements. Changes for **7th to 4th** were given 3 options. Changes for **10th to 7th** were also given 3 options. These are available in detail on the Public Works web page. These proposals are ideas only with an 'open house' planned for public input. The long range plan is to extend a recreational path beyond the holding ponds. Recreational paths differs from a sidewalk which must meet ADA requirements

Other:

Contact Willamette Riverkeepers to avoid any environmental conflicts. A 'Welcome to Willamette' sign will be replaced but the site has not be determined.

Lighting for the 10th St roundabout is in the works awaiting PGE involvement. Construction lights are in temporary use.

Suggestions are best channelled through the Traffic Safety Committee

Boat parking is currently limited to 4 hours on city streets. Boat owners find this impractical and are urging City to extend these hours. A time span of 24 to 48 hours would be more realistic. City Council will consider this change. The width of the road and neighborhood are considerations.

Food Pantry no report

Main Street Lacey spoke of Halloween success with 1500 kids taking part. December 9th at 6pm will be tree lighting and Holiday Bazaar with possibly 86 vendors.

Waterfront Working Group Mary described the makeup of this group which will gather ideas for future use and development of the waterfront from the end of Volpp St north. Private property owners, PGE, WL planners and Belgravia Paper Company are participants. John Floyd is the planner in charge of an overall concept plan.

The 'Blue Heron' holding pond and adjoining 36 acres have been sold to Bob Schulz who envisions multiple uses. Possibly a resort hotel, condos, and water sports are considered. There are also wetlands and a beaver dam in the area. Visit the West Linn Meetings site to scroll to Waterfront Working Group 11/2 for a video.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 Elizabeth Rocchia Secretary