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Willamette NA January 10, 2024 Zoom+ WL Adult Comm. Center

President Kathie Halicki called the meeting to order at 7:01

Minutes of November 8 as appeared on the WL website were approved

Treasury has a balance of \$2,452.55

TVF&R made a presentation that covered their duties and the area they cover. A tax levy will be on the ballot that will result in .69 per \$1,000 for the next 5 years. These revenues will cover increase operational costs, personnel and equipment for the next 5 years. The rate will not change for 10 years.

36 new firefighters and medical services, more ambulances and defibrillators will be added to the system. TVF&R covers an area from St Vincent's to Wilsonville to Newburg to Hillsboro.

Land Use A proposed building next to 1593 Willamette Falls Drive will reflect the design of and be connected to the existing house. There will be a set back of 12', parking on Knapp's Alley, business on the first floor and 3 apartment units on the second floor. The zone is mixed use and is outside the historic district. Existing street parking is deemed adequate.

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Park Dept Megan Big John, the new Park Director, introduced herself.

Her background includes horticulture and work in Oswego and the Oregon Garden. She hopes to visit all the NA's in WL, examine strengths and challenges in WL parks, investigate the interest level in a Rec Center for WL. She answered questions about Field's Bridge Park and road improvements and is sympathetic to native plants and habitat.

Food Pantry Debbie reported a successful distribution of 125 Christmas boxes and 68 turkeys. Food was given to 229 adults and 129 children.

Gift cards were given to children.

A food drive is planned in March when shelves tend to be empty.

Main Street Rebecca thanked the WNA for its check of \$1300 for an historic plaque. The Winter Market in Willamette, the parade, and the tree lights were all a great success. A February event is being planned.

A fund raiser is planned for the old city hall on January 21st.

Tolling January 6 was a meeting with ODOT for citizen input on tolling. This is available on YouTube. Many interesting ideas were generated by the public yet ODOT appears to pursue its own plan.

The costs of building and administering tolling does not seem transparent since estimates reveal a very small percentage will go to revenue for ODOT. Consensus among the public is No Tolling yet these sentiments appear to be misinterpreted in subsequent reports. Several WL citizens are keeping track of developments.

Decals are available for WNA lawn signs to show the current meeting location.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15

Elizabeth Rocchia
Secretary