Willamette NA Minutes March 13, 2024 Zoom + ACC

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 by President, Kathie Halicki. The minutes were approved as appeared on the WL Meetings webpage. The treasury has a balance of \$2,452.55.

As appeared on the agenda, a request for funds under \$100 for a gift to past President, Gail Holmes, was voted upon and granted. Kathie spent \$82.89 and will be reimbursed from the treasurer.

VISION 43: Planners John Floyd and Chris Myers introduced a plan for improvements in a special zone corridor on hwy 43 from the north WL city limits to the 205 overpass. Sidewalks, pedestrian amenities such as safe crossings and refuge islands, plus a mixed use zone will be included in the concept.

MIG consultants have been given \$200,000 with the charge of developing a design generated by citizen participants in the form of a VISION 43.

The City has a webpage for suggestions which will be gathered through 2024. Renderings will follow. 30 events, mailers, and open houses are planned to ensure community involvement. Traffic, transportation choices and trails will also be considered. A working group will meet about 5 times along with interested high school students to coordinated ideas. TIF will be a possible funding source.

Tolling seems to be dead at the moment though a toll for the Abernathy Bridge is likely.

WATERFRONT Project: Planner John Floyd presented graphics for the 275 acre stretch of river frontage included in the project. PGE is the largest property owner and other stretches are privately owned. Public access is planned for a wetland area and a path along the river's edge. Included in the project is the old city hall and the park area under the Abernathy bridge.

A community generated VISION plan in 2016 -2021 spells out citizen suggestions. There are a variety of zones, land use requirements and

environmental challenges involved. The paper mill holding ponds may contain toxic material. Traffic generated and parking issues in the neighborhood are other challenges. All phases of the plan will have public hearings for review.

A new planner has been added to the department: Erin Goodall.

Food Pantry is always grateful for donations especially canned fruit and canned protein. the Pantry purchases fresh produce and other items with cash donations. There are new families in need every week.

Main Street Rebecca encourages everyone to visit Willamette on Sunday, St Patrick's Day, for a scavenger hunt and vendors. Cinco de Mayo will include Latino high school students in the activities. Sadly A frame signs have been stolen by vandals. This represents a significant cost to businesses at over \$100 for each sign

Historic Review Board Danny Schrieber described the duties and enabling code the Board works with. They are charged with protecting the integrity of buildings in the designated historic areas of West Linn. The proposed iCon building on 12th has been presented to the WNA which questioned the proposed roof extension above 35'. The Board did not approve of this extended structure on the roof but iCon made a new proposal to the Planning Commission and received an approval.

Danny and the Board feel bypassed and ask for support from the WNA. Individuals can email City Councilors with support for the HRB. They follow instructions in the codes: 58.090.03 and 55.

Community comments: parking around the food carts on WF Drive still affect adjacent neighbors. Kathie urged calls to Chief Mahuna via the non-urgent phone line to ticket violators.

Warning of curb deterioration and sharp metal at west end of 10th street round about. Heavy trucks are compromising the cement curbs.

Three large homes are being built on 9th street near Volpp. The narrow street with construction vehicles is a problem for residents.

Very tall very bright lights at the Athey Creek field annoy neighbors and probably wildlife as well. The WL WLV School District promised sensitivity but has shown none. Adjacent neighbors have complained.

The issue of boat parking for only 4 hours is yet to be resolved. A compromise for a code change of 24 hours has been suggested. The code was written for commercial vehicles, RV's and large boats in the public right of way.

The City is updating and expanding its Natural Hazard Plan. A survey is available for suggestions. The City's NHMP is an addendum to the larger Clackamas County NHMP as we face many of the same natural hazards and are working together in partnership with Clackamas County Disaster Management, University of Oregon's Institute for Policy Research and Engagement, and several surrounding cities and special districts. We work together regularly as a regional emergency team to prepare for and respond to disasters.

We are asking for the community's feedback on West Linn's update to the NHMP. Learn more and submit comments on the draft 2024 West Linn NHMP by 5 p.m., March 20, 2024 at https://westlinnoregon.gov/westlinnready/natural-hazard-mitigationplan-update

Mark Perlman introduced himself as a new candidate for City Council. He is a retired philosophy professor and also a symphony conductor. He will come back for a candidates forum.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20.

Elizabeth Rocchia

secretary