

## **Willamette NA Meeting September 11, 2024**

**Zoom +ACC**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 by President Kathie Halicki.

**Minutes** of August 14, as appeared on the meeting page of the WL website, were approved.

**Treasurer's** balance remains at \$1,869.66 with 2024 stipend pending.

**Motion:** It was moved, seconded and passed to contribute \$250. to the bench in honor of Larry McIntyre.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to spend \$61.78 for 2 microphones for our meeting to accommodate Zoom attendees.

**Candidate slate:** President Kathie Halicki

Vice President Diana Cubbage

Vice President Beau Ganot

Secretary Elizabeth Rocchia

Treasurer Vicky Hood

**Willamette Wetlands presentation:** Three members of Save the Willamette Wetlands gave an update of their current efforts which include examining WL codes for possible violations, 'areas of concern' or variations. The terms of the purchase contract with Water Environmental Services are unclear.

We are lead to believe that the cost of mitigating the adjacent holding pond was a factor in the contract. The estimated cost of cleanup could be \$30 million. Drainage from the proposed condominiums would go directly into the wetland and affect wildlife. Volunteers for this project are most welcome. Lawn signs are available at request.

Possibly Metro could be encouraged to buy this parcel? Could it be a superfund site? Could Clackamas County reconsider the purchase while the purchase contract is in limbo? Letters of support are encouraged; cite 1317 7th Street.

**'Welcome to Willamette' sign:** The sign from Fields Bridge Park can be moved.

The group chose a site on 10th street behind McMinimam's

**Food Pantry:** Canned fruit, canned beans, canned meats are needed.

**Main Street:** The summer market has ended as a great success. A chalk walk of artwork is current and a wine walk is coming up soon. Halloween will bring 3,000 children to Willamette for treats. WNA will be asked to contribute.

**Oppenlander field:** The School District won the lawsuit over WL but citizens are organizing for a possible purchase.

**'Welcome to West Linn' sign:** Julia Simpson was part of the citizens group that originally designed the 2 entry signs off the 205 freeway. They are needing some cleanup and care as they are now unreadable. The City installed the signs and will be urged to make the repairs.

**Candidate:** Mark Perlman , a candidate for WL City Council, introduced himself and listed his concerns.

**John McCabe:** John has followed the financial investments and decisions of the WL/WLV School District and found many shortcomings. Proposed closing of 3 WL primaries because of needed repairs are: Cedar Oak, Stafford and Bolton Schools. Yet a new primary school is planned for Wilsonville. 650 students from outside the district attend WL schools now.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04  
Elizabeth Rocchia  
secretary