

Willamette NA Meeting, June 11. 2025

Zoom/ACC

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by President, Kathie Halicki.
The May minutes were approved as appeared on WL Meetings webpage.
The treasure remains at \$2,597.11.

Boys and Girls Aid Society: Sophie Heath explained details of youth foster care. This organization facilitates temporary and longer term care for infants to young adults. Currently there are 7,300 children in foster care with 100 - 200 unsettled. Foster care is initially provided by the state but the next step can involve the Boys and Girls Aid, a non-profit to support residential and emotional needs of youth.

Care is provided for 9 months to 2 years at one level 4 to 10 years at another. Long term care for 12 to 21 can require added support. In some cases, the foster care system can substitute for detention.

Anyone interested in becoming a full time or part foster parent can inquire to Boys and Girls Aid for more information. Families are always needed.
There is a current gift card drive to assist foster families.

Food Carts on WF Drive/11th: David Lawrence presented images of his plan to install 8 food carts, a covered 24'x32' eating area and tables on his empty parking lot. The area would be open 11am to 8 or 9pm with a variety of food offered. Alcoholic drinks would be available in a small 8'x12' bar area within the covered structure. Parking would not be available on sight. Landscaping and trees would surround the perimeter. All disposal and power will be underground. A 4' retaining wall and railing is planned. Construction would begin next spring and open in fall.

Comments and concerns:
parking overflow and traffic congestion near school and day care.
possible noise, rodents, alcohol, garbage disposal
proximity to roundabout, heavy commuter traffic, delivery trucks
congestion for fire trucks, police cars

Food Pantry: Debbie reported a rise in need for food. Canned soft fruit and canned beans are always in need. Cash donations are used to purchase fresh produce, etc.

Main Street: Rebecca reported 85 vendors at the Summer Market with more produce vendors this year. Many vendors are local residents.

Main Street received a revitalization grant which may be spent on building improvement.

July 12 is the WL Parade with 14 entries so far. More are encouraged.
July 19 the bike kiosk will be open with dedicated artwork. It will be installed near the Methodist Church replacing the covered bus stop structure.
Sept 6 a chalk walk in the morning and a wine walk in the evening.

The fountain topper is still in progress.

New site for WL Public Works: 3 NA's were invited to a presentation of construction on the slope off Salamo Road. This terraced area above the 205 freeway will provide storage for city working vehicles plus office space for the Public Works and for the Park department. Access will be off Salamo Road.

Tolling is still under consideration and may surface next year as a priority topic.

Nomination for WNA positions will be in July or August

The meeting adjourned at 8:05

Elizabeth Rocchia
secretary