

Willamette Neighborhood Association

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Pacific West Bank
Date: 2/12/14

Agenda

Call to order at 7:05.

1. Attendance: Julia Simpson, Elizabeth Rocchia, Beth Smolens, Shannen Knight, Gail Holmes Jason Daily, Ken Warner, Jim Milne, Claude Bonfiglio, Maureen Bonfiglio and Andy Rocchia.
2. Minutes from January 2014 accepted as written.
3. Treasurer's Report-No change from January meeting
 1. WNA Total Assets:
 - a. WNA (US Bank) \$437.30
 - b. Yoga (US Bank) \$1377.45
 - c. WNA (Pacific West Bank) \$2109.03

Guest Speakers; Jason Dailey, President WLBA

1. Subject: Baseball Association at Fields Bridge Park
2. Discussion: Jason Dailey reviewed WLBA membership, goals, schedules, and park use during the year. Season runs April through fall. Neighbors discussed negative and positive impacts on FBP by WLBA including:
 - a. Positive: increased potential economic impact in Willamette businesses, WLBA collaborating with city to make park improvements.
 - b. Negative: impact to wildlife, city residents and neighbors: noise, traffic, safety concerns related to parking along Borland Rd, park use limited during baseball, and illegal RV camping overnight at park.
3. Suggestions
 - a. Bulletin board at park with WLBA schedule of events and tournaments the park is reserved for.
 - b. COC and Willamette Main Street could help communicate baseball events.
 - c. Move baseball fields to another site (one mentioned was Parker Crest property owned by the city). Andy Rocchia has had some informal discussion with city manager about prospects for the property becoming a "festival" park.
4. Actions:
 - a. WLBA will communicate schedules to city police dept
 - b. City will communicate use permits as per typical process.
 - c. City planning construction of a parking area at FBP adding about 48 spaces. Completion is planned for April 2014.
 - d. P&R department could help with communications; will work with Main Street and COC to provide business addresses for Willamette. A possible flyer could be mailed. Email communications also.
 - e. Follow up meeting in May after parking improvements is recommended.
 - f. WLBA will work to communicate better with membership about park rules, reducing impact to neighborhood, being good stewards of the park.

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Other Business

1. Benches in Willamette: bench guy was found and paid for bench work. 6 benches left need refurbishing at \$200 each. Elizabeth exploring support through city for this.
Gail attended a pre-application hearing this month that discussed a property on 8th requesting subdividing the property for residential construction: discussion about getting back in touch with the city about opening up 8th, mitigating the opening with traffic stop signs-combining this with opening of police station. Trucks already moving through the entrance. Also some discussion about 8th being rezoned to encourage commercial vs residential building. Members discuss positive impact on Willamette economically if 8th could create additional business/shopping real estate.

Announcements

1. Possible country and western bar going into the General Store
2. West Linn Historical Society has filed paperwork to become a nonprofit. The WLHT will eventually be joined with that group.
3. WNA goals for 2014-2015 to be established at next meeting.
4. April meeting the Willamette Main Street will have a presentation.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Beth Smolens, Secretary