

Willamette Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

Approved 7/8/15

6/10/15

Michael Selvaggio called to order the regular meeting of the Willamette Neighborhood Association at 7:03 pm on June 10, 2015.

I. Attendance:

Michael Selvaggio, Beth Smolens, Elizabeth Rocchia, Debbie Meyers, Connie Richardson, Mike Stradley (WLPD), Gail Holmes, Julia Simpson, Pauline Beatty, Danny Schreiber, Midge Pierce, Andria Schacher. Also guests Dennis Richey, Grant Oakes, and Councilor Brenda Perry.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes were approved as written. The minutes will be submitted to the City for posting.

III. Treasurer's report

WNA account at Pacific West Bank has \$2,588.35

WNA US Bank account has \$1983.64

IV. Update Councilor Brenda Perry:

Councilor Perry reviewed the following city business she is involved with and following:

- **Focus groups – Economic Development is exploring the facts on why businesses fail in West Linn.**
- **Main Street – Farmer's Market will be getting \$ 400 dollars per year for operation**
**please see correction at the end of document*
- **The fate of 43 in WL; Perry mentioned she is interested in discussions to determine the fate of 43. She has been considering evidence suggesting that the county should pay for initial road improvements followed by WL taking over 43.**
- **Pedestrian access, sidewalk improvement, street improvement city wide.**
- **Signage-code enforcement of signage.**

V. Police Department Update on Traffic Concerns in Willamette

Officer Stradley reviewed current strategy within the police department to help control and enforce speeding, drinking and driving, and traffic violations in general within and around the business district of Willamette. It was mentioned here that the West Linn Saloon was under new ownership and changing over the summer. Some neighborhood recommendations and concerns were voiced during the meeting:

- **WLPD actively working to reduce traffic violations in West Linn and have concentrated on WFD in Willamette. This has been effective in calming traffic.**
- **Closing garages at night is a frequent police “call”. All calls for suspicious activity and concerns are encouraged.**
- **Non-emergency number is 503-635-0238 however this is the same operator dispatching 911. Calls will be handled.**
- **Police presence requested at the WLHT on September 19th this year by Danny Schreiber.**
- **WNA members encourage WLPD to consider educational material at Old Time Fair booth:**
 - **Closing garages and other neighborhood safety strategies**
 - **Education on cybercrime for seniors.**

VI. Neighborhood Sign Design

The WNA reviewed final design presented and unanimously voted on favorite. Mike will be forwarding design to the city for sign development.

VII. Traffic Committee Discussions and Recommendations:

- **WNA discussed the process for traffic concerns and recommendations to reach the city: WNA Traffic Committee chair, Midge Pierce reviewed concerns for I 205 “third lane” use of WFD. An email campaign could be effective in alerting councilors, city staff.**
- **Much debate still surfaced regarding the use of Field’s Bridge by the WL Baseball Association with regard to traffic safety, violations, and parking. It was mentioned that the school’s property could be utilized for parking.**
- **Signage conveying residential area along Dollar and WFD/Borland Rd stretch to Field’s Bridge Park**
- **Adding a crosswalk at Dollar and Ostman.**
- **Sound walls along I 205 through West Linn should be brought up with ODOT.**
- **Adding Pedestrian crossing blinking light at 14th and WFD. In winter you cannot see the pedestrians in dark clothing.**
- **A stop sign at Dollar and WFD would be a valuable traffic calming item.**
- **WNA representation on TSP.**

VIII. Grant Oakes and Dennis Richey: Map Your Neighborhood (state-wide program: Oregon Emergency Management)

City wide effort to develop multiple neighborhood based emergency “mapping”. This involves identifying homes and individuals with skill sets, tools, and supplies that can be utilized in an emergency. Public assistance will not be first responders in a disaster; your neighbor will. Willamette to develop a mapping plan within many different neighborhoods since we are the largest association.

IX. Announcements:

- **Bullseye’s new owner came by to say hello: Andrea Schacher**

X. Next meeting: July 8, 2015 at the Pacific West Bank conference room. Agenda items to be considered:

- **WNA Officer Nominations**
- **WNA Budget for spending stipend**
- **Traffic Committee Updates and Discussions**

Minutes Corrected at the July 2015 meeting:

***Re: "Main Street – Farmer’s Market will be getting \$ 400 dollars per year for operation"**

In an e-mail, Mayor Axelrod recommended corrections to the WNA’s draft minutes:

"The council has approved \$40K for the next biennium (or \$20K/year) for the Main Street group to hire a Main Street manager and run it's desired Main Street plan and operations that will also include management of the Farmers Market."

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM

Elizabeth Smolens, Secretary