

From: the Willamette Neighborhood Association  
To: West Linn City Council and Planning Commission  
Re: Volpe Street Development  
Date: July 16, 2021

The Board of the Willamette NA would like to draw your attention to a motion passed at our Wednesday, July 14, 2021, meeting.

After a presentation by Becky Smith and her neighbors who live on the section of Volpe street between the boat parking lot and 9th street, we discussed and passed the following motion directed to the Planning Commission and to City Council:

“1. Pause to consider separating into two portions the Park Department and Public Works application to improve Volpe Street.  
2. Revisit the code requirement of 28’ width for streets plus sidewalks.”

Comments focused on the existing width of this section of Volpe Street and how there would be space on the south side for a paved sidewalk or footpath. Expanding the paved width to 28’, which they were told is required by WL code, would encourage speeding, the removal of trees and impair the livability of their neighborhood.

The WNA was sympathetic with their request to pause in the decision making process and reconsider the 28’ width for a narrow neighborhood street. A “one size fits all” is not a solution for all situations. Also we agreed with their request to separate the Park Department and Public Works portions of the application and weigh the merits of each.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Kathie Halicki , president  
Julia Simpson, vice president  
Elizabeth Rocchia, treasurer

Shawn Hughes, secretary was not present