

WILLAMETTE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

JULY 10, 2013

Present: Michael Selveggio, Elizabeth Rocchia, Andy Rocchia, Claude Bonfiglio, Maureen Bonfiglio, Jim Milne, Linda Neace, Julia Simpson

Minutes: There were no minutes because there was no meeting in June.

Treasurer's Report, Elizabeth Rocchia: The city account as of 5/31 had \$468.14; \$1500.00 should have been added from the city in June. The US bank account has \$437.00. We received \$7000.00 from Clackamas co. which paid \$2225. for the (3000) new Willamette Walking Tour brochures. The rest of the money will be returned to the county.

New Business:

Fields Bridge Park issues, Maureen and Claude: The Bonfiglio property is a certified wildlife habitat, but the Bonfiglios are seeing a large reduction of eagle, osprey and heron sightings in recent years. The park is now heavily used, especially during the baseball season.

The following is a list of issues the WNA want to have addressed by the City:

1. Overnight camping in a motorhome was allowed during a tournament, though the park department says that no camping is allowed in any city park. This rule needs to be enforced in the same way for everyone.
2. The baseball tournaments are presenting more problems each year re: numbers of people, cars and traffic issues. The numbers allowed need to be specified or controlled.
3. Parking areas in the park need to be specified.
4. A published baseball tournament schedule needs to be available on the city website so that affected neighbors, the city and police can be aware.
5. Parking areas should be graveled or covered with environmental blocks.
6. Signs need to be posted in many park areas saying no parking, no camping etc. The parking areas need to be clearly marked.
7. Police need to be informed of park and tournament rules and schedule.
8. Fields Bridge park usage needs to be re-evaluated.

Andy Rocchia reported on his recent report to the City Council about Willamette Falls Drive in the area of Fields Bridge Park. Andy noted that another crosswalk is needed at the park entrance and also at Ostman Road. A safe bike route is needed on Willamette Falls Drive in the area of the park and also in Willamette. Fields Bridge Park needs a flat playground area for the children. **The WNA agreed that these are ongoing issues that also need to be addressed.**

Andy also stated his concern that WNA needs to address issues pertaining to the whole Willamette neighborhood area, not just the historic area.

Linda Neace reported on Chamber of Commerce issues. The chamber is currently working on bicyclist issues. Linda will bring up the bicycle and Fields Park issues to the EDC at the July 12 meeting. At some point, a separate meeting will be scheduled to include the City, the Baseball Club, Willamette Falls Drive neighbors and the Chamber to iron out some of the park and tournament issues.

Elizabeth Rocchia voiced her concerns about advertising signs in Fields Bridge Park. The new sign code permits advertising in the park, but once again, the advertising, along with all the baseball fencing etc., degrade the natural aspects of the park.

Elizabeth requests respect from the city when a citizen makes a presentation or request at a city council meeting.

Elizabeth presented street sign designs: "Willamette 1908" for the top of 10th St. and a street sign topper with a terra cotta background.

The WNA approved the two signs and requested the city use these two designs designed by Elizabeth Rocchia. Julia will contact Beth Smolens about the decision.

Linda Neace reported on the Centennial Celebration plans. On October 5 and 6, a special event is planned, featuring the Willamette Falls Heritage Coalition in a tie-in with the Oktoberfest celebration at the Allium Restaurant. The Lockfest celebration will coincide also on the same weekend.

Fireworks are planned for 8 or 8:30pm. A car show is being discussed. WFD will be blocked off between 10th and Allium. Food booths, tours, a speaking series and a tour of the paper mill are in the works. A shuttle is being planned using the WLHS parking lot and the Oregon City trolley.

The new Farmers Market is doing well.

The Chamber fund-raiser duck race is scheduled for July 21. Please buy a rubber duck for \$25.00.

The county commissioners have organized so that each commissioner will be involved in one area of Clackamas County for 6 months and then will rotate to another area for 6 months. Right now, Tootie Smith is the commissioner for our area.

The Trails Master Plan was discussed. Adjustments are being made in light of concerns that were raised at recent meetings.

Stephanie Sears at the General Store is setting up a nursery business there.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Simpson