

FINAL Meeting Minutes- WSNA- 2018-07-16

Jim Allhiser called the meeting to order at 7pm. Pledge of Allegiance. 20 members signed the attendance roster. Steve Anderson moves to adjust the minutes in last month's meeting of Jim Lewis section. Written as "master Transportation Plan." Would like adjustment to reflect "the city's comprehensive plan." Approval with pending clarification by Steve Anderson. Second by Micki Varney. Vote unanimous approval.

Additions to agenda from the body: Steve Anderson would like to address congestion. Paula Fordham would like to discuss FB live streaming the WSNA meetings to allow more public participation.

Presentations: none

Reports:

Salem Police: Officer Amador

Crime log from the 3rd to 13th of July. 2 residential burglaries. Those could have been prevented. Both done with open door. One was a sliding glass door and one was a side garage door. We need to be more diligent with home security. With the hot weather, people are leaving windows open at night to cool the house down. Remember to close and lock windows before leaving home. Another area of concern is window AC units should be mounted to prevent theft of units. Check in on elderly neighbors with these high temps. High volume of CPR calls due to elderly overheating. 1 vehicle break in. Was an unlocked vehicle. Couple businesses with homeless issues. Fecal matter, garbage, and theft occurring specifically at Les Schwab from the spare tire bin.

Question: Bob Elliott- When will the meeting regarding the police station occur? Is it the 25th of July?

Cannot say when the meeting is exactly, but it is coming up. The police station is requesting more money. Building plans will hopefully include a meet up room for individuals selling items over the internet. Hopefully this will make online sales and meetings safer and more secure for individuals.

Question: Steve Anderson- Foursquare Church late night burning rubber and running the stop signs at the 4way stop between the hours of 11:30pm-1am. May want to check up on that area more often at night.

Will make a note of it, and hopefully get an officer to check on this area more often.

City Councilors: none present

Land Use: Wes Hill

Phase 3 approval did go through with 6 conditions of approval on Rosewood Drive. Weekly land use report will be uploaded weekly.

Comment: E.M. Easterly- Would like to move that the WSNA approve the requested fence variance. Second by Gary Deming. Vote unanimous.

Question: E.M. Easterly- Concerned with the traffic in the area of Rosewood Dr and HWY 22. How will traffic in that area work with Capital Manor in construction? Rosewood and HWY 22 intersection is unsafe with turning as it is. Would like these issues raised before the planning commission tomorrow evening at their meeting. Second concern is not having a gathering of people to discuss land use issues.

Comment: Wes Hill- Seeing more participation of FB Land Use page which is encouraging. It would be beneficial if material was uploaded, and commenting could be seen on the page so more of the information could be discussed before meetings. The virtual FB page allows WSNA to meet deadlines with participation from the neighbors. Once we have made an approval and given it to the city, and then we come back for a vote, how do we go back and change that? Further input would be appreciated.

Comment: Steve Anderson- The bylaws say we are town hall. If the executive committee has to make a decision, when you report that to the planning commission, you just say this is a decision made by the executive committee and will be voted on by the full neighborhood association at the next meeting. They may or may not concur at that time. It is a disclosure at that point. We follow the bylaws then.

Question: Tyson Pruett- Why can't we bring up land issues on the FB Land Use page?

Comment: Linda Bierly- Is not able to access the FB Land Use page easily. Concerned with FB Land Use page and access for those who don't have computers or are elderly and worried about FB safety. Would like face to face meetings for land use. Concerned about Rosewood area, especially for elderly drivers.

Comment: E.M. Easterly- Recommends the planning commissions put in a new condition that will alleviate some of the problems. That condition is to extend the barrier between the east and west travel lanes.

Comment: E.M. Easterly- presented Jim Allhiser with papers of an example of possible traffic change. Paper state, "Current access is to and from Edgewater St. To go west you turn right at Edgewater and drive up the on-ramp to HWY 22. To go east you turn right on Edgewater. At Rosemont you can head east on HWY 22 or continue east on Edgewater. This will all change with the expansion of Capitol Manor to Rosewood Drive. Drivers will be able to exit HWY 22 from both the east and west by turning onto or into Rosewood. This creates potential traffic conflict from three sources- (a)west bound traffic from the Edgewater on ramp, (b)west bound HWY 22 traffic & (c)east bound HWY 22."

Comment: Micki Varney- Traffic heading west wanting to turn on Rosewood there is hardly room for those wanting to turn right onto Rosewood. Would suggest not being able to turn right on Rosewood as well as a barrier.

Comment: Steve Anderson- Would like record to be held open to allow more research of area of Rosewood.

Comment: Nick Fortey- Suggested traffic study of the Rosewood and HWY 22 area. Let the state and city design solutions.

Comment: Paula Fordham- Suggested we should use this as an opportunity to have the entire section addressed.

Comment: Wes Hill- Moves to add Nick Fortey to Land Use Board to assist with traffic issues. Would like neighbors to use FB Land Use page and comment.

Comment: Tyson Pruett- The purpose behind the FB Land Use page is to discuss land issues prior to the meeting. 50 members on the Land Use FB page, 23 people at the current meeting. Double the ability to discuss land use issues.

Motion for Jim Allhiser or E.M. Easterly to attend the planning commission meeting tomorrow 7-17-18 to address concerns of Rosewood Dr. and traffic safety in the area and ask the planning commission to make recommendations and address this area of concern. E.M. Easterly approves motion. Second by Gary Deming. Vote unanimous.

Question: Kathleen Dewoina- Replotting of land involving West Salem HS. Part of intent of that plot was to set up the stage for swap of some land for a park. Potential public access to park via Daisy Lane. Will Daisy Lane be a public access to that park, and if so what is the timeline for full street improvement?

Comment: Wes Hill- Discussed that at the last meeting. Pretty sure swap has already been approved. Information is available on the FB Land Use site.

Comment: Paula Fordham- Suggests that areas Home Owners Association be involved.

Comment: Wes Hill- Back to Capital Manor for Phase 3, Capital Manor said they came before the body around June 2017. The minutes don't reflect that. Our comment back to the city was that the minutes don't reflect that.

Comment: E.M. Easterly- Has no memory of that.

Comment: Steve Anderson- Capital Manor was scheduled to present but did not make it to the meeting.

Comment: Linda Bierly- They came to the meeting, but it was about to come to "blows" and they left.

Comment: Paula Fordham- Point of clarification, Steve you are saying they were invited but did not come, and Linda says they came and left.

Comment: Steve Anderson- They were on the agenda, and when asked for a representative to come forward they were not there to respond.

Traffic & Infrastructure: Nick Fortey

Safe Routes to Schools- Looking for Title One Schools that will qualify for the first round. A higher weight is given to Title One Schools, but does not exclude other schools. Needs letter of intent. Due by August 31, 2018. Steve Anderson and Dwayne Hilty volunteered to assist with identifying Title One Schools that will qualify for these Safe Routes and write letter of intent.

Question: Steve Anderson wonders if Brush College is Title One School, and would like to make note of this to ask Chris Wilhelm when he returns from vacation.

West Salem Business Association: Sean Keene

Two \$500 scholarships were given to two West Salem HS graduated seniors this month. One was going on to be a veterinarian and the other one was going to attend Chemeketa to figure out what they wanted to do. Supported and sponsorship money was given to West Salem Farmer Market. Speaker for their next meeting will be the West Salem Band. Meeting will be next Thursday, July 26, 2018.

Parks: Gary Deming

Orchard Heights has doubled the baseball field. No further activity on repaving Minto dog park parking lot, maintenance of the trails, establishment of a new trail, or establishment of a new trail at the dog park at Orchard Heights.

Edgewater: Jessica Preis

West Salem Farmers Market is going well with a great turnout. 11 weeks left. Kingwood Bible does allow parking in their lot to people visiting the market. Vendors are using this lot to park their vehicles after unloading, but there are additional spots for customers. If anyone is interested in having a booth at the market, visit the Saturday Market website and apply to be a vendor. Booth fee is low due to sponsorship and other support. Market is open every Thursday from 10am-2pm until the end of September.

Next monthly walking cruise will be July 22 @3pm, meeting at Xicha Brewing Company. On this walk you will learn about the history of hop growing as well as enjoy some appetizers and conversation at Xicha Brewing. All are welcome.

Next Edgewater Partners meeting is a week from Thursday, July 26th. Meeting will be held at Kingwood Bible at noon.

Edgewater has a new logo. Be on the lookout for it!

Question: Bob Elliot- Is there any way that Edgewater could get a banner that would go across the street?

Don't think they can put them across the street, because of traffic issues. Looking into getting a banner of the Edgewater logo that will be put up at the market or other events.

Watershed: E.M. Easterly

Visited two properties this month. Visited the [16 areas] (Amended to read: **10 acres**-EM Esterly 07/18/2018) behind the Orchard Heights fire station. Lots of oak trees in that area. The second visited site was the Audubon Society property, located along Eola. Watershed is involved in that area by ridding it of invasive species, putting fences in. If anyone is interested in getting involved in a gardening project, they are welcome to join Wednesday mornings at 9am.

New Business:

Steve Anderson- Request that City Councilman come forward with information on the congestion task force and marine drive. Referred to Mike Evan's article in the paper back on July 1st, Mike talked about the need for a new bridge to solve traffic congestion. Steve states, "Words make differences, I think as an association we need to be talking about this in kind of a discussion because congestion is an issue in West Salem right now. And we heard ODOT come and explain to us that all the studies they have done, all the stuff they are looking at the current alternative for the bridge in this area does not address congestion. In fact, their data shows that mobility will be impeded here and on the other side of the river. It will take out the green way on Edgewater where we have a Farmer's Market, it will take out Rosemont, and I have a dog in the fight, that's where I come on the road to get onto the highway. But there is no alternative to taking or fixing Rosemont and now with the Capital Manor area that whole area needs to be resolved." New zoning that will improve development, in that process 18,000 average daily trip increase in the community. No solution offered for that. Congestion is an issue. "I think words are important, when we talk about a third bridge vs the current alternative, I think we need to be specific because the current alternative is detrimental to the neighborhood. That's my point of view and I think ODOT concurs with that. So I think we need to have a discussion as a neighborhood that says we want some solutions for congestion." Would like Jim Lewis to come forward and discuss plans. Change in our comprehensive plan over the next 18 months, the RFP will start in September to start the process. There will be no updates to neighborhood plans, all focus will be there. "A big part of the comprehensive plan process is goal 12 transportation, and I think we need to engage the city to say alright what are you doing for transportation corridors, you got State Street, you got Liberty, you got Wallace Road, you got Marine Drive. How are we going to make all this work together now? And get it integrated, because right now it's being handled in pieces." "When we have conversations as a neighborhood association, we can come forward with ideas that say let's work together, here are possible solutions. So that's my idea in terms of congestion is. It's out there, we experience it every day. ODOT has said their proposal that they are proposing does not solve the problem." Let's come together as a neighborhood and discuss ideas on solving congestion issues. Would like to meet with city officials/council to help solve some of these congestion issues.

The meeting concluded at 8:18pm

Respectfully submitted- Bree Allhiser, filling in for Chris Wilhelm, WSNA Secretary