

STAFFORD HAMLET
COMMUNITY MEETING

Minutes

April 9, 2018

Chair Jay Minor called the April 9th Community meeting of the Stafford Hamlet to order at 7:06 pm at the Stafford Elementary School, West Linn, OR.

Attendance:

- ❖ Board Members Present: Dave Adams, Richard Fiala, Jana Lombardi, Bill Markt, Jay Minor, Mary Moore, Matthew Palmer, Len Schaber, Joe Wikoff
- ❖ Excused: Walt Gamble
- ❖ Absent:
- ❖ Staff Present:

Villages NW Concept and Discussion:

Marjorie Synakiewicz and Chris Kennedy came to present to the community the concept of Villages NW. The effort is in development and is a plan. The Villages project being presented began 16 years ago in Boston. Villages NW is a non-profit with the goal of helping people age in place and assisting in providing connections. The group helps with transportation, providing referrals for businesses, and providing social connections. There will be a center/hub based in Portland, and the Portland branch helps vet vendors, background check volunteers, and receives a portion of fundraising proceeds. Chris Kennedy said the goal is to launch the WLLO Village (West Linn Lake Oswego) in 2019. There will be a monthly newsletter starting sooner. Marjorie Synakiewicz said there will be a monthly fee for Villages NW, probably \$40-50. Marjorie said the group is recruiting volunteers soon.

Jay Minor asked if the Stafford Hamlet area could be included in the WLLO Village, and Marjorie Synakiewicz and Chris Kennedy said it would be. Dave Adams said that the needs of a more rural area like Stafford would be different, for example residents may need more help with acreages and pruning. Jana Lombardi said there may be additional vending needs in the Hamlet area, for example vetted arborists would be in demand. Rick Cook suggested inviting the WLLO Village to attend the Family Fest.

WES River Health Stewardship Program:

Gail Shaloum, from Water Environment Services (WES), presented information on the grant program to improve watershed health. The grant funding is for projects that increase vegetation, reduce weeds along a stream, educate the public, or another project that is visible to the public and helps a watershed area. The deadline for applications is April 30th. The eligible groups include schools, community groups, businesses and others. The funding process is competitive. Additional information is at clackamas.us/wes.

Larry Read asked if it was possible to get the water quality analysis for the Tualatin River. Gail Shaloum said she could get some information depending on what sampling was done.

Mary Moore asked if there were additional resources on rain gardens, and Gail Shaloum suggested the Oregon State University Extension Services' Oregon Rain Garden Guide.

Richard Fiala asked what services does WES provide in the Hamlet area. Gail Shaloum said WES does Department of Environment Quality (DEQ) permit fulfillment, street sweeping, sampling, and some planting.

Adjournment: Chair Jay Minor adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.