

MINUTES of LHNA General Meeting

Held Tuesday August 8, 2023

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Attendees:

In person:

Board: Cole Presthus, Barb Whitaker, Stan Halle, Phil Morton, Carol Parks, Rosi Marshall, Russ Murfitt, Ron Hapke (zoom)

Board: Absent: Eve Stevenson

Neighbors: Cheryl McCaffrey, Lynette Pascoe, Carole Dinger, Karl Dinger, Linn Whitaker, Cricket Dixson

Zoom: Jennifer Hapke, Eric Tonsager

Total Attendees: 16

Minutes

Minutes from March 7th meeting were approved as distributed.

Minutes from the May 9th meeting will be edited based on input received tonight. We will review and approve May's edited minutes at the next meeting (October 2023)

Treasurer's Report:

Barb showed the current financial statement on the shared screen and explained the specific recent expenses.

Committee Reports

Social committee - Carole (for Eve)

Annual Picnic: Carole reviewed the changes to the picnic from last year. This year, instead of a potluck, the food will be provided by LHNA. Lots of games and prizes will be available to encourage families with children to join in. Some games will be played by teams of four, others are individual participants. The time has been changed to 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM to avoid the hottest part of the day. If anyone has chairs or tables, we could use some more.

We will set up a RSVP link to distribute and include in the flier that Carole and Eve are making. We hope to get more families this year by having games for kids and prizes for everyone. Note that young children cannot be allowed inside the tasting room during the picnic.

Wreath making: This event will occur again this fall. Eve will run this event since Carole will not be available.

LHNA-EP Committee – Stan

Neighborhood Captain's Pizza Party.

We are planning a gathering of Neighborhood Captains (NCs) and are offering a pizza party at Stan and Sharon's set for Saturday Sept 9th from 4PM to 7 PM. This will give NCs a chance to meet each other and to get refresher training in the roles for which they have volunteered. Rosi & Stan will do the reminders and RSVPs.

We have 27 Neighborhood Captains, and we need quite a few more including Deputy NC's (If/when the NC is unavailable). We know that we must be prepared to be our own first responders. Please contact Stan (email: change1@mindspring.com) to learn more about volunteering.

Communications:

Paul has taken on the responsibility to reactivate our newsletter, focused on getting information out to people regarding current or anticipated storms, wildfires, or other man-made or natural disasters. This will also include additional suggestions for emergency preparedness based on events happening elsewhere. We will remind people of the various alerts & information sources. From previous training, the website, and sessions from the AED training modules, we have so much knowledge to share, both in the newsletter and in-person.

Fire Preparation - Clackamas County's Web Meeting Aug 1, 2023

Stan and Rosi attended the County's web session on Preparation for Fire. Link to the recorded session is: <https://youtu.be/higaL9SnKjU>. The county presented their 1-2-3 evacuation levels (level 1-be ready, level 2- get set and level 3 – GO NOW). The attendees & county gave a post-event review of the Estacada fires, dissecting what worked and what could be improved.

County personnel answered questions from the attendees and gave attendees time to speak (3 minutes). Stan reminded the audience to keep fire extinguishers in vehicles from his experience in Canada. Others suggested keeping fire blankets and shovels in all vehicles as well. As 'first responders', we can stop small fires well before TVF&R can get there.

The conversation continued with suggestions of LHNA EP Committee buying fire extinguishers, fire blankets, and shovels in bulk and making them available at the Picnic. The LHNA-EP Committee will consider this and also look at recommendations on size/brand.

The question was asked about a process by which individuals should communicate to others when an event occurs. With the recent fires, some saw the news on Facebook but not everyone is on Facebook or social media, especially all day & night. A fire can be close by but not everyone can see the fire and can be totally unaware of the fire. We also know that neighbors may be away from their home when an incident occurs. We need better ways to connect with others which the LHNA EP Team is working on.

Road Cleaning events – Rosi (for Paul)

Fall Cleanup will be Oct 14. Paul asked everyone to help out. Contact Will or Paul to help with the events. Contact Will at williamcoffeagency@gmail.com, or Paul Welty at 503-807-6866 - pgwelty@gmail.com. We hope to expand our road coverage which will require that we get more people involved.

Note: Later in the meeting, Cheryl mentioned that maintaining the triangle of land at the Wilsonville Road and Ladd Hill Road intersection was (is) an LHNA project. The area was planted years ago and has been the responsibility of LHNA since then. This triangle of land needs attention, including weeding (Canada thistle, horsetail, willow herb etc.). We will ask Paul if he can coordinate volunteers to maintain this piece of land.

Land Use Applications (LUA) –Cole & Phil (for Eve)

Phil has reached out to Clackamas County Department of Planning and Zoning and learned that there is a set of procedures that the County uses for communications. This set of written procedures might provide answers for our LUA Guidelines for Clackamas County. The contact said they would provide those procedures to Phil in a few weeks. With any new information like this, LHNA Land Use Guidelines will be edited as needed and reviewed at the first General Meeting in 2024. This will give us the remaining portion of 2023 to see how the processes are working.

Cole reported that the Yamhill Urban Reserve expansion application for 93 acres west of Corral Creek has been approved by the City of Newberg. The next step is that the application has been sent to Yamhill County. Previously, LHNA sent letters of concern to the City of Newberg and have now sent the same concerns to Yamhill County. The citizens in that area have been very active and will continue to work to oppose this application.

To encourage others in LHNA to submit letters in response to this expansion, we will provide the text as a way to help guide people who want to write individual letters. The concerns include traffic on inadequate roadways, water resources, environmental issues, and other concerns.

Clackamas County conducted a meeting on the adoption of their Comprehensive Plan Amendments. Rosi attended. The amendments were largely typos, minor edits, and legally required changes to match state regulations. The one change of note was a reduction in the number of homes allowed in Forest land in response to concerns for wildfire risk.

New Business:

Bob & Crystal Rilee Park

We were informed about a situation in the Bob & Crystal Rilee Park area involving motorcyclists and people camping. The usage of land is one concern but also the danger of drivers-under-the-influence on our roadways. The best resolution is for individuals to contact law enforcement when we see situations that are presenting a danger to the community. Jason Fields was elected to the Board of Chehalem Park and Recreation which oversees Bob & Crystal Rilee Park.

Welcoming Committee

Cheryl McCaffery and Cricket Dixon requested that we find ways to get new neighbors and neighbors with kids included in our events. Carole and Eve are adding games to the picnic and the promotion will encourage families to attend. Other ideas are needed to include more kids. Ideas that came up include the creation of a Welcoming Committee for new residents and families to our neighborhood. Realtors can be a great source of information regarding new residents. .

Next Meetings for 2023 - Save these Dates: (Location TBD)

Oct 10, 2023.

The 2024 meeting dates will be shared as a "Save the Date" email.

Adjourn

These were attached to the email invitation to today's meeting:

Minutes of Meeting March 7 and May 9, 2023, for approval.

Agenda for tonight's meeting.