

Ardenwald/Johnson Creek Boulevard (JCB) Neighborhood Association Minutes for 6/8/04

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:36pm by Carlotta Collette, Neighborhood Association President, with 12 people present including: Sherri Campbell, Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Joe Campbell, Carlotta Collette, Dorothy Snowhill, Paul Shirey, Nancy Matich, Melissa Ray, Teenie MacCloud, JoAnn Herrigal, Susan Stone, Kayse Jama.

The neighborhood police officer liaisons had not yet arrived when the meeting was called to order, and discussion began with the arts project that the Ardenwald/JCB Neighborhood Association helped fund.

Report on the Community Arts Project: Melissa Ray, art project organizer

Melissa discussed the five art classes that were made available for students from K - 3 and 3 - 6 grades. These classes included: jewelry making, fun with clay, collage, pinwheels, and stained glass. She brought examples of some of the art projects that students worked on such as: clay plates, collage critters, and glue window designs. She reported that the art classes were highly successful and warmly received by both the students and their parents. Teenie MacCloud, who helped teach one of the five classes at this all volunteer event, also helped Melissa organize the classes to make sure the students had an enjoyable time. Melissa reported that the event was so successful that she will apply for a larger art grant based on this pilot project, and plans to perform this event again next year.

The concerts in the park series this August was then briefly discussed in conjunction with the student's art display on August 5th. This also brought up the idea of how to find local artists who may be interested in displaying their art for sale at this same concert. It was thought that flyers as well as an article on the front page of the Milwaukie Pilot Newsletter should have information to contact Melissa Ray, 503-794-1204, about this aspect of the event. Sherri Campbell brought up the idea of having the neighborhood potluck this same evening before the August 5th concert and maybe a ukulele play along prior to the concert. Melissa envisions 10 local artists displaying their wares on the green space towards the street. It was discussed that the food vendors normally use this site, and further preparation will be needed to complete all the details. Carlotta Collette brought up the idea of having working spot lights on-site that she found at the neighborhood clean-up event this year. They will aid with the clean-up after the concert events are over. It was also brought up that the city had delivered tables in the past for the National Night Out event, and that we need to contact Grady or Jason to make sure we have them again this year.

Garden Terraces along JCB on the property of Donna Lomnicki: Carlotta Collette, Neighborhood Chair

Carlotta opened discussion pertaining to the retaining walls along JCB that Donna Lomnicki, property owner, wanted turned into garden terraces with help from our neighborhood association. Susan Stone, city council member, envisioned having our Ardenwald/JCB neighborhood sign placed in these beds as an entrance sign to the neighborhood. Lisa had received an email from Donna that stated she wanted to have a garden work day on June 19th. Paul Shirey, City of Milwaukie Engineer, felt that a permit

may be required for this project because the retaining walls may be in the right of way and may obstruct driver vision. He said he would check on this and get back to us. Joann Herrigal stated that Jeff Klein, Neighborhood chair for the Lewelling Neighborhood, had also been contacted by Donna about this project as the Lewelling school has been designated an environmental magnet school. Carlotta said she would contact Donna to find out more about this, as the retaining walls are technically located in the Lewelling neighborhood.

Support for the Three Bridges Project and the Ardenwald/JCB portion of the Springwater Corridor Trail: JoAnn Herrigal, Parks and Recreation

JoAnn came to our neighborhood meeting to explain and discuss the financial difficulty of the project with a \$500,000 shortfall predicted. Based on this prediction and the importance of the completion of this project to Milwaukie, the City of Milwaukie has waived the permits, approvals, and land use fees for this project for the City of Portland. She suggested that neighborhood permission for the Milwaukie portion of the project be utilized, and recommended that Carlotta write a letter to assume sponsorship of the project with \$1200 dollars placed as overlay. The motion to approve was proposed and seconded and the neighborhood voted 11 to 0 in favor of the proposal.

Melissa Ray left the meeting at 7:05pm to present at another engagement.

Update on Riverfest: JoAnn Herrigal, Parks and Recreation

JoAnn brought information to the neighborhood regarding the Riverfest event that will be held on July 23, 24, and 25 at the Riverfront in Milwaukie near the current boat landing site. There will be dragon boat races with 5 - 8 boats currently filled and as many more as needed for the event. (contact Terri Darling to sign up for a boat) There will be a stage and places to sit, live music all day on Saturday and Sunday, and fireworks starting around 9:30pm on Saturday night. More current information regarding what bands will be performing and a schedule of events can be found in the Pilot Newsletter, and on the city website. Also, the New Century Players, our newly funded community theatre performance troop, will be putting on three one act plays, Ferris Wheel, Impromptu, and Emissary, at the Putnam School in their black-box theatre. Nancy Matich may be contacted at, 503-654-7245, for further information regarding the time and the cost of the tickets.

JoAnn Herrigal left the meeting at 7:10pm.

Meals on Wheels Request: Carlotta Collette, Neighborhood Chair

Carlotta brought up the request from Meals on Wheels for \$300 dollars from each neighborhood association in Milwaukie. Jason at the City of Milwaukie is coordinating this grant which will channel \$300 dollars from each neighborhood to the Milwaukie Senior Center, and volunteer time will match the amount of money that is received for the Meals on Wheels program. Nancy Matich asked about how the money would be specifically utilized. The answer given was for the food only, and that the gasoline used by volunteers was not covered with this grant. The motion to approve was proposed and seconded, and the neighborhood voted 10 to 0 in favor of the proposal.

Summer Concert Series: Carlotta Collette, Neighborhood Chair

Carlotta brought up the August concert series for further discussion, and gave an update about the bands that have been lined up so far. Carlotta Collette and Nancy Matich have volunteered to coordinate this event and have so far lined up Dr. Jazz for the first concert and the Gary Michael's Band Encore Brass for the fourth or fifth concert. Providence Hospital of Milwaukie has already offered to sponsor one of the concerts this summer. It was tentatively confirmed that a neighborhood potluck would kick off the series around 6:00pm before the concert on August 5th. It was also determined that Carlotta would try to get the concert series on the front page of the Pilot Newsletter for July. She requested recommendations for different types of music, and some requests for a "true country" band, while others requested having a bluegrass or marimba band perform. Sherri Campbell also tentatively confirmed that the Milwaukie High School graduating class would again have a bento cart to raise funds. She will get back to us with a definite answer this month.

City Council Transit Center Vote: Carlotta Collette, Neighborhood Chair

Carlotta informed the neighborhood that the Milwaukie City Council will be discussing and voting on the Transit Center issue at the June 21st meeting. Everyone stay tuned for further updates!

Traffic Sign on 40th and Howe Streets: Paul Shirey, Milwaukie City Engineer, Ardenwald/JCB Neighborhood Liaison

Paul Shirey addressed and informed the Ardenwald/JCB Neighborhood Association that in response to a request from Katherine Elliot, a yield sign will be placed at the intersection of 40th and Howe Streets. The city will also work with a property owner at the corner to trim a large hedge/shrub that obstructs the ability of a driver of a vehicle to see before turning. Jay Ostlund, Engineer for the City of Milwaukie will be sending a letter concerning this issue with Katherine Elliot. Paul will be in contact with Ms. Elliot to inform her of the decision.

New Safeway Site Update: Paul Shirey, Milwaukie City Engineer, Ardenwald/JCB Neighborhood Liaison

Paul Shirey addressed and informed the Ardenwald/JCB Neighborhood Association that the construction company is in the process of completing the second building on this site. As of yet, the City of Milwaukie has not seen a building permit application for the Safeway building. Paul stated that he was unsure when the old grocery building will be completely leveled and the site regraded because the City of Milwaukie has not seen this permit. He is guessing at this point that it may occur in August. The parking lot for the new grocery store will be on the King Road side of the site and the traffic light at 43rd Street and King Road will be installed before the store opens. The "stop control" at 42nd Street and King Road will remain until a "radius", that will eventually allow no stopping, is in place. This "radius" will not occur until the budget is approved for a stoplight on Harris Street and 42nd Street.

McLoughlin Plan Update: Paul Shirey, Milwaukie City Engineer, Ardenwald/JCB Neighborhood Liaison

Paul Shirey updated and informed the Ardenwald/JCB Neighborhood Association about the McLoughlin Plan and how it will affect the City of Milwaukie. He stated that the city is 70% through the design of the project. He also informed us that federal money will pay for improvements to McLoughlin Boulevard from Harrison Street to Washington Street and to the Kellogg Bridge. It will include bike lanes, a planting strip, and a median. The median will not be as large as the City of Milwaukie would like it to be due to left turn lanes at Washington and Harrison Streets. Paul explained that they are seeking counsel endorsement to build these improvements on the park side of the project (west) instead of the building side (east). A west side alignment will save nearly \$2.2 million in acquisition and relocation costs.

A compromise has been reached on the width of the sidewalk on the west side in order to reduce encroachment of these improvements on park land. City Council will take action on this at its regular meeting on June 15th. Paul discussed the site of Vic's Tavern and informed us that it was not determined to be a historically significant building. Some of the neighborhood members asked about salvaging the bricks from the building and placing them in the new park. Paul informed us that under federal law, any salvage value will decrease the amount of federal money for the project. Paul will keep us updated on events concerning the McLoughlin Plan as they occur.

42nd Avenue Improvements Completion: Paul Shirey, Milwaukie City Engineer, Ardenwald/JCB Neighborhood Liaison

Paul brought forward some good news to the neighborhood when he informed us that the 42nd Avenue storm water project will be completed within two weeks. Nancy Matich, a resident of Filbert Street was very pleased with this news, but concerned about another project headed by Brion Barnett that will be starting in August. This new project will involve improvements on 42nd Avenue from JCB to Covell Street. It will include improvements such as new curb, sidewalk, and storm drainage facilities. A public open house by the City of Milwaukie will be held in July to invite comment from all of the residents concerning this project. Sherri Campbell commented that this will be good news for the handicap group home on 42nd Avenue and Roswell who have been asking for such improvements for the past 10 years.

Vacation of Right of Way on JCB: Paul Shirey, Milwaukie City Engineer, Ardenwald/JCB Neighborhood Liaison

Paul wrapped up his comments to our neighborhood by informing the group of something he will bring to the Milwaukie City Counsel in July. He informed us that the City of Milwaukie needs to formally concur with the vacation by Clackamas County of unused right of way along JCB. This action will correct a long-standing problem for residents on the north side of JCB between SE 40th and 43rd avenues.

Milwaukie Police Liaison Report: Officer Kevin Krebs, Police Officer for the City of Milwaukie, Neighborhood Liaison

Officer Krebs visual aid schematic indicated that our neighborhood was very quiet in the month of May '04 with only three noise complaints, one theft and one burglary reported. He further reported that activity at the Willow Creek Court Apartment Complex has gone down to "next to nothing from earlier standards". He then went on to inform us about the

rise in identity theft and to be on the lookout for some of the new fraud schemes that are occurring nationally.

- 1) Identity theft/new fraud: A person will call you posing as your credit card company. They will ask you for the numbers on the back of the credit card and then charge items to your account. Officer Krebs explained that the last three numbers are identifying numbers, and with these numbers criminals have complete access to your account. He warned the attendees of the meeting to never give out personal information of any kind to people who call you. Discussion ensued about giving out social security numbers to places who do not need this information such as insurance agencies, the American Red Cross when giving blood, and etc... Officer Krebs also cautioned attendees of the meeting to only give out personal information to people you call on a landline phone. He indicated that criminals can listen in to phone conversations on cell and cordless phones much like someone listening to a radio can tune in and listen. Many people are not aware of how easily criminals can find out and use their information in this manner.
- 2) Another warning from Officer Krebs to attendees of the meeting was to always be aware of your surroundings and the people in your surroundings. Many crimes can be avoided by following this simple advice. He commented that he as a police officer can park in a parking lot and spot people who will be victims because they are not paying attention.

Officer Krebs, after finishing his address, then asked for questions that concerned the neighborhood. One of the attendees asked about the laws surrounding motorized scooters. Officer Krebs summarized that these scooters:

- 1) cannot be ridden on a street that is over 25 mph,
- 2) must be operated by someone at least 16 years of age,
- 3) must be ridden on the side of the street,
- 4) the operator must be wearing a helmet at all times, and
- 5) that these vehicles cannot be ridden on the sidewalk.

Another attendee asked if there were any noise ordinances that have been instituted regarding the use of these vehicles. Officer Krebs said he would get back to Carlotta with this information once he met with the Chief of Police of the City of Milwaukie on Friday June 11th.

Dorothy Snowhill and Sherri Campbell both asked about the traffic ordinances in school zones and commented that they thought they had recently changed. Officer Krebs said that the State of Oregon passed new school zone legislation. Currently children must be on sidewalks to be "present" in order to enforce reduced speed limits in school zones. Paul Shirey mentioned that the new school zone speed requirements were the subject of a meeting about six weeks ago involving the Police Chief, city prosecutor, and the city streets department. The new speed requirements are to be implemented on July 1st, and will require 20 mph limits on streets adjacent to schools at all times regardless of whether children are present or not. Paul and Officer Krebs will talk with the Chief of Police for clarification. Paul will send this clarification on to Carlotta. As discussed, it is believed that the current policy will keep the signage currently in place. e.g.: "20 mph when lights are flashing".

Officer Krebs completed his report and left the meeting at 8:05pm

Portland Police Liaison Officer Jeff Nelson was unable to attend the neighborhood meeting and give his report.

Southeast Uplift Liaison Report: Kayse Jama, Ardenwald/JCB neighborhood liaison

Kayse addressed the attendees at the neighborhood meeting and encouraged them to sign up to attend the next SE Uplift Leadership meeting. It will be held on June 28th from 6pm - 9pm at 8520 SE Yamhill Street in Portland. The meeting will provide useful information to new neighborhood committee appointees. Sherri Campbell and Carlotta Collette asked if there would be SE Uplift involvement/support for both the summer reading program and the national night out events. Kayse said he would ask Elizabeth, safety liaison, at SE Uplift about handouts/goodies for the kids at national night out for the Ardenwald/JCB Neighborhood, and would find out more information about the summer reading program and get back to Carlotta about SE Uplift involvement/support for this event.

At the closing of the meeting, Dorothy Snowhill reported that Providence Hospital of Milwaukie has contacted her to invite her to attend monthly meetings to keep our neighborhood association updated on what is happening on the hospital campus. She asked if the attendees of the neighborhood meeting felt that it was appropriate for her to attend on behalf of the neighborhood, and the motion was met with resounding approval by all attendees.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.

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