

Ardenwald/Johnson Creek Boulevard (JCB) Neighborhood Association Minutes for 9/14/04

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm by Carlotta Collette, Neighborhood Association President, with 18 people present including: Sherri Campbell, Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Joe Campbell, Carlotta Collette, Dorothy Snowhill, Lindsey, in place of Paul Shirey, Nancy Matich, George Lozovoy, Scott Keillor, MaryAnn Colgrove, Officer Kevin Krebs, Susan Stone, Lori, Susie, Carol and Les Wilkins, Dave Mayfield, and Kathy Lehman.

Carlotta presented Officer Krebs with a small bear dressed as a police officer for his phenomenal achievements this past year, and gave him a much deserved thank you from the neighborhood. (She had wanted to present this small token to him at the concerts in the park series this year, but was unable to due to the busy summer that the police have been having.) Kudos to Officer Krebs!

Officer Krebs Report:

Offier Krebs thanked everyone and gave his report to the attending neighbors. He stated that this has unfortunately been a very busy summer for noise complaints and theft in our neighborhood. The Hillside Housing Community has been especially hard hit with 2 thefts, 1 burglary, 1 noise complaint, and one recovered stolen vehicle. The police are aware of the crime increases that are occurring in the Hillside Community, and will diligently keep a sharp eye out to make sure that this does not escalate. Officer Krebs presented a crime report comparing last years number of crime reports in our neighborhood to this years and noted that the Ardenwald/Johnson Creek Boulevard (JCB) Neighborhood reported crimes have decreased in many areas. Most notably, the amount of criminal mischief reported has decreased from 30 reports last year to only 18 this year. The only crime report area that Ardenwald/JCB did not improve on this year was larceny. Overall, the total number of crimes reported decreased from 81 last year to 62 this year. That puts Ardenwald/JCB in the mid-range with many other Milwaukie neighborhoods. Other Milwaukie neighborhoods received either a higher or lower number of crime reports than Ardenwald/JCB.

Susan Stone, City Council Member, asked for an update about the Willow Court Apartments. Officer Krebs reported that Willow Court has been significantly improved. The owner of the property has had new grass planted and the parking lot repaved and relined. All of the previous tenants who had been having difficulties with the police are no longer living in the apartments.

Sherri Campbell, Vice President, asked when walk your child to school day will be, and Kathy Lehman, School Principal, said she would look into that issue and let everyone know the actual date. This brought up discussion about the new school zone speed of 20 miles per hour (mph). Officer Krebs clarified that if the school zone is 30 mph or less, the law states that a driver is to travel at 20 mph at all times. If the school zone is 35 mph or greater then the law states that a driver is to travel at 20 mph during posted times. These speed zone time periods will be posted shortly.

As a side note, Sherri Campbell noted that the flashing school zone lights on 32nd street are no longer being turned on, and Kathy Lehman stated that she and other principals at

area schools had heard that the City Of Milwaukie will be getting rid of the signs and school lights on 32nd. Susan Stone stated that she had not heard this before, and would check on it. Lindsey, Paul Shirey's stand in, said she would also check on this matter. Neighbors at the meeting felt that the signs and lights should stay as a higher number of children are now living on the west side of 32nd street, and they will need to cross 32nd to get to school.

After this discussion, Officer Krebs excused himself from the meeting, and attending neighbors thanked him for his report.

3 Bridges Project for the Springwater Corridor Trail: Scott Keillor, HHPR and George Lozovoy, Parks

Scott and George updated the attending neighbors on the extension of the springwater corridor trail project. This project received unanimous approval from the Joint Planning Commission. The bid openings for the 21 month project will open this October 28th. Recently, however, it has been determined that the project will need to meet ODOT requirements that roads with over 65,000 autos per day must include some nighttime construction. This amendment to the project will be discussed with the joint planning commission on September 28th. Scott stated that a 75 day window to complete the nighttime construction in fall of 2005 would be discussed in this meeting. The amendment will include that all equipment used on the project must have sound control devices and noise dampening equipment. A portable noise meter will be on the job location to monitor noise levels for residents on Moore and Ochoco Streets. Residents will be given 7 calendar days notice before nighttime construction will begin. The main nighttime construction will include the structural raising of the pier and arch of the bridge over McLoughlin Blvd. The use of precast panels will mean that there will be 20 minute closures of McLoughlin Blvd at night from midnight to 5am. Scott emphasized that all pile driving activity, and other louder procedures will be performed at the construction site only during the day. He stated that there will be 6 stages of the construction sequence, and that he and his team will cooperate fully with the City of Milwaukie and the Planning Commission. Lindsey, Paul Shirey's stand-in, stated that all residents within 1500 feet east of McLoughlin Blvd will be notified to make sure that anyone who might be affected by the construction will know about it ahead of time.

Discussion of the 3 bridges project brought up discussion concerning the closing of the Springwater Corridor Trail behind the Eastmoreland Racket Club. Dorothy Snowhill, Landuse, spoke with Officer Jeff Nelson, and he stated that the police have been more than helpful in patrolling this section of the trail. It was determined that Officer Nelson, the S.E. Uplift Land Use Planner, and Les Wilkins should bring ideas to the next meeting to see what can be done to ensure that this vital pathway through our neighborhood remains open for everyone to use.

Scott and George ended their report of the 3 bridges project by discussing the color chosen for the new bridge across McLouglin Blvd. They provided pictures for the attending neighbors that showed what the bridge would look like in the different colors (grey, orange, green). It had been determined that even though the hawthorne green color had been chosen by more people, the "golden-gate orange" color was visually more appealing and easily the most visible of all the colors.

Scott and George thanked the attending neighbors for their time before they excused themselves from the meeting, and the neighbors thanked them for their report.

Website Discussion: MaryAnn Colgrove, At-Large Representative

MaryAnn reported what she had found on other neighborhood websites to give our neighborhood ideas for their own. She found that the most common website is to have a neighborhood link which has a database of where your neighborhood is and includes local links to police/fire/government/schools/etc. The Buckman neighborhood uses this, but MaryAnn found that this type of site cannot easily post many pictures.

MaryAnn also found that an independent website, such as the one used by the Brooklyn neighborhood, can do more with pictures and can do more than what the city website can give neighborhoods. The cost is \$35 per year to keep an independent website.

MaryAnn also reported that the blog website that the Llewelling neighborhood uses will allow people to go into the page, enter data, and then post it on the website. It will allow people to respond to what is posted. It was felt that if it is posted "they will come".

People stated that on our neighborhood website they would like to put up pictures, post minutes, have a calendar of events, oral histories of the neighborhood, post land use notices, have links to the Ardenwald School website and links to other neighborhoods.

It was discussed that instead of funneling all this information through one person, it should be a 2 or 3 person committee, or a combination of officers who should edit the web page for content. It was determined that MaryAnn would look into options and report her findings at the next meeting.

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 helped Donna move half of the compost material onto the western side of the tiered retaining walls earlier this summer. Donna and Lisa determined that they would move the second part of the compost onto the eastern side of the retaining walls when the weather gets cooler, and plant the beds in the fall. Lindsey, Paul Shirey's stand-in, 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. She said she would check on this and get back to us. Susan Stone talked briefly about the refurbishing and repair of the entrance sign by Providence Hospital, and the cost of posting another sign. She recommended that the sign be placed first, and then planted around to make sure it would be visible. She felt that the lowest terrace would be best. Carlotta said she would contact Donna to find out more about the plan for planting this fall.

Neighborhood Association Bylaws: Carlotta Collette, Neighborhood Chair

Carlotta presented the proposed revisions to the Ardenwald/JCB Standard Bylaws to be voted on by the attending neighbors at this meeting.

- 1) The first proposed change to the NDA Standard Bylaws would require that NDA members live, own property, and/or operate a business in the City of Milwaukie for at least 6 months before being eligible to hold an NDA Leadership position.
- 2) The second proposed revision to the NDA Standard Bylaws is meant to allow each NDA to hold a special election at any time should one of the officers need to step down or take a leave of absence.

These proposed revisions were unanimously approved with no members present abstaining or recusing.

Grant Proposals: Carlotta Collette, Neighborhood Chair

Carlotta stated that the submission deadline for upcoming grants is September 24th. Sherri Campbell said that she would prepare and submit the walk to school day grant and the summer reading program grant. Carlotta said that she would prepare and submit the sign refurbishing and repair grant and the sign posting grant for the new garden bed. She said she would also prepare the pajama night grant and the Christmas Party grant. Joe Campbell, Treasurer, asked that everyone submit their time donations and any receipts for past events by September 24th. Lori and Susie, representing the PTO, thanked attending neighbors for the art project grant this past summer. They said it made a big difference in the lives of all the children who participated in the event. Sherri and Carlotta discussed the possibility of having the Oregonian or the Clackamas Review write articles about the summer art program. Lisa Gunion-Rinker discussed the possibility of having a mass mailing to our neighborhood with a calendar of upcoming events and issues in our neighborhood. Carlotta thought this would be a great way to reach all the neighbors and include webpage information once we have it up and running. She said she would discuss the possibility of a neighborhood wide mailing with Grady.

Land Use Report: Les Wilkins and Dorothy Snowhill, Land Use Representatives

Les and Dorothy reported on the houses that they reviewed as land use representatives, and found that several of them under construction on, 28th Street, S.E. Hill, and 42nd and Cobalt Streets were not in our neighborhood. They discussed the saving of the 4 Douglas Fir trees on 40th and King, and Carlotta praised them for their hard work. If it had not been for their concentrated efforts and their expertise in this area, things may have turned out differently! They also again briefly discussed the Eastmoreland Racket Club and the threatened closure of the Springwater Corridor Trail. Les next reported about the area on Oak Street and Myrtle Street across from the Milwaukie Market Place. Greymore Development is proposing to change the zoning of this block and make it commercial. Neighbors have received notification about this change and the city is currently taking public testimony. One meeting has already been held. Dorothy reported on Providence Hospital. She had recently found that not only was a Chaplain in the basement of the building Providence is using as their Call Center facility, but a new safety director has also moved into this building. Providence wants to have their conditional use permit changed to a blanket approval. Dorothy has talked briefly with John Geussner about this matter and also plans to talk to Renee King. Her concern is that the hospital wants to change the zoning. Other questions about houses in the neighborhood, double lots, and what is occurring at the old lumber site on 32nd were answered by Les, Dorothy, and Lindsey.

Carlotta gave special thanks to everyone for lending their thoughts and support to Lily Moore who is at the OddFellows on Holgate recovering from a broken hip. Please send your well wishes!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.

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