

## **Ardenwald/Johnson Creek Boulevard (JCB) Neighborhood Association Minutes for 10/12/04**

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Carlotta Collette, Neighborhood Association President, with 25 people present including: Sherri Campbell, Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Joe Campbell, Carlotta Collette, Dorothy Snowhill, Paul Shirey, Nancy Matich, Jacob Brostoff (SEUL), Dave Mayfield, Marianne Colgrove, Officer Kevin Krebs, Marten and Cindy Wilkins, Tom Bowman, Carol and Les Wilkins, Martha Schrader, Keith Kinsman, Tawnya Eggiman, Jim Whiteman, Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno, Vivian and Pat Heally, Officer Jeff Nelson, and Rose Thomas-Jones.

Carlotta called on Officer Krebs to present this months report.

### **Officer Krebs Report:**

Offier Krebs gave his report to the attending neighbors. He stated that the Milwaukie side of the Ardenwald/JCB neighborhood has been very quiet this month in comparison to this past summer with only 2 incidents to report. The incidents were a stolen vehicle and a noise disturbance.

Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno reported to Officer Krebs that on the way to the meeting she had seen a clean cut man acting peculiarly and had called it in to the police. She stated that he was moving awkwardly as if he were having a medical difficulty or some kind of hallucination.

Marten Wilkins and Lisa Gunion-Rinker reported to Officer Krebs that there has been suspicious activity on their street that may be drug related. Officer Krebs was appraised of the activity and stated that he would check into this incident.

Nancy Matich reported that she had had her purse stolen, and asked both Officer Krebs and Officer Nelson if they would advise her of what needed to be done to prevent identity theft in this situation. Tawnya Eggiman stated that she had had her purse stolen before, and had all the contact information that Nancy would need. Tawnya stated that the most important thing Nancy should do first is to report the theft to the 3 major credit reporting agencies, and request that a hold be placed on any new or existing credit accounts that might be in her name. Nancy stated that she would get the information from Tawnya after the meeting.

Carlotta reported to Officer Krebs that our newly refurbished Ardenwald Neighborhood sign on 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and the metal post supporting it had been smashed by a drunk driver last week. She asked that local officers be on the lookout for any vehicle damaged in the front with gold foil on the bumper.

### **Officer Nelsons Report:**

Officer Nelson then gave his report to the attending neighbors. He stated that the Portland side of the Ardenwald/JCB neighborhood has also been very quiet with only 2 incidents to report this past month. The incidents were a burglary and a theft from a vehicle. Officer Nelson informed the neighborhood that while crime was down in the

Ardenwald/JCB neighborhood, it was increasing in the Eastmoreland neighborhood. He stated that in the past month Eastmoreland has had 4-5 burglaries and 10 car prowls.

Discussion about crime brought up the issue of the Springwater Corridor Trail and the new gate that has been installed at the driveway to the Eastmoreland Racket Club by Terri Emmert. Officer Nelson stated that health club parking lots are going to see more crime because criminals know that people are usually going to exercise right after work, and that many people will leave items of value in their car. Officer Nelson stated that many health clubs in the area hire their own parking lot security guard whose sole duty is to patrol the parking lot for suspicious activity. Concerns were raised about the closing of the gate and the public losing the accessibility of the trail until the 3 Bridges Project is completed in 2006. Several neighbors recommended that an attorney be consulted because of the precedent that closing the gate would set. There was also discussion concerning the possibility of the City of Portland gaining an easement across this property until the 3 Bridges Project was completed. Jacob Brostoff and Carlotta said they would check into this possibility. Cheryl stated that this could be an opportunity for our neighborhood to get more involved. She proposed that Ardenwald/JCB neighbors start patrolling the Tideman-Johnson Park, and the section of the Springwater Corridor Trail that is in our neighborhood for mischief and garbage clean-up.

**The Clearwater Project:** Martha Schrader, Clackamas County Commissioner,

Commissioner Schrader attended the Ardenwald/JCB neighborhood meeting to discuss the Clearwater Project. She gave a brief synopsis of the projects history and what the project would entail.

She stated that in 2003, Clackamas County Service District No. 1, Oak Lodge Sanitary District, and Tri-City Service District launched a Wastewater Treatment Options Study to determine the best possible course of action for the future of wastewater treatment in Clackamas County. Five options were evaluated, and a preferred alternative for a regional system emerged. The Clearwater Project, as it is now known, will tentatively include:

- The Tri-City Water Pollution Control Plant in Oregon City would be expanded.
- The treatment plants at Oak Lodge and Kellogg Creek would be taken out of service.
- A landfill on the Tri-City property would be cleaned up and could be redeveloped into baseball and sports/soccer fields.
- New landscaping would be put in place throughout the property, and the Trolley Trail could be developed as part of the transmission corridor.
- The City of Milwaukie would have new waterfront space to move ahead with redevelopment.
- The Oak Grove community would have additional Willamette River waterfront residential property available for development and/or expansion of the River Villa Park.

Commissioner Schrader stated that this plan benefited many Clackamas County communities, and that input from residents in these cities is currently being collected. She stated that she did know that residents who use the Oak Lodge facility feel that it currently has good capacity and are worried about the increased cost of this plan. She stated to the Ardenwald/JCB neighbors that the increased cost of the current plan would be gradual over a 20-30 year period. She also stated that the alternative plan to keep the Oak Lodge and Kellogg Creek sites running, would not be cost-effective because

long-term rates will be higher to off-set the increased costs of mandatory upgrades to outdated existing equipment.

The question of who would own the waterfront property was discussed, and it was hoped that Clackamas County Commissioners would work out a partial maintenance agreement with the City of Milwaukie. Les Wilkins, who attended one of the open-house meetings for the Clearwater Plan, stated that he needed to see more specifics on the projected cost of the proposed plan, and the proposed rates for various plans projected for the next 30 years. He stated that this would give all citizens a better idea of the actual cost. Commissioner Schrader stated that capital costs are hard to project because of population growth. She stated that currently Clackamas County has 370,000 people residing in it, but that right now the county is actually adding 16 people per day to it's population. This could change at any time, but it is the standard growth that the county is currently seeing. She thanked Les for his input, and said she would see what she could do about getting projected figures for the cost of the plan out to the public.

The question of how the plan would be paid for was discussed, and further questions were considered by the neighbors present at the meeting. There really weren't any answers for these questions, but Commissioner Schrader was glad that people in City of Milwaukie were thinking about the various issues. (e.g., If the cost would come out of rate payers pockets, how would it be fairly divided? This plan would have great benefit to some of the communities, and not as great a benefit for other communities of the region. Will rate payers in the areas that benefit see increased cost in comparison to other areas that do not benefit? What will it mean to the county if this plan doesn't happen? What will the expenses, both environmental and economic, be to future generations of Clackamas County residents if it does fail?) Les Wilkins asked if anyone knew if the soil at the Milwaukie Kellogg Creek Treatment plant site had been tested or not before the plant was placed on the Willamette? His concern was that the Department for Environmental Quality (DEQ) may have issues with this site for future uses.

In conclusion, Commissioner Schrader thanked all the neighbors attending the meeting for their time and their input, and stated that at the beginning of 2005, the Clackamas County Commissioners will determine which plan is most beneficial to the area.

\*To have your input heard, log onto the WES website at [www.co.clackamas.or.us/wes/wwtos/htm](http://www.co.clackamas.or.us/wes/wwtos/htm) or contact Hilda Stevens, Community Relations Specialist for WES, at 503-353-4561 or via email at [HildaSte@co.clackamas.or.us](mailto:HildaSte@co.clackamas.or.us).

### **Ledding Library, Libraries in Clackamas County: Measure 3-152: Pat Heally**

Pat and Vivian Heally attended the Ardenwald/JCB neighborhood meeting to discuss the importance of the libraries in Clackamas County and the measure that will be on the Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot. Specifically Pat is concerned that if the measure is not passed, libraries, including our own Ledding Library, will lose hours, books, and staff. Currently the checkout of items from Clackamas County libraries is around 5.8 million. This has more than doubled in the last 10 years, and the children's summer reading program has more than doubled its attendance as well. Pat stated that in tough economic times, libraries are needed more than ever. He stated that the measure would cost about \$4.83 per month. If you go to your local video store you will pay more than that for renting two movies for just two nights. With your \$4.83 investment in Clackamas libraries, you will

be able to checkout not only movies for a month, but books, journals, and other media as well. It's a wise investment considering both the time and the monetary aspects! Neighbors attending the meeting were very supportive of the measure.

In conclusion, Pat and Vivian thanked everyone attending the meeting for their time, and reminded them to vote on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**SMART Volunteers Needed:** Rose Thomas-Jones, volunteer

Rose announced that volunteers are needed to read with students in the SMART program for one hour a week during regular school hours. She stated that Thursday is the day that needs to be filled the most. If you have time to volunteer and read with a student, please contact Rose at 503-786-3600.

**Public Safety Advisory Committee:** Carlotta Collette

Carlotta announced that the Public Safety Advisory Committee currently has a volunteer position open. The committee meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month for 2 hours concerning all issues of public safety. Cheryl Ausman-Moreno voiced interest in this committee, but stated that she would have to think about it a bit more before committing to volunteer.

**Southeast Uplift Retreat Update:** Jacob Brostoff, SEUL (Southeast Uplift) Liason

Carlotta introduced Jacob Brostoff to the attending neighbors at the meeting. Jacob is a city planner by education and is here as a resource for our neighborhood from SEUL. Back on September 18<sup>th</sup>, SEUL held a retreat at Carlotta's house. Neighbors identified a host of transportation management measures that they want more aggressively implemented throughout the coalition. These measures included: **traffic calming, improvements to the pedestrian and bicycle networks, and stricter enforcement of traffic laws.** It was determined by all who attended that traffic and transportation management were the most important issues currently facing our neighborhood. Jacob explained that each year SEUL picks a project to work on. Last year, SEUL's achieved project was securing funding for a Community Center. In November SEUL will meet again and decide priorities for next year. Based on the feedback from neighborhood agendas priorities could include:

- increasing funding for projects and enforcement
- qualifying new projects for funding
- accelerating the funding on planned projects
- creating new programs
- a package of "neighborhood traffic" projects including some combination of project money and enforcement resources

Sherrie Campbell suggested that the City of Milwaukie should include a note in the Pilot each month to raise the public's awareness. She suggested that in the June Pilot have an article about pedestrian safety; in July have an article about bicycle safety; in August have an article about hiking safety; September Pilot have an article about safety and children going back to school; in the October Pilot have an article about night driving and safety; November have an article about seatbelt safety; December have an article about

drunk driving; January have an article about driving in adverse weather conditions; etc... Sherrie feels that if people in our community are thinking more about these issues they have a greater chance to prevent their occurrence.

Jacob stated that there were other issues raised by the SEUL neighborhoods. Close behind the key issue of traffic and transportation management were: 1) working on the design issues related to in-fill structures or how to make new housing more compatible with existing homes; and 2) Supporting community business.

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

Les and Dorothy reported on the 40<sup>th</sup> and King Road site and the saving of the 4 large fir trees. Neighborhood leaders will meet with arborists on October 13<sup>th</sup> and the roots will be uncovered. Any roots near the surface will be cut in a manner that will preserve the life of the trees, but everyone is hoping that no big roots will be near the surface.

Les and Dorothy reported on the Providence Hospital issue concerning the conditional use changes of the building located at 10263 SE 36<sup>th</sup> Ave. Currently this building has been approved as an alcohol treatment center. The hospital is requesting that the hours of use be changed from 8am to 6pm to 7am to 6pm, and that the use of the building will be to permit any accessory administrative office function as long as the hospital continues to comply with the conditions of approval. Les and Dorothy are concerned as the conditional use changes would set a precedent and allow more varied use of the R-7 zoned house. The community services organization (CSO) will not allow the use of this house in this way. A CSO officer could vote to keep the house under the existing agreement. Dorothy asked the neighbors attending the meeting if they felt that this issue should go before the city planning commission or have the Providence Milwaukie Hospital staff make the decision. Sherrie Campbell made the motion that the Ardenwald/JCB Neighborhood Association vote to place this issue before the City of Milwaukie Planning Commission. Marianne Colgrove seconded this motion. This motion was unanimously approved with no members present abstaining or recusing.

Les and Dorothy reported on the huge redwood trees located on 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave and N. Westerly. Due to more construction in this area these trees may be in danger of being cut down. Les has already looked at the trees, and is in the process of finding out how Portland handled saving the trees along McLoughlin Blvd. He knows that they root trimmed and fertilized the trees ahead of time to ensure that they would have no problem surviving. Les spoke with the owner who is willing to have the proposed sidewalk liened on his property to ensure that the trees are saved.

**Miscellaneous Discussion:** Carlotta Collette, Neighborhood Chair

Carlotta brought up discussion concerning a house in the floodplain area of Johnson Creek, and the possibility of restoring more green space. It is up for sale, and Carlotta said that Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) would be interested in buying this house and then having the house torn down and the Johnson Creek watershed area restored. Every time the area floods federal emergency dollars are spent on restoring or rebuilding homes in areas like these. There are currently 4 houses in this area, and three of them are currently occupied. The one that is being looked at was burned in a fire and is not occupied.

Sherrie Campbell and Carlotta stated that we missed national walk to school day. Another time and date will be set with Ardenwald School for our neighborhood to participate.

Carlotta reminded neighbors about having a plant exchange later in the month of November, after the elections, and that she would check with Donna Lomnicki about a date and time for planting the terraces on Donna's property by JCB.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

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