

Ardenwald/Johnson Creek Boulevard (JCB) Neighborhood Association Minutes for 12/14/04

This month our neighborhood meeting was much less formal as we celebrated our Neighborhood holiday party. It was a potluck celebration and everyone brought food for the festivities! Our neighborhood also stepped up their activities for neighborhood families in need this holiday season and with the generous support of many people in the community were able to make 10 families holidays a little brighter. Before the meeting was called to order Carlotta Collette, our neighborhood chair, welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for their time and hard work in the Ardenwald/JCB Neighborhood this past year.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm by Carlotta Collette, Neighborhood Association President, with approximately 25 people present including: Sherri Campbell, Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Joe Campbell, Matt Rinker, Carlotta Collette, Dorothy Snowhill, Les and Carol Wilkins, Marten and Cindy Wilkins, Kathy Lehman, Virginia Matich, Nancy Matich, Jason Wachs, Linda Williams, Jemilla Hart, Marianne Colgrove, Officer Kevin Krebs, Susan Stone, Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno, Jeff and Chris Davies, Officer Sean Harris, Sgt. Robbie Greys, and Chief of Police Larry Kanzler.

Everyone filled their plates and Carlotta called on Officer Krebs to present this months report.

Officer Krebs' Report:

Officer Krebs gave his report to the attending neighbors. He stated that the Milwaukie side of the Ardenwald/JCB neighborhood has been more active this past month with several events to report. There were four thefts in the neighborhood - these thefts were mainly from cars and not from houses in the neighborhood. There was one noise complaint, and one case of fraud where a father was using his daughter's identity. Four cases of criminal mischief - most of these being graffiti tags at the hospital and such areas. One abandoned car in the Hillside Housing area, and two motor vehicle thefts near Willow Court apartments.

Neighbors asked questions concerning some of the events and there was discussion about what suspicious activity to be aware of and what numbers to call if you think something or someone suspicious is happening. Officer Krebs stated that neighbors should be safe, and not put themselves in harms way, but that they should always call the police if they have any question about something that is happening. Be alert! If you see someone acting suspiciously call the non-emergency police number and let them know about any suspicious activity in your neighborhood.

Officer Harris' Report:

Officer Sean Harris, replacing Officer Nelson as our Ptd. Police liaison, attended the neighborhood meeting this month and reported on the McLoughlin area and transient camps down by Johnson Creek. He said it was relatively quiet, but that he did not have any handouts for tonight's meeting. Many of the neighbors voiced concerns about walking the Springwater Trail and the Tideman-Johnson Park trails. Some neighbors

reported strange people in the area, and that these people look off to the sides, but don't look like transients. It was thought by some neighbors that they were there to do a drug deal or something similar to that.

Chief of Police Larry Kanzler:

Chief Kanzler gave a report on the Portland Police Bureau Data System. He explained how using a system like this one could get Milwaukie Police Officer's much better results. The system actually has a crime-mapper that gives crime stats for neighborhoods that officers may be working in. He stated that the mapping for the City of Milwaukie will be completed in the next couple of weeks and that the crime-mapper will then show both the City of Portland and the City of Milwaukie. This will be extremely useful to officers as they will now be able to check a daily report for the area they will be working in. Currently data entry is approximately 2 to 3 months behind which causes a huge disconnect for Milwaukie Police. When the system is completely in place in the next 18 months there will be a big change as officers will be able to map out the area they are patrolling during their shift.

Chief Kanzler gave a report on a recent event showing the competency of the Milwaukie Police. A police officer caught someone speeding using radar. When he spoke to the individual driving the car the officer found that the car was not insured. This meant that the car must be towed, and a citation is normally written for an uninsured motor vehicle. Current regulations require that an inventory of the care be performed before the car is towed. The officer found a loaded handgun, drugs, and \$3,000 in cash. The individual was a suspect in 4 bank robberies in Washington State. The individual was turned over to the FBI for questioning. Chief Kanzler stated that this sort of event will be made much easier with the new crime-mapper system.

Update on Hillside Housing Arts Grant:

Jemilla Hart reported on the Hillside Housing art grant from the Ardenwald/JCB Neighborhood Association. Jemilla stated that the grant paid for all the art supplies for 6 artists to come and teach classes to people of all ages. Actors also came to teach, and a play was put together about the community. Jemilla shared pictures of the September event and thanked everyone at the meeting for their support of this wonderful event!

Points of Light;

Carlotta Collette, Neighborhood Chair, thanked many of the neighbors in attendance for their hard work this past year, by awarding them with candles acknowledging them as points of light in the community. Candles were given to Joe & Sherri Campbell for their endless work in the neighborhood, Les Wilkins & Dorothy Snowhill for their tremendous skill in the land use issues of our neighborhood, Officer Krebs, Chief Kanzler, and Sean Harris, for their dedication to keeping our neighborhood safe, Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno for her dedication and "know how" in helping people in the community, Kathy Lehman for helping the neighborhood focus on children's and families' needs in the community, Cindy & Marten Wilkins and Lisa & Matt Rinker for all their hard work at all the events this past year, and Chris who is always there to lend a hand from digging plants to setting up for the concerts in the Park this summer. Sherri Campbell reminded Carlotta herself that she was also a point of light for this neighborhood and everyone gave a

round of applause for our most capable neighborhood chair and new Milwaukie City Council Member.

Announcements:

Carlotta gave an announcement concerning the upcoming open house on the sidewalk and street repair of 42nd street tomorrow night, 12/15/04 here at the Ardenwald School Cafeteria from 6 to 8 pm. Paul Shirey will be on hand to explain the repair and ask for public comment to see if many of the big trees on this street can be saved.

Carlotta gave another announcement concerning the excursion planned on 12/18/04 at 10:00am to view the area where the changes would take place in the Tideman-Johnson Park. Anyone who would like to attend this excursion is welcome to come and get a better understanding of the design for Johnson Creek where it flows through the Tideman-Johnson Park. A good meeting place for those who would like to attend would be at 45th and JCB near the restroom area in the parking lot for the Springwater Corridor Trail. Also, after this excursion is completed, homeowner Norm Scott has invited everyone over to view the area he would like to divide and build on at 28th and Van Water Street. He attended the November neighborhood meeting to discuss dividing his property to add five buildings and to donate a ½ acre of his land as wetlands space.

Carlotta asked Les and Dorothy if they had any quick updates for land use in the neighborhood. Les stated that the trees on 40th & King Rd had a sidewalk paved around them instead of pavers as was previously discussed. The decision was made by the city engineers with an arborist present. It was determined that if it looks like there are any problems caused by the sidewalk, it will be fixed, but since the tree roots are so deep and there are no surface roots currently, it was determined that this was appropriate. Les & Dorothy stated that they had been out to view the Scott property at 28th Place. Les stated that the neighborhood needs to think to the future about what kind of portal will be needed from our neighborhood onto the Springwater Corridor Trail at this juncture. There was discussion about a gate or entrance area, lighting for the area, parking, and etc. that needs to be implemented. Once the 3 Bridges Project is complete neighbors at the meeting thought that crime in the area may go down because of increased usage. It was also discussed about having the wetlands area be a nice stopping or viewing area for bicyclists, joggers, and walkers.

Carlotta called on Cheryl for an update on needy families in our area, and there was discussion about what we could do year round to get some of these families involved in a service exchange program that is a self-help system that keeps pride intact and gives people a hand up and not a hand out.

Carlotta brought up grants for this quarter and it appears that the signs for the neighborhood - costing roughly \$500 - \$550 - will be put on a grant for this quarter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!!

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