

Ardenwald/Johnson Creek (JC) Neighborhood Association Minutes for 04/12/05

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:36pm by Carlotta Collette, Neighborhood Association President, with 15 people present including: Sherri Campbell, Joe Campbell, Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Carlotta Collette, Officer Kevin Krebs (Milwaukie), Paul Shirey, Nancy Matich, Kristen Wiener (SEUL), Marianne Colgrove, Carol Wilkins, Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno, Lori Hauskins, Jim Whitman, Scott Hale, and Jon Holladay (*Dorothy Snowhill, Land-Use Representative, and Les Wilkins, Land-Use Representative, were unable to attend tonight's meeting as they were asked to attend a planning commission meeting.*)

Carlotta called on Officer Krebs to present his Ardenwald/JC crime report.

Officer Krebs' Report:

Officer Krebs had a small number of crimes to report to the attending neighbors. First Officer Krebs handed out the March crime statistics for our neighborhood. Last month there was one case of identity theft fraud up near Van Water and 32nd Street, 2 thefts, and one abandoned vehicle report. One of the thefts was a stolen vehicle. He was glad to report a very quiet month for our neighborhood.

In conclusion, Officer Krebs gave an update on the Willow Court apartment complex near 32nd and Malcolm Streets. Officer Krebs stated that one resident who has been responsible for stolen cars and other problems will be evicted from the complex hopefully cleaning up the area a bit. Methamphetamine was found at the resident's apartment, and it was determined that the resident was a user and not a dealer, but that many people who visit this individual have police records and are known to be trouble by the police. Attending neighbors discussed the difference between the tenants of Hillside and the tenants of Willow Ct., and the more stringent rules that Hillside residents must follow to be able to live there.

One of the attending neighbors asked Officer Krebs about the vehicle/driver who crashed into the Antique Mall Building on McLoughlin Blvd. Apparently a sedan heading southbound on McLoughlin careened into the building last Monday night. The driver fled the scene of the accident leading people to believe that the vehicle was stolen. Officer Krebs did not have any information concerning this incident.

Another attending neighbor asked why it appeared that some crimes in our neighborhood do not appear on our monthly report. An individual who is friends with the owner of the pet store down on 32nd and Harrison said the owner has had their store broken into 3 times. Officer Krebs stated that he was not aware of this, and will determine if this report was included in the Hector-Campbell Neighborhood crime report. He also stated that depending on how the crime was reported to the police may also determine why it was not on this current map.

Officer Nelson's Report:

Officer Nelson was not present at this months neighborhood meeting.

South East Uplift Report: Kristen Wiener, SEUL Liaison

Kristen greeted the attending neighbors at the meeting and brought forward discussion concerning the rewriting of the Ardenwald/JC neighborhood boundaries. It was determined that there is an overlap in our boundaries that will be shared with Woodstock, and Eastmoreland Neighborhoods. This territory is from Harney to Crystal Springs Road and 39th to 45th Streets. This area is a shared area by all three neighborhoods. The current by-law wording is, “**need exact wording from Kristen**”. The new by-law wording is, “**need exact wording from Kristen**”. All attending neighbors voted to approve the new by-law wording.

Kristen also informed the attending neighbors about upcoming events and learning opportunities sponsored by SEUL.

- 1) Coming up on April 20th there will be a learning seminar entitled, “Making City Hall Work for You”. This seminar will run from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Capital Room in the Senior Center located at 7688 SW Capitol Hwy Multnomah Center. For more information and to register for this seminar please contact Art Hendricks at 503-823-3048, ahendricks@ci.portland.or.us or Brian Hoop at 503-823-3075, bhoop@ci.portland.or.us
- 2) Coming up on April 28th there will be a learning seminar entitled, “Organizing BIG Neighborhood Events”. This seminar will run from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Historic Kenton Firehouse located at 8105 N. Brandon Ave. at Schofield. For more information and to register for this seminar please contact Art Hendricks at 503-823-3048, ahendricks@ci.portland.or.us or Brian Hoop at 503-823-3075, bhoop@ci.portland.or.us.
- 3) Coming up on May 11th at the Laurelhurst Theater attend a neighborhood fundraiser for SEUL. Have dinner and watch some great independent films. The Laurelhurst Theater is donating 50% of the evenings concession sales to SEUL. Admission to the theater is \$3. The Laurelhurst Theater is located on E. Burnside and N.E. 28th.
- 4) Coming up on June 12th there will be a benefit for SEUL from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at It’s a Beautiful Pizza located at 3341 SE Belmont. Admission to the event is a \$5 to \$10 sliding scale. Children are free! Samusson & Tomassi, post-industrial folk musicians, will be playing original music about our Portland community. The first 30 people will get a free slice of pizza!

Ardenwald Elementary School Plant Sale: Lori Hauskins, PTO Representative

Lori handed out plant sale forms for attending neighbors at the meeting. She explained that this plant sale typically raises around \$1200 for the school. If you order plants, please write “Neighborhood Asso.” at the top, and these plants will be handed out on the day of the garden tour instead of on May 12th. Lori stated that the forms must be filled out and handed in to her by April 19th! Lori can be reached at 503-653-6833 if you have any questions or would like to place an order! To see many of the fundraiser plants go to: newleafgreenhouse.com

Neighborhood Clean-up Day Event: Sherri Campbell, Vice Chair

The Ardenwald/JC Neighborhood Clean-up day will be on May 7th from 8:30am to 1:30pm. It will be held at the Ardenwald Elementary School located at 8950 SE 36th Street. Vehicles will be asked to line up facing east on Wake Street as in past years.

Hazardous materials, including paint, batteries, fertilizers, etc., will NOT be accepted at the clean-up day event. The Household Hazardous Waste Facilities in Northwest Portland and Oregon City are equipped to accept hazardous materials at no cost. Please save your household hazardous waste for a trip to one of these facilities.

The following fee scale will be followed on the day of the event:

Unmounted Tires	\$1.50
Carload	\$2.00
Station wagon	\$2.00
Small/Short bed Pick-Up	\$5.00
Small Trailer	\$5.00
Large Trailer	\$6.00
Standard Size Pick-Up	\$6.00
Large Truck	\$8.00

The following materials will also NOT be accepted: kitchen garbage, liquids, motor oil, mounted tires, car bodies, asbestos, animal wastes, drums, sod, dirt, stumps, rock, concrete, commercial waste, industrial waste, and large appliances. The waste haulers and your neighbors will do their best, but if some item is too heavy to lift or not appropriate, it may be refused.

Discussion about recycling computer parts was brought up at the meeting and a neighbor in attendance, Jon Holladay, stated that he would be interested in recycling old, used computer parts and their connecting equipment such as monitors, printers, and scanners. He will attend the event and have a truck specifically for computers and their connecting components.

This year we will have Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts on hand to help answer questions and greet neighbors at the event. Also, as part of the clean-up day event, we are looking into having compost bins available to give away to neighbors. Marianne Colgrove will contact Metro and find out if this is possible, and what we need to do.

Discussion about providing a nice outdoor garbage can for the school was also brought up, and Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno suggested that we speak with the Clackamas Park & Recreation group about this idea.

If you would like to volunteer to help on the day of the event, come join your neighbors and just show up around 8:00am at the back of the Ardenwald School with sturdy gloves, shoes, and clothes you don't mind getting dirty or snagged. There will be breakfast snacks, soda, and pizza will be provided for those who stay and help into the lunch hour.

Neighborhood Website Update/Presentation: Marianne Colgrove, Ardenwald/JC At Large Representative

Marianne announced that our website name, www.ardenwald.org, has been purchased for the next 2 years at a price of \$17.00. She stated that the website will be up and running in time for the garden tour, and she will be busy posting a calendar of upcoming events on the website. Cheryl will be helping her with the calendar listings.

Neighborhood Garden Tour: Carlotta Collette, Neighborhood Chair, and Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Neighborhood Secretary

Carlotta and Lisa updated the attending neighbors on the garden tour to date. The volunteers working on setting up the garden tour have met four times so far. At the last meeting, 4/6/05, the volunteers went on a field trip and met all the gardeners and walked the garden tour route. It took the team 2 and ½ hours to complete the walk, and that was going pretty quickly. The team was tremendously impressed with all the lovely gardens we viewed and decided that this was really a secret garden tour, because you would never suspect that any of these gardens existed from the sidewalk. The tour will be on Saturday May 14th from 10:00am - 4:00pm, and it will be a fundraiser for the Ardenwald After School program.

So far 7 gardeners have agreed to participate in having their gardens open for the event, and they will be on hand to answer questions and talk about their gardens. The gardeners are: Elise Albert, her garden was featured last year in the Oregonian's Home and Garden Section, Jean Johnson, her garden has been featured in Better Homes and Gardens, Carlotta Collette, has a large woodland garden along with perennial and vegetable gardens, Steve Johnson, PSU is in the process of developing a medallion garden on Steve's property, and Steve has confirmed that he will give a conservation talk about Johnson Creek and the importance of using native plants in your garden, Susan Demarest, and her lovely perennial garden, and Charlotte Rhyne and her alpine rock garden and raised perennial beds. Chris Davis has also confirmed that she would love to have her yard and garden be a part of the tour.

The team is working on finishing up the details and new flyers are in the process of being generated to place around the Milwaukie/Selwood area. Carlotta has received the information for the brochure and will be working on a mockup of the brochure with descriptions of the gardens by the gardeners, a map with their location, and information about notable plants will be given to people interested in attending the tour. Cheryl has found t-shirts for volunteers to wear on the day of the event and is having our neighborhood logo put on them. Daffodil yellow is the color chosen to go with the spring theme of the garden tour. The team decided to make things easier and will now have balloons and laminated signs that match the color of the shirts and the flyers. The signs will be plain and have arrows directing "garden tourees" to the gardens, and the gardens themselves will have signs with the address on the sign and the number listed on the garden brochure and balloons attached to the signs.

*At the meeting it was suggested by Carol Wilkins that we call the Mike Darcy show and ask to be placed on their calendar as well.

Erroll Heights Park Update: Marianne Colgrove, At-Large-Member

Marianne updated the attending neighbors about the 12 acre property that was donated by two families, the Schnabels and the Lemskes. The families donated the land to form the Erroll Heights Park, and currently meetings are being conducted to discern what kind of park this should be. The property is located between Harney, 45th and 52nd Streets. (It is behind the Frantz bakery outlet that many people see from the road.) The board will then forward their idea for the park onto the Portland Parks Bureau. Many feel it that as it is part of the Johnson Creek Watershed, that it should be treated as a natural area or park.

Currently the property has a dam that make 3 large pond areas as the Erroll Creek Springs flow in. The dam is under debate as some view that it should be removed and others view the structure as something with historical significance. There will be a public open house at the Brentwood-Darlington Building on Saturday April 30th from 9:00am to noon. There will be discussion concerning putting a playground on the upper flat level of land, the removal of the dam, how to safely cross the road to get to the park, and discussion concerning the focus of the history of the park (i.e., the families history vs. the Native American history or both). Volunteers have a plant and clean-up of the area once a month, and have made great strides in removing invasives and letting the native plants flourish. For more information about the open house or to get involved with the park clean-up, contact Marianne at: mcolgrov@imap.reed.edu

Announcements: Carlotta Collette, Chair of Ardenwald/JC Neighborhood Asso.

- 1) A volunteer recognition event is scheduled on April 19th at 5:30pm at City Hall, and will be held to honor volunteer nominees. Pictures will be taken between 5:30pm and 6:00pm.
- 2) The Springwater Corridor Trail Three Bridges Project has begun. The three bridges themselves are currently under construction off-site and are scheduled for completion in Fall 2006. During this time the contractors, Mowat Construction Company, will work on the construction of the trail so the bridges will be ready to fit into place when they are completed. Neighbors might see workers testing the soil and surveying the area in the time leading up to construction. Paul Shirey added that there was some concern for a while about the project going forward, but Tom Potter, Mayor of Portland, stepped in and said the project should be completed. Paul also added that there was concern right now for the Trolley Trail Project and that people should really pay attention to this project. He said that having a contiguous trail running along the Willamette that would connect up to the Springwater Corridor Trail would add great livability to our area, and the Clackamas County area in general.
- 3) Nancy Matich presented an announcement of the next New Century Players production, our community thespian troupe. It will be a Mystery Theatre Dinner at the Milwaukie Center on the evening of May 7th. The production is entitled "Romance Can Be Fatal", and will entail a murder that occurs at a convention of romance novelists. Dinner goers may participate in the production as it will be an audience interactive show. Cocktails will be served at 5:00pm and the dinner, prime rib & salmon, will be served at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$40 and the proceeds will go to benefit the Meals on Wheels Program. If you can't make this date, the troupe will also be performing this production at the Old McLoughlin Middle School on May 13th, May 20th, and May 27th at 7:00pm. Dinner will be prepared by culinary students and the menu will be different each week. Tickets for these events will be \$25.

**If anyone is interested in getting involved in the community theatre troupe please come to the next general meeting on Monday April 18th at the Milwaukie High School

- to the Black Box theatre. The meeting will start at 7: 00pm and all are welcome.
- 4) Carlotta discussed nominations for officers for the next term. She said that as chair she normally attends twice as many meetings because our neighborhood is partly the City of Milwaukie and partly the City of Portland. It was determined that Sherri, Lisa and Carlotta will meet to discuss this process.
 - 5) Carlotta asked about volunteers to help with the summer concerts this year. So far we have two bands: Dr. Jazz, and The Dents. There will be more about this later.
 - 6) Sherri stated that the Hector-Campbell Neighborhood has provided \$800 of grant money to join with our neighborhood for the summer reading program in July. She and Cheryl will attend the Hector-Campbell PTO meeting and brief them on the program and make sure that parents know it is every Thursday morning in July from 10:am to noon. *Maybe create flyers to hand out at the meeting.*
 - 7) Paul Shirey requested having a formal place on the neighborhood agenda each month so he can update neighbors on all the projects going on in our community. Attending neighbors agreed that this was very important. He stated that there are 2 City of Milwaukie Planning Commission meetings scheduled to discuss the North Clackamas Park project. The first will be On April 26th at the Ardenwald School at 6:30pm due to the large number of anticipated attendees. The second meeting is scheduled for May 10th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

See you in May and don't forget to volunteer at the Neighborhood Clean-Up event on May 7th!

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