

Ardenwald-Johnson Creek Neighborhood Association Minutes for 10/11/05.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by by Lisa Gunion-Rinker (Co-Chair), with 18 people present, including: Marten Wilkins, Jennifer Trask, Benne Goodson, Dana Workshop, Frazer Boergadine (Ardenwald Principal), Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno (Co-Chair), Officer Kevin Krebs (Milwaukie Police), Officer Gervais (Portland Police), Marianne Colgrove (MAL), Kristen Wiener (SEUL), Ronn Palmer (MAL), Richard Smith (Providence Milwaukie Hospital), Varie Luciano, Lin Dahl, Pat Prenger, Les & Carol Wilkins, David Aschenbrenner (Hector-Campbell Chair), Lori Hauskins (PTO representative)

Crime reports

Officer Krebs, Milwaukie Liaison, distributed map of crime activity on the Milwaukie side of Ardenwald. There has been a significant increase of activity since last month. Lots at Hillside, though one Hillside resident who was identified as a meth seller, is being evicted. Hillside is now very pro-active about evicting problem residents.

Last month, there were 4 domestic violence complaints – 2 verbal, 2 resulted in arrest (though no serious injury). Oregon has low threshold for arrests in domestic violence, and police have no discretion on whether or not to make an arrest, even if there is not physical injury.

Questions: Do you know the nature of the burglary on Olsen St.? Burglary does mean it was into the house, rather than car, but Officer Krebs does not recollect the specific circumstances. Day-time burglaries are more common than night-time. Strange phone calls, knock on doors, selling stuff, sitting in a car, can mean the house is being cased. It is good to report weird activity during the day. People selling stuff commercially have to have a license, and can get a serious ticket if they don't. Non-profits are exempt.

Ever have any cases of people posing as Jehovah's Witness or other legit door-to-door traffic? Nothing reported.

Know anything about the assault on Sherret? Recollects a fist fight, and knows it wasn't gang-related. Ardenwald doesn't have much gang activity. Milwaukie does act quickly when there is gang activity so they don't get established.

Question about middle school kid throwing a big rock at another kid. How much gets reported? How much is it a problem we should be addressing? Anger is an increasing societal problem, and we do see that in Milwaukie as well. In Oregon, 12 is considered the "age of culpability" – a child under 12 doesn't have the maturity to have "intent."

Do we need to watch out for increased car thefts? No indication that there's a pattern. Officer Krebs will look at it closely next month.

Any way to get morning traffic patrols near school? There is a staffing shortage because new staff are in training, so we don't have our usual traffic patrols. Hopefully that will improve after December.

Other reports of serious speeding problems on 40th near King. What can we do? Speed-reporting boards can be effective. Photo radar is gearing up again, though is down the road.

Discussion picked up from last month about the sign at Willow Court, warning of increased police presence.

Ronn Palmer moved that the AJC neighborhood support keeping the sign in place as a deterrent. Motion was seconded by Marten Wilkins. Motion passed unanimously.

Officer Krebs reported that Chief Kanzler has had a conversation with the expected new owner, and the sign will stay in place.

Officer Gervais, Portland: distributed a crime map for the Portland side of Ardenwald. Only two crimes reported. One issue raised about transient activity and Officer Gervais encouraged people to call and report suspicious activity.

One neighbor reported problems with porta-potty at Ardenwald Elementary being used by transients. It is supposed to be locked when sports are not going on. Neighbors were directed to contact the school office if we notice that it is not locked.

Providence Milwaukie Hospital Report, Richard Smith, Assistant Administrator

The hospital is developing an Express Testing Center, which is a consolidation of all ambulatory, outpatient services into one place. PMH has been having some space issues, and has been juggling services around, which has made it confusing and inefficient for patrons. The new center is located in old emergency room. It is designed for quick in and out service, and is located near the parking lot. Phase I was completed in 2004. Construction on phase II is underway & will be done January 2006. There will be a grand-opening – open house and blessing.

Question about new construction at Providence Portland Medical Center: It is a new cancer center, consolidating all cancer services into one nine-story building.

Community Health in Motion Initiative: Providence Hosp, North Clack School Nurses, other organizations, to provide screening services for low income kids and adults. Based on community surveys about lack of immunizations and lack of sports physicals for kids. Program includes free sports physicals, immunizations, and other screenings once a quarter at different locations. PMH tries to schedule them for times when kids at risk of not getting into school or sports. Transportation tokens can be provided. Hope to add dental screening for next event. First event was at Milwaukie High School in January, second was at Alder Creek, third at Providence-Milwaukie. February 2006 will be at Rex Putnam High School.

A question came up about how events are publicized, since some attendees had not heard of previous events. School nurses know when events are coming, and which kids are at risk. Check with school nurse or contact public relations person at Providence Milwaukie. Nurses are so short of time (part-time at each school), it might help for PMH to work with counselors as well.

Traffic discussion: Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno

In a recent traffic study on 40th between King & Harvey (conducted by Sgt. Dye), 80% of traffic was over the posted speed limit of 25mph. 60% were going over 35, some were over 70 mph. Roswell, Harvey, Olson and 42nd are problem areas too. According to Sgt. Dye, traffic monitoring stats have been typically similar to the recent 40th study.

At the neighborhood leadership meeting, traffic was again identified as the number one issue. They are looking at the possibility of sharing a SpeedCheck monitor between the neighborhoods, which can be effective at reducing speeding. Costs for various units are between \$1,000 - \$7,000. There has been a historical problem with vandalism – the City of Milwaukie lost their old system to vandalism. New

models are more vandal-proof and some models have alarms. However, it is not recommended that they be left out overnight unattended nor at one location all the time as the monitors are more effective when moved around vs used in one location for too long, and more areas could then be covered. Island Station has received a grant, and would love to get together with other neighborhoods to purchase a SpeedCheck monitor. David Aschenbrenner reported that Hector-Campbell is also interested. Perhaps if the neighborhoods purchased one or two, then the city could store the units and neighborhoods could check them out. Neighborhoods would likely need to apply for grants.

Lin Dahl moved to further investigate finances and responsibilities to get a SpeedCheck monitor.
Ronn Palmer seconded.
Motion Passed

The black & white "It's our Neighborhood, Slow Down" signs from Clackamas County can be placed in right-of-way areas (unlike other signage which must be on your own property). They are also more effective when moved around so people don't become "blind" to them and notice them when implanted enmass (this will require some orchestration and volunteers). One attendee asked Cheryl how to get slow down signs.

Weeding/Planting Work Party: Lisa Gunion-Rinker

On Sunday, October 16, 1:30 at the terraces on Johnson-Creek Blvd. (near 43rd). Bring appropriate plants and seeds to plant (terraces are sunny and dry) or share. Contact Lisa if you have questions. We will likely share some snacks at Lisa's house afterwards.

Triangle Park: David Aschenbrenner, Hector-Campbell Chair

Hector-Campbell has been maintaining a small triangle park on boundary of neighborhoods at 37th & Monroe (the park is in AJC). City owns the park (but doesn't fall under N. Clackamas management). They have the money for one park bench (from HC and boy scouts), but need money for a second one. The benches they have in mind are metal (plastic & wood are flammable) and would be installed in concrete base in pea gravel so not vulnerable to skate-boarding damage. They cost \$296 plus shipping. We will put the topic on the November agenda when the Treasurer is present.

SEUL update: Kristen Wiener

Bicycle Safety Committee advocating for safer routes to schools, linkages between bicycle and pedestrian routes. They have been meeting every other week at SEUL and interested people are invited to attend.

Today, residents testified at planning commission for better in-fill design standards. Went over very well.

SEUL is in process of hiring new land-use planner.

November 12 & 19 are planned strategic planning sessions for the SEUL board. SEUL is getting input from all the neighborhoods on strategic concerns and services SEUL could provide.

Errol Heights Park: Marianne Colgrove

The Errol Heights management plan is supposed to be completed sometime in October, but we haven't seen it yet.

Land Use: Les Wilkins

No new AJC applications on file to investigate

Oak street, houses are coming down to make room for a business mall approved about 6 months ago).

Question for Kristen – Can we get written descriptions of all the neighborhoods adjoining Ardenwald.? The city has all the boundaries for the Portland side and Kristen can get them for us. She recommends Les work with Beth Ragel on the Milwaukie boundaries.

A question arose about what's going in on old Milwaukie Lumber site. Les doesn't know, nor does the city. Owners have been working on environmental problems and putting in storm drains, but no applications have been filed.

What's going on with Safeway? According to the Sellwood Bee, construction will be underway next year and it is expected to open next spring.

Ardenwald Elementary School Update: Lori Hauskins, PTO & Fraser Boergadine , Ardenwald Principal

November 19 Winter Wonderland Crafter's bazaar proceeds to benefit school groups and Habitat for Humanity group with MHS. Ardenwald Moms Making a Difference will make crafty items to sell to benefit needy kids.

North Clackamas School District Bond Measure is being planned. Even with budget-cutting, N. Clackamas Schools are still exceeding state average on test scores. Schools are funded through combo of state income tax and property tax. This year, contingency funds were drained to prevent any more cuts for the current school year. A local option levy is only way to get money to directly support local school operating budgets, but about a year and a half ago, the local option levy failed.

The proposed bond measure is for infrastructure , the two big issues being over-crowding and aging buildings. Population growth development revenue in Oregon doesn't include school funding. Ardenwald, which was built in 1922, is in a position to benefit from the bond measure. Since the cost of renovation is more than 75% the cost to replace, it is an option for Ardenwald to be rebuilt. Ardenwald currently has 285 students, and this number would increase. The school would be built elsewhere on the property, so there would be no interruption in school. If the bond passes, work could begin next fall.

Lori and Frazer encourage community input to tell the district what they want , which would affect what the district does with the funding. Four public meetings are planned this fall, and they are seeking input on both the amount and what to spend it on. Questions– how much is being requested? That's the purpose of the public meetings, but options range from \$185 to \$240M. Are there concept plans or drawings? Not yet. More information is available at <http://www.nclack.k12.or.us> .

Approval of minutes from 9/13/05

Motion to Approve by Verai Lucianno
Seconded by Jennifer Trask
Motion Passed

Letters to Trimet: Lisa Gunion-Rinker and Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno

Cheryl & Lisa have been working on two letters to TriMet, to express continued support to improve ped, bicycle, public transit improvements. These letters were approved by the membership at the September meeting. One letter supports the "forgotten bridge" to Lake Oswego, and the other supports transit center and light rail. The forgotten bridge letter was sent around for signatures and both letters will be available at the next meeting.

The **“No Sellwood Walmart”** signs are available from Lisa Gunion-Rinker.

Marianne Colgrove moved to adjourn at 8:34pm

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