

Ardenwald-Johnson Creek Neighborhood Association Minutes for 11/8/05.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 by Lisa Gunion-Rinker (Co-Chair) with 16 people present, including: Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno (Co-Chair), Frazer Boergadine (Ardenwald Principal), Joe Campbell (Treasurer), Carlotta Colette (Milwaukie City Councilor and MAL), Marianne Colgrove (Secretary), Steve Fancher (Bureau of Environmental Services), Eric Griswald, Lori Hauskins (PTO representative), Daryl Houtman (Bureau of Environmental Services), Ronald Palmer (MAL), Paul Shirey (City of Milwaukie Liaison), Maggie Skenderian (Bureau of Environmental Services), Carol Wilkins, Les Wilkins (Land Use chair), Marten Wilkins

Portland and Milwaukie Police Reports

No police officers were in attendance

Lents Sewer Pipe Update: Steve Fancher, Daryl Houtman, Maggie Skenderian, Bureau of Environmental Services

Maggie is formally passing the project to Daryl Houtman, who is now the official PR liaison. Steve Fancher has been the project manager for about a year.

Maggie gave a brief overview of project: the Lents Interceptor sewer pipe under Johnson Creek is now exposed. It carries about 20 million gallons per day combined storm water and sewage in the winter and about 6 million gallons per day in the summer. It was built in the 20s, 5 ft below the river bottom, which has now eroded away. This has been a very complicated project, but they now believe it is on track to begin in early 2006.

Steve reported on specifics: After looking at several options, BES decided to raise the stream level and rebuild stream habitat to help slow erosion. The pipe will have a concrete wrapper, and will be buried. Stream-edge treatments and engineered log jams will be included. Work on Tideman Johnson park will include trail improvements, boardwalks, and ADA access, though some trails might be left natural. BES will do lots of planting to mitigate the disruption to the park during construction. The rough schedule is:

Early 2006 — Identify a contractor

April — Start work on site

July 1 — Pipe work will begin

June 1 - August 31 is the window for in-stream work

Fall — Park improvements and re-vegetation

Late Fall 2006 — Project completion

Darryl: Tideman Johnson is identified by Portland Parks and Recreation as a Natural Area, so that is the emphasis of the improvements and restoration work. Some fencing will be included to protect streamside areas, but not along the whole stream. The trail alignments aren't set in stone yet, but the site maps show what is being considered.

During parts of construction, the Springwater trail will be closed from 45th to approximately the 37th street entrance, which they hope to keep open. There are issues of safety and access for construction work. Closure is expected from approximately April through August, unfortunately, right about when the Three Bridges will be done. More will be known once a contractor is on board. BES will do their best to negotiate shorter closure periods. Signage will be provided, including information people can

pick up ahead of time.

A Portland Parks & Rec web site currently has an alternative route for the Three Bridges project, and BES will coordinate to post similar information on this project. We will provide links from Ardenwald.org to the BES and PP&R project web sites. Daryl will also distribute a monthly email update — let him know if you want to be on the email list (Cheryl has his contact information)

Questions: Will storms wash out all the natural materials they put in? Will it have a damming effect? BES has highly engineered the log-jam structures so they won't just wash away. Also, they are reconnecting the creek to the flood plain, so water won't scour the creek bed. It has been designed to flood into the park wetland area, on average once every two years. BES has done extensive modeling, which has all been submitted to FEMA.

What to do about the plant materials? A permit is not required to move anything less than 6" diameter at breast height. Steve can provide maps that show construction zones, plants that need to be moved, and spaces that might be good candidates to receive relocated plants. There are protection zones, and those should not be touched. January would be a good time to the park with a BES rep to flag areas we can work on.

What is the project cost? Construction cost is about \$1.4 million and total project cost is about \$2 million.

Traffic Discussion and Update: Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno

The recent Pilot article on the traffic study should have reported that 80% of traffic was over the speed limit and 60% was more than 10 MPH over. The study was conducted on 40th, but the results are representative of other tests. Cheryl has continued to discuss the SpeedCheck system with various groups. Some neighbors feel it should be paid for by the police and not the neighborhoods.

Our second Milwaukie traffic officer has come on full time as of the end of October.

If you have traffic concerns, call Cheryl or the police non-emergency lines. Repeated calls will have an affect on the number of traffic patrols. Date, time, vehicle type, and license information is appreciated.

Question: a neighbor has someone's license number of a person who was driving aggressively, tailgating, and who eventually passed him unsafely. Is that information sufficient, even without the date? Yes, please do pass it on.

Update on Regional Big-Box Regulation: Lisa Gunion-Rinker

Lisa spoke briefly about the presentation to Portland MPAC (Metro Policy Advisory Committee), which was very well received. Lisa encouraged people to contact their representatives to raise awareness of the economic and community problems associated big-box retailers no matter what county they live in. She passed out contact information for a variety of local and regional representatives, as well as a sample letter. The next MPAC meeting will be at the end of November, so please call and write your representatives today!!! With enough people writing, emailing, and calling it is our hope that MPAC will direct Metro to start working on this huge regional issue.

Carlotta reported that Milwaukie is also looking at it's own big-box ordinance (though won't affect Sellwood Walmart, which is in Portland), so also contact the Milwaukie mayor and councilors.

The next Neighbors Against a Sellwood/Ardenwald Wal-Mart fundraising event will be Saturday November 19 at 12:30pm. The film, "*Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price*" is a film by Robert Greenwald, maker of *Outfoxed* and *Unprecedented*. It will be shown at the Moreland Theater, 6712 S.E. Milwaukie Blvd. [[Map](#)], for a suggested Donation of \$5. The next No Sellwood/Ardenwald Wal-Mart general meeting is normally the 4th Thursday of the month, but since that is Thanksgiving Day, please refer to the link to the No Sellwood Wal-Mart website for this information from the www.ardenwald.org home page.

Treasurer's report: Joe Campbell

Joe gave us an update on a financial report going to the state, as of Oct 1, 04

\$6,820.28 was the beginning balance, July 1, 2005

\$10,977.87 in revenue was received

\$10,152.39 was expended

\$7,645.76 is the balance remaining

\$100 has been approved for a bike to school program in the spring

\$700 is set aside for ongoing meeting expenses

\$3,502 from grant available to apply for until July 1, 2006

\$4,000 will become available on July 1, 2006 for coming year

Pajama night is 11/29/05 from 7-8pm. We are requesting a grant of \$230 for books, and the application is due tomorrow. We hope to get councilors and NDA chairs to attend pajama night to read to kids.

We probably don't need a grant for holiday party.

Holiday Party Update: Cheryl and Lisa

The Holiday Party will be a potluck and informal meeting on December 13 at the Ardenwald School. In addition to our regular neighborhood mailing list, we will invite participants from the garden tour and historic house tour. Please invite your neighbors.

Janet Barlow, counselor at Ardenwald, is well aware of needy people, and will let us know who would be good candidates for Ardenwald gifts. Carlotta offered to help with holiday party planning and shopping, as soon as the families are identified.

Lori Hauskins reported that half of the proceeds from the Winter Wonderland Carnival & Bazaar, on November 19, will go to needy Ardenwald families.

Dorothy Snowhill, long-time Ardenwald participant and land-use assistant, has sold her house and is moving to Eugene. Carlotta would like to honor her, perhaps at the holiday party (or elsewhere if the timing doesn't work out).

Triangle Park Discussion/Vote: Lisa Gunion-Rinker

As discussed last month, the Hector-Campbell NDA has requested approximately \$350 for a park bench

to locate in Triangle park.

Motion:

Marianne moved to fund one park bench for approximately \$350.

Carlotta seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Hector-Campbell is also looking for names for the park, more creative than "Triangle Park." If you have any suggestions, pass them along to Cheryl.

City Planning/Engineering Update: Paul Shirey

The City Council will be considering waste water rate increase on November 15, 7:00.

The Clearwater project will consolidate waste water, and decommission the Kellogg treatment plant. A vocal group wants to refer the council decision to a vote. The council believes this is an administrative decision, and has requested that Circuit Court decide whether issue is referable. The hearing will be this Thursday, November 10, but a judge has not been assigned.

A major project is the Graymoor development at the corner of Oak and 224. A proposal will go to the planning commission on December 13. Possible stores are Walgreens, plus two 5000 sq ft. spaces for lease.

The 42nd Ave sidewalk project, which was deferred when Brian left, is now under design. There will be an open house at some point. The project will impact a hedge and a small tree, but otherwise all trees will be preserved. Trees will cause the road to jog slightly and will help slow down traffic, unlike on 40th which is very wide and straight. There is not enough right away for a bike path, but there is a sidewalk. Paul is not sure what code says about riding bikes on sidewalk.

Question about 40th: was traffic as fast before the street was paved, painted & sidewalks put in? No, it now seems faster, and there have been more problems with parked cars getting hit.

Question about 42nd and King, where sidewalks are not connected at 3-way intersection. Paul will look into it.

The McLoughlin Blvd. Project is moving along, and will be over fairly soon. The west side will be buttoned up in about a month, and then they'll move to east side.

North Main closed last week. R&H will start, and sewer work will commence immediately. Main street will be a mess for a while. The project will take about a year. Was it an open or sealed bid project? It was an RFP. Carlotta says a committee of neighborhood and business leaders reviewed proposals, reviewed other buildings done by companies who submitted proposals. Kemper was selected as the developer.

Southeast Uplift Update: Marianne

Marianne announced upcoming events:

- Negotiating Great Good Neighbor Agreements, November 15
- Improving the Quality and Design of Infill, Open House, November 17
- Southeast Portland Vietnamese Community: Roundtable Discussion with Jeremy Nguyen and

SEUL Neighbors, November 29

Details on dates and locations are available from Marianne.

SEUL seeks volunteer nominations for their Annual Volunteer Recognition Social, on December 9th. You can nominate someone by emailing receptionist@southeastuplift.org.

Lisa reported that SEUL recently sent us info useful information on how to welcome and involve new neighbors.

Land-Use Update: Les Wilkins

Overland Park area is a stand-alone urban renewal district in North Clackamas County. Milwaukie would like to get waste water services to the area. There is no police service to the area, so Milwaukie police end up being first responders. Eventually Milwaukee hopes to annex it. There is a huge potential from that renewal district but unfortunately it doesn't include money for sewers.

Les has drafted new boundary descriptions for the Milwaukie side of the AJC neighborhood. Les would appreciate it if someone else would review it too. Next he will work on defining the Multnomah side, which is very hard to figure out. Paul says there are good mapping resources, such as Portlandmaps.com.

Les was approached by rep from Pacific Telecom, who wants to put antenna up on Hillside Manor & Hillside Homes. There is no tower involved. Across the edge of the building, they want to put up about 6 antennas, which will blend in with the building. Permits are in hand, except for final approval from the City.

Update on Norm Scott's property at 28th & Sherret: Carlotta Colette

Norm did get planning permission to sub-divide but has now decided he would just rather have a park. He will probably withdraw his plan for a sub-division. Carlotta and the city will work with him to acquire 2 acres for a permanent wetland park. They will be looking at lots of possible funding sources. Les cautioned that they should get a new land appraiser, who has experience in open space with comparables that will stand up to scrutiny.

SMART Reading Program: Sherri Campbell

SMART is looking for volunteers to read to children on a regular basis.

Review and vote on October minutes

Carlotta Colette moved to accept the October 11, 2005 minutes.

Les Wilkens seconded

The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary election

Lisa Gunion-Rinker nominated Marianne Colgrove to be the Ardenwald-Johnson Creek Neighborhood secretary.

Joe Campbell seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

PTO report: Lori Hauskins

The next PTO meeting, will be November 10 at 6:00 in the Ardenwald Library. Ron Naso, Superintendent of Schools, will visit to discuss the bond measure. He wants to know from people who don't have kids what \$\$ amount they will vote for, and what they want included in the bond. Even at the smaller amount being proposed, Ardenwald will get a new school.

If passed, we will immediately break ground on a new school. They will replicate the facade design of Ardenwald school and will try to reuse the bricks. The school will not have a playground for one year, but then will be recreated when old school is demolished. The new school will house 550 children.

Question: Does the bond include equipment in addition to the building? Bonds are for infrastructure. In building a brand new school we can get furnishings, but not books.

If the bond passes, the high schools will get turf fields, which will save money from the operations budget.

21% of current taxes are going to fund growth-driven needs, since development fees don't cover population growth in schools.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20