

Ardenwald-Johnson Creek Neighborhood Association Minutes for 1/10/2006.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 by Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno (co-chair), with 16 people present, including Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno (Co-Chair), Rick Bantz, Joe Campbell (Treasurer), Greg Chaimov, Marianne Colgrove (Secretary), Officer Kevin Krebs (Milwaukie Police), Ronn Palmer (MAL), Officer James Palmer (Portland Police), Mark Smith, Jennifer Trask, Carol Wilkins, Les Wilkins (Land Use chair), Marten Wilkins, Chris Williams

Portland and Milwaukie Police Reports

Officer Krebs, Milwaukie Liaison distributed map of crime activity on the Milwaukie side of Ardenwald. There have been two focused areas of activity – Willow Ct. and Hillside — but it has been nothing too serious. Officer Krebs spoke to the management company yesterday. One problem tenant has been evicted and there are no serious problems since then. The increase actually doesn't reflect increased problems there: more tenants are tired of ongoing problems, and will actually talk to there have been more activity reports.

Hillside is another cluster of activity, which has been centered on the tower. There are a wide spectrum of people - not just seniors. A faction of tenants who don't like each other and there have been a variety of issues, which are being dealt with. Management is very proactive. Cheryl reports that some seniors are afraid – do they have mechanisms for voicing their concerns? There have been problems with some people being lax about letting non-residents in. Encourage residents to call it in if they feel intimidated. Clack Co Housing manages the facility.

Milwaukie has a nuisance abatement code, but they need to carefully document the problem. Again, residents are encouraged to call and report ongoing problems so police can start the ball rolling. Use the non-emergency line at 503-786-7500.

Question: Oregonian reported an African am man was attacked by a group – is that an ongoing problem. Officer Powell said it was actually Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Officer Krebs says there have been occasional problems with racist graffiti, and there are some skinheads in town. There are some groups that pop every now and again and harass people, but nothing along the lines of the Milwaukee, WI INCIDENT.

James Powell, Portland

Crime rate has doubled – two car prowls instead of one. One at the tennis court and one at 37th in the 8100 block (near park). Investigation of October rape in Sellwood is ongoing.

Public Safety Advisory Committee: Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno

PSAC is pursuing Annual Police Appreciation awards. Neighborhood leadership is interested in being involved.

There is an Ardenwald parent and police reserve member interested in becoming board member at large and PSAC rep. Cheryl will let us know if he decides to do it.

NDA leadership is still interested in pursuing SpeedCheck system, though Kanzer is not certain of its value, without a tracking capability.

Citizen police academy has completed. We will be looking to do it again with more people

NDA leadership meetings open to all board members

Nature in the Neighborhoods Grant Opportunity

On behalf of Linsa Gunion_Rinker, Cheryl reported briefly about the Nature in the Neighborhoods grant due on January 12. It is a Metro grant, so both Portland and Milwaukie are eligible. Contact Lisa for more information

Native Plant Relocation Work Party Dates

In advance of the Lents Sewer Crossing project, we want to move plants in Tideman-Johnson Park. Daryl Houtman from BES will meet with us to identify plantings that are at risk, but he can probably only do it during the week. Possible time for plant relocation might be February 18th or 19th

Question: Who is school group we gave \$\$ to, and could we ask them to help? Marianne will ask Carlotta.

Clearwater Update, Greg Chaimov, Vice Chair of Island station

Bottom line, the Clearwater project is dead. The Kellogg treatment plant is operated by Clackamas County Service District #1. Even though their sewage comes to Milwaukie, the city doesn't have a say over the service district. Clackamas County Commissioners are the governing body, which voted 2-1 to consolidate sewage treatment at Oak Lodge, and get rid of Kellogg. Some residence of the service district got enough signatures – only about 100 - to put it on ballot. The county commissioners knew they would lose and cut a deal to kill project of the "Clearwater" name. This appears to have been a stealth deal that only recently popped up. The county will appoint a citizen advisory council, which will work to come up with recommendations. Council members must be in service district. It will have 5 voting, 5 non-voting members. 3 of the voting members – a majority - will be residents who were against it, and the plan will be dead. The people putting together new plan will be the ones who hate it. Commissioners claim process will be open and fair, but Chaimov is not hopeful it will be positive for Milwaukie.

Mike Swanson is doing his best to figure out how to move forward, but it doesn't look optimistic at this point. DEQ is close to renewing the permit for Kellogg, but probably doesn't dump enough bad stuff in the river to stop the permit.

There will be a Thursday evening open house at Providence, but the vote will have happened that morning at 10:00 meeting.

Question: Is there a chance to create a new unified service district that everyone can vote on? Yes, but Milwaukie is relatively small compared to the rest of the district.

What is Larry Sowa's position? Larry says, he is still in favor, but process was bad because these stakeholders didn't have their say. Hard to square that with the way the new council membership is being orchestrated.

Who is running the dontwasteoregon website? Lisa Batey, chair of Island Station.

Milwaukie High band boosters, Rick Bantz, Lake Road

Rick is present on behalf of Scott is playing tonight at ballgame. They have been visiting NDAs to put the word out about supporting new uniforms for the band. This is Scott's senior project. Uniforms are 15 years old, and also some early band members kept theirs. They have enough for 50 people, but for big parades that's not enough, and there are size problems. There are 76 members currently.

Uniforms are \$400 each. They are looking for \$40K for 100 uniforms. There is a donor who is willing to do a matching grant if Scott and the boosters put out a good effort.

Question: What other fund raising activities besides the NDAs? Rick passed out an informational flier. So far have raised a little over \$10,000.

Cheryl moves to provide one uniform from AJC if they fill out the city grant papers. City has streamlined it so they can do one grant request representing all the NDAs.

Marianne seconds
Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report, Joe Campbell

7510.16 in checking
\$100 in reserve for walk to school
\$230 for helping hands
spent about \$214 for the holiday party

\$3,272 still available until July 1

Sheri believes next deadline is February, but we need to confirm with Beth.

Sheri moves to approve Treasurer's report.

Les seconds.
Passed unanimously

Land Use, Les Wilkens

Still working on boundary description for Portland area. Brain Hoop, with ONI, gave him a map that should help.

Other things perking along:

- Hillside radio antenna. Only difference with formal report is there is a place on the ground for access that will have trees around it.
- Oak and 224 development still waiting for design solutions, even though demo has already been done.
- Application for Westin to develop a small lot.
- Norm Scott at 28th and VanWater is heading for final approval, but not for 5 buildings. Will now cover only his house and one additional house. Les thinks deed of wetland would be part of permit agreement.
- North Clack revitalization area – just east of Milwaukie in Overland Park area. Trying to get urban renewal bonds for a 19-20 year program

Remembering Dorothy Snowill

Dorothy Snowhill passed away recently, and didn't want a big memorial event. Chris Williams will wait for a couple of days before calling his daughter. Possibly we could plant a tree, but not sure where. Perhaps a park, such as triangle park or the park bench. Some think it should be at Providence.

(By the way, Cheryl still seeking ideas for Triangle park name.)

SEUL report, Marianne Colgrove

Marianne is working with Kristen to create a full mailing list with names and contact information beyond just email address.

Sherrri went to bike safety meeting and is considering signage to mark Springwater access at 32nd.

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Sherrri moves to approve;
Les seconded
Passed unanimously

Meeting times, Cheryl

Next meeting Tuesday 14, is Valentine's day. Enough people said they could come that we should have it that day.

Cheryl also discussed an ongoing conflict with planning commission meetings on the second Tuesday of the month. Some people feel strongly about NDA staying on second Tuesday, as there will always be meeting conflicts. We do have a written agreement that they will notify us of their meetings, but that hasn't been happening. AJC is not as well represented at the planning commission as we might be. Les cautioned that we be wary of messing with the land use timing schedules. Also, state has specific rules about how to change NDA dates, so it might not be trivial.

Secret Garden Tour

We need to set a date. Marianne will contact Sellwood about their dates before February meeting

Sherrri moved to adjourn at 8:10
Les seconded