

Ardenwald-Johnson Creek NDA Minutes for 4/11/2006

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 by Lisa Gunion-Rinker (co-chair), with 19 people present, including Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno (co-chair), Joe Campbell (treasurer), Sherri Campbell (vice-chair), Carlotta Colette (MAL and City Council), Marianne Colgrove (Secretary), Catherine Goode, Lisa Gunion-Rinker (co-chair), Kelvin Hall (Amanda Fritz Campaign), Aimee Heck, Doug Heck, Kevin Krebs (Milwaukie Police), Varie Luciano, Nancy Matich, Ronn Palmer (MAL), Mark Smith, Kristen Wiener (SEUL), Jim Wightman, Carol Wilkens, Les Wilkens (MAL, Land Use chair).

Milwaukie Police Reports, Officer Krebs, AJC Liaison

It has been another quite month — mostly a couple of noise complaints at Hillside. As soon as weather gets better and school lets out, things will pick up. Call load has gone up just in the last two weeks.

Officer Krebs reported an occurrence of a telephone scam in which the company says you are eligible for some money, based on your tax refund. However, you have to give your bank account info and then of course you lose the money. Nationwide there has been a large number, and a couple in Milwaukie. The callers are very persistent, and will call back with follow-ups if they think you are on the fence. If you get these calls, be sure to report them to the Federal Trade Commission or the FBI.

There is also new twist on the Nigerian email scam in that they send a check, which you can cash and then wire them some of the money. Ultimately it turns out to be a bad check, which the bank does not cover. Cheryl encourages people to use spam filters to block bad emails.

Cheryl has seen two abandoned cars in the last couple of weeks. All tagged cars are checked to see if they're stolen but 80% aren't really abandoned and get moved as soon as they are tagged. Usually abandoned cars can be towed in 24 hours, but it is low priority if there are other calls. They will usually tow abandoned cars at a time when it is convenient for the tow company.

Question: is there any information on scams on the Providence victims? Krebs hasn't heard, but in general if you have questions about a phone call or mail, always contact the organization to find out whether it's legitimate. Don't use the phone number or email provided — look up the information yourself — and never give out personal information to someone who calls you saying they are from a company or agency.

PSAC/Traffic Discussion and Update, Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno

Island Station did get the SpeedCheck and they are in the process of finding a space to locate it at night time so it doesn't get vandalized. There is a possibility of a residence on Johnson Creek Blvd, and and Portland Parks lot. Lisacs doesn't have room to store it at night, though he would be happy to have it set up in front of his business. It is easy to use and very maneuverable so one person can handle it.

Sherri will definitely want to use it for Walk your Child to School Day, which is the first Wednesday in October.

Updating the Ardenwald-JC By-Laws, Lisa Gunion-Rinker

We need to update our Portland bylaws, which has not been done in 15 years. Lisa distributed two versions of the bylaw drafts and a map. Our main concern is clarifying the boundaries. The difference between A and B lies in the amount of detail in the boundary description along Crystal Springs Blvd. If we adopt these bylaws, we would need to write a letter to ONI acknowledging the overlap with Woodstock (Woodstock has already written their letter).

Marianne made a mistake in the map – the boundary from SE 28th to McLoughlin should go directly west, rather than southwest. Fortunately, the description is correct, so Marianne will correct the map.

Carlotta moved that we adopt version B, "the short" version. Nancy seconded. Passed unanimously

Event Advertising

A Sellwood Bee ad is \$112 per month for a 4 inch square. We definitely want it for the cleanup, since we have money for advertising that. We can also advertise for the garden tour in the same add. In addition, we have \$1000 in PR funds for the concert series, so we can use that when we get closer to August. Carlotta will also send the Bee the news release.

Clackamas Review will do a free article on the Garden Tour if we get it to them by May 10.

Treasurer's report and grant update

We have \$760 for cleanup – some or which will go for the ads

- \$219.11 already spent on tools and gloves (which we also used on native plant moving). We could use more tools for blackberries, like loppers, more gloves, grub hoes, trash picker-uppers
- \$66 was the cost of PR through the city last year, so we'll probably spend a similar amount this year.

Expenditures

\$400 allocated for band uniforms

\$100 allocated for the bridge party. There is no ETA yet, but probably late August

\$1650 allocated for reading program. Hector Campbell will ask at their next meeting if they can do \$800, Lewelling may also contribute, but they won't meet until next month. Sherri will also ask the PTO

\$35 pizza

\$50 incorporation fee

\$500 for SpeedCheck contribution

\$8,898.75 is our current balance, plus \$1,000 will come for concert PR.

We are over our grant limit for this year, but Beth says it's OK to be go over the limit.

We have 5 concerts this year, so we will need to hustle for more donations. The sound people are increasing their rates, but the bands are keeping theirs the same. It will cost about \$850 per performance for the band plus the sound system. Providence said they would pay last year, but then didn't. We will also put a box out for donations. Carlotta has written a letter that you can use for potential sponsors. Let her know if you would like a copy to distribute. There are several companies in our neighborhood that could be good prospects (eg, Precision Castparts, Assoc. Chemists, etc.). If you know someone, just ask them if they would be willing to support the concerts.

Upcoming May Elections

Next month is elections. If people want to run for any of the board positions, now's the time. Cheryl is willing to co-chair, but can't do it alone. Lisa isn't sure if she can do it this year. Marianne is still willing to be secretary. If anyone wants to step up, they would get lots of support from the other long-standing members. We will also need at large board members, which means you can come to board meetings and help set the agenda. People who want to participate, can do so in many ways – there are lots of opportunities. Nominations should be sent directly to Lisa or Cheryl, and nominations will be taken from the floor at the May meeting.

March Minutes

Sherri moved to accept the minutes from March 14, 2006, Carlotta second. The motion passed unanimously

Announcements

Board meetings are supposed to be announced 7 days in advance, so we will announce them at the neighborhood meeting. Sherri and Joe volunteer their house on the Sunday 9 days before the neighborhood meeting. The next one would be April 30th at 5:00 at Sherri & Joe's. We will need to set the agenda for the AJC meeting on May 9th.

Carlotta attended the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting last night. This committee was formed after Clackamas County Board of Commissioners voted to rescind the Clearwater wastewater plan. The Council is supposed to have a new plan by September 30th, but already there is concern about whether they will be able to meet that deadline. The process is also becoming more expensive as they expand the use of consultants. Mike Swanson, Milwaukie City Manager also gave a presentation (his report can be found in the April 14, 2006 "Mike's Friday Memo" at <http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/corner/citymgr/mikesmemos2006.html>)

Cheryl added that Lisa Batey, Island Station chair (which is where Kellogg is located) provides information via email. Cheryl distributed the a sign-up sheet for the email list (you can also sign up by sending email to lisabatey@msn.com). Cheryl read part of a recent announcement and encouraged people to check the CAC website (which is linked from the Ardenwald home page), and attend the meetings at the Clackamas County's Sunnybrook Service Center. It would be great to have more people coming from Milwaukie to give a broader perspective on wastewater planning.

May cleanup is Saturday May 6, 8:30 at Ardenwald on 36th. The fee is \$3 - \$ per car. There will be refreshments and ukin'. Bring gloves.

There was an article in Clackamas Review about Ardenwald Elementary School electives, one of which was Sherri's ukulele class.

The April issue of Portland Monthly, lists Ardenwald/Eastmoreland as the best neighborhood in Portland.

Cheryl read some community announcements from other neighborhoods:

Help clean up Spring Park and Elk Rock Island for the 4th annual SOLV IT Earth Day event. Saturday April 22, 9am – 1pm at Spring Park — 19th & Sparrow off of River Road. Bring glovez, tools and boots. Park at Amadeus Restaurant at 21st & Sparrow. See the SOLV IT site for more information http://www.solv.org/programs/solv_it.asp#sitelist

Kronberg Park ivy & blackberry removal Saturday May 6th. Contact Dion Shepard at dion.shepard@sf.frb.org for more information.

Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery clean up before Memorial Day. April 29 and May 20, 9am – 3pm. Contact Dolly Macken-Hambright at dolym-h@hotmail.com.

The Ardenwald Secret Garden Tour is May 20 10 - 4pm. We will have fliers to hand out, and we are working publicity right now. At the next Ardenwald-Johnson Creek neighborhood meeting, Sherri and Joe will show 3D movies of Jean Johnson's Garden. 3D glasses provided!

Kristen Wiener announced neighborhood networking forums each month. Next one is April 26, on running effective neighborhoods. May 23rd will be on land use and transportation planning. Tuesday evenings 6:30 – 8:00.

Marianne reported on Errol heights master plan, which was recently distributed. Errol Heights is a

wonderful natural area located between 45th , 52nd , Harney and Tenino. Sherri & Carlotta recommend people pay a visit to the park before it is developed. Cheryl asked if we can arrange a tour at some point for our group, possibly in June. The master plan is available at the Ledding Library, from Marianne, or at <http://www.portlandonline.com/parks/index.cfm?c=eabei&a=jhjah>

Nancy Matich announced New Century Players Mystery Dinner Theatre, set in Hawaii and including hula dancers. The April 21 performance is a benefit for Milwaukie Center. Subsequent performances will be at Schellenberg Center. See <http://www.newcenturyplayers.com/> for more information.

Kelvin Hall joined the meeting on behalf of Amanda Fritz for City Council in Portland. She is running for the seat held by Dan Salzman.

Adjourn

Sherri moved to adjourn at 8:05, Seconded by Lisa.