

Ardenwald-Johnson Creek NDA Minutes for 5/9/2006

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Lisa Gunion-Rinker (co-chair), with 19 people present: Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno (co-chair), Joe Campbell (treasurer), Sherri Campbell (vice-chair), Kim Carley, Marianne Colgrove (secretary), Lisa Gunion-Rinker (co-chair), Lori Hauskins (PTO liaison), Pat Healy (Ledding Library), Aimee Heck, Michole Jensen, Kevin Krebs (Milwaukie Police), Varie Luciano, Nancy Matich, Ronn Palmer (MAL), Paul Shirey (Milwaukie Liaison), Grady Wheeler (Milwaukie), Jim Wightman, Carol Wilkens, Les Wilkens (MAL, Land Use chair).

3D slides of Jean Johnson's Garden to kick off the Secret Garden Tour, Sherri Campbell

We all donned our 3D glasses for slides of Jean Johnson and her garden, including springs that feed into Johnson Creek and salmon hatcheries that used to be in place on their property. Sherri also surprised us with shots from last year's garden tour, a past Ardenwald parade, and the recent Tideman Johnson planting party.

Milwaukie Police Report, Officer Krebs, AJC Liaison

Another quiet month. Most of the activity is in one area in the vicinity of 32nd and Roswell, but it's just a coincidence.

Kevin also reminded us that in the spring, with more people out and about, more bad guys are out and about, and car prowls are up city-wide. A lot of them can be prevented by not leaving stuff in cars. - putting a coat over it is not sufficient. A car break in takes only 15 seconds. Also, don't leave ground-floor windows open, especially when you're gone. Always report suspicious activity, such as strange people moving through the neighborhood, illegitimate sales people who may be casing neighborhoods (they have to have a permit on them).

Les raised a question about a vacation trailer on Balfour street that may or may not be abandoned. Lisa reported that the owner has moved, but no one knows where she is. Kevin will make sure it gets tagged as abandoned. Technically vehicles can't be in the right of way for more than 24 hours, but that law is used to focus on truly abandoned vehicles.

Question about coverage of Portland area south of Johnson Creek Blvd and Tideman Johnson Park. Technically those areas are covered by Portland though the confusing boundary line does create problems for Milwaukie Police. Sometimes cell calls don't get routed to the correct dispatcher.

Is it legal to have an unused junker car in your yard? Kevin isn't certain, but it make a difference if it's in the driveway versus the lawn, front yard versus back yard. He suggested that people call Les Hall, the Code Enforcement Coordinator for clarification.

Public Safety Advisory Committee Report, Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno

PSAC is working on revamping codes for junker cars to close some loopholes and make it easier to get rid of true junkers. SpeedCheck is in Milwaukie, being stored by another neighborhood officer. There is a snafu with insurance, which has to be resolved before it can go out. They are still working on drafting the protocol for how the SpeedCheck will be signed out and shared amongst the neighborhoods.

Cheryl also read an announcement from Beth Ragel on Self Defense Tactics for Women class on May 20th 9:30 – 10:00. Contact Cheryl for information if you are interested.

Treasurer's Report, Joe Campbell

Joe reported the following expenditures:

\$500 SpeedCheck

\$50.50 pizza for the last meeting
\$49.99 ink cartridges
\$83.50 web site renewal
\$400 band uniforms
\$1532.54 book program

\$7780.17 is our current bank balance.

\$3633 is what we will be eligible to request from City of Milwaukie, starting next July. That won't be enough to cover everything we want to do, we'll have to prioritize and solicit extra donations for events.

Southeast Uplift Report, Marianne Colgrove

There will be a fund raiser May 10 at Laurelhurst Theater. Half of the concessions proceeds will go to SEUL.

This year the neighborhood goals process will be a little different. SEUL asked the neighborhood representatives if it would be acceptable to base goals for the coming year on their recent strategic planning activities and neighborhood surveys, rather than soliciting suggestions again from the neighborhoods. All agreed that this would be an efficient use of staff time and neighborhood time.

Land use, Les

The Chrisman request has been determined to be acceptable and will go ahead.

Tacoma between 32nd and the hill, 4-lot partition has a couple of houses and they're putting another one up. Les didn't see a problem with the proposal so he didn't respond.

Advancing from last year, on the west side of 32nd and right before the railroad, they are going ahead with a minor partition.

From the City of Portland, at 8408 SE 33rd Ave. a proposal for a 10 x 12, 11 ft. high building in the front yard for a commercial radio equipment shed, with a cable to an existing pole, and to add 3 antennas. Les had a call from a resident near there and he went out and took a look. Les felt it would be inappropriate for that location and, generally it was a very poor application. Must be responded to by May 22, and Les asked if we should respond as he suggested. Lisa moved that Les send a letter against the proposal, Varie seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Cheryl also reported on the 40th and Drake request for easement. They are building a house that is 2 stories high, but it will be set back.

Approval of April 11 minutes (5min)

Cheryl didn't print out the minutes, but they were distributed electronically and posted on the website. Many people had read the minutes ahead of time.

Varie moved to accept the April 11, 2006 minutes, Ronn seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Elections

Currently Lisa and Cheryl are co-chairs.

Ronn moved that the current co-chairs stay on in the position and Marianne seconded.

Discussion: Lisa is concerned about continuing due to family health matters. Cheryl also has a lot of pressures on her time, but is willing to do what she can. Several people agreed to step up to become members at large and to support board leadership with activities and events.

The motion did not pass.

Marianne nominated that Ronn Palmer as Vice-chair, Joe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Lisa nominated Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno as Chair, Ronn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ronn moved to keep Marianne Colgrove as Secretary, and Nancy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Lisa moved to keep Joe Campbell as Treasurer and Nancy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Cheryl nominated Sherri Campbell as Member at Large, Lisa seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Cheryl nominated Lisa Gunion-Rinker as Member at Large. In addition, several other neighbors were nominated for Member at Large: Varie Luciano, Kim Carley, Michole Jensen (PDX), Aimee Heck, Carlotta Colette. The motion passed unanimously.

Lisa nominated Les Wilkens as Land Use Chair, Ronn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Michole raised question about how we communicate with neighbors – email, web site, farmer's market, bookmarks, Pilot, etc. but we don't have a printed newsletter.

Announcements

Pat Healy, Ledding Library (also an AJC neighbor) – The Ledding Library in Milwaukie is part of Clackamas County system, so you can check books out through-out the county and have them delivered to your closest branch. Every time you check things out through them, the Library gets more funding. March had the most check outs ever. Construction on the apartments is onto the 3rd level. The parking lot is still open, but spots right in front not open until construction is done. Pat also distributed the monthly newsletter and list of services available including CDs, books, books on tape, computer time, music programs, book clubs for all ages. The Ledding Library Foundation is almost together so they will be able to take donations and expand the library. Saturday the 13th will be a big plant sale, across the pond.

Lisa Garden reminded everyone that the garden tour meeting will be May 10th at Marianne's house. We are meeting every Wednesday until the tour on May 20th.

Cheryl distributed an email about CAC (Citizen's Advisory Committee on wastewater treatment) requesting feedback on the Issues Report.

Carlotta & Ronn got the funding to bring ARTtrain to Milwaukie. There will be 5 cars of contemporary native American art from May 18 – 22nd. Two of the artists are from Oregon. They have raised \$16K - \$10K of which came from the Grand Ronde Nation. Kids during the day, plus there will be weekend evenings for adults and families. The train will be on a siding near Harrison and 26th.

Ronn asked where things stand on Wal Mart. The application has not been filed yet, and Lisa reported that MPAC has been working on larger, regional big box issues.

Cheryl announced that we will get 400 dinners from Outback for the August 31 concert. Now that ARTtrain is on tack, Ronn and Carlotta will get working on concerts again.

Paul Shirey and Grady Wheeler, City of Milwaukie

McLoughlin Blvd. project will be completed around June 15. There will be an opening event around July 4th.

Safeway wants to add a gas station. Even though a gas station is currently there, Milwaukie needs them to make some plan revisions in order to get land use approval at June 13 planning commission meeting. Paul expects it will be approved and then will contract out both jobs to be done at the same time. There is currently no schedule for the final completion.

Nancy asked about the bizarre traffic change at 42nd and King. Because the traffic signal at 43rd and King, they can't have a stop sign that close to the signal. It's all part of the traffic plan associated with the new Safeway. There also is an island which blocks access to an assisted care facility, but there is no good place to move their driveway. Ambulances can get through just by driving over the island.

City of Milwaukie Street Repair Presentation

At the request of City Council, City staff are developing a recommendation to address deteriorating streets, which will be presented to council on July 18.

They are meeting with every neighborhood in order to share information about street repair costs, gauge concern, and solicit opinions about a local funding solution. Their job is to describe the problem and the options. It is Council's job to make a decision. Paul is not here to make a pitch – he wants us to listen to the information and give feedback.

A handout was distributed and discussed in detail. (A copy of the handout is being distributed electronically with these minutes and will be on the City of Milwaukie website). Paul also showed a map of the City, resulting from two studies in the last 10 years of road base and surface conditions. The map shows streets in good, fair and poor condition. The longer we wait to repair deteriorating streets, the more it costs. If you maintain a good base, you never have to redo it – just maintain the surface. Once moisture attacks the structural base, you have to tear it out entirely, at much greater expense.

Question from Michole: As the region grows, more of the traffic is through traffic and there are more big vehicles. How to get more than local funding to support through traffic? Sellwood has same concern with their bridge. It really should be a Metro issue. Marianne will check to see if someone from 2040 plan revision project will visit AJC.

Ronn: How do you designate an emergency situation for street repair? What constitutes an emergency? Often, it's when traffic can't get through.

After reviewing hand-out in detail, Paul asked for reactions. Also, which roads should be highest priority? Ones in worst condition?

Cheryl – no one wants to pay more taxes, but we do pay lower taxes than most urban areas and many people may be persuaded by improvements to their area (though we're only talking about paving, not

sidewalks and bikeways).

Ronn – definitely recommends paid parking downtown and shifting street lighting costs, but property tax probably won't fly

We are on a tight timeline tonight, but perhaps someone could come back to the June meeting. The city would most appreciate getting written feedback. Please fill out the paper form, or send feedback via email to streets@ci.milwaukeei.or.us.

Adjourn

Adjourn at 8:50