

Ardenwald-Johnson Creek NDA Minutes for 9/12/2006

The meeting was called to order at 6:32. There were 18 people in attendance, including Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno (Chair), Joe Campbell (Treasurer), Sherri Campbell (BMAL), Dave Church (North Clackamas School District), Marianne Colgrove (Secretary), Carlotta Collette (BMAL), Cathy Fry, Lisa Gunion-Rinker (BMAL), Lori Hauskins (PTO Liaison), Aimee Heck (BMAL), Heidi Helwig (Portland Police Liaison), Michole Jensen (BMAL), Kevin Krebs (Milwaukie Police Liaison), Nancy Matich, Joe New, Ronn Palmer (Vice-Chair), Paul Shirey (City of Milwaukie), Jim Wightman

Police Report

Officer Krebs, Milwaukie

It was a busy summer, but Ardenwald was very similar to other neighborhoods – nothing dramatic or surprising. Willow Court has calmed down – the new manager is very good and activity calls are way down.

Officer Krebs also distributed the results of a traffic survey conducted near 32nd and Olsen. The average speed is not that much over the speed limit – 27 MPH, when the limit is 25MPH — and the number of super fast speeders is not that high. They will try to kick up enforcement on 32nd to try to drop numbers down even more. Total traffic on 32nd was 17,724 vehicles, some of which is probably caused by 42nd being closed for construction. This led to some discussion about the 42nd street construction and signage. Paul Shirey said that the city cannot require the contractor to put up more signs than the city is paying them for, but it is possible to move signs. Fortunately the work will be done by the end of October.

Officer Helwig, Portland

Stats for the past 30 days are pretty minor – one car prowls on the north side of Spring Water Corridor on Crystal Springs Blvd. Over the summer there were quite a few car prowls near the tennis club. With bike and ATV patrols, they were able to flush out a lot of the homeless camps. It will be interesting to see how such traffic changes with the park opening. There was a lot of trespassing during construction early on, but hasn't been much in the last month or so. Hopefully, the opening of the park and corridor will bring more good traffic through the area.

Officer Helwig also handed out problem-solving resource guide and info on free self-defense classes for women. There will be a class in Sellwood in November (Cheryl has the handout).

If you have questions or concerns about non-emergency issues, please feel free to contact Heidi directly (503-823-1275, hhelwig@portlandpolice.org). She handed out some cards for those interested.

PSAC Update (Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno)

With Milwaukie's new traffic officer in place, ticket revenue has gone way up.

Chief Kanzler is working on an alternate method of gaining photo radar for Milwaukie, possibly as soon as 2007.

PSAC is working on their officer recognition event which may turn into a community volunteer appreciation event, probably in early 2007.

If interested in citizens police academy training there may be a position available. Contact Cheryl for more information.

Summer event recap (Cheryl and Carlotta Collette)

The combined summer concert and reading program attendance was about 2600. Carlotta reported

attendance of 450 for the first concert (our Neighborhood Night out Event) and 1200 or so for the Salute to New Orleans, featuring Reggie Houston and free BBQ dinners donated by Outback Steakhouse. Loose Wimmin brought in a whole new crowd and there were several requests that they come back next year.

The reading program was well attended – about 80 kids and 40 or 50 adults attended each week. We had free lunches this year, which caused something of a trash problem, but it got worked out.

Treasurer's update (Joe Campbell)

Concerts brought in \$4806 (including \$700 in weekly donations). The cost for all 5 concerts was about \$4991, so the neighborhood contributed about \$185. Joe still has not received any receipts for concert publicity, and some of our funds are only for publicity. Please remember to give him all relevant receipts.

The reading program had \$2650 in funds (including \$1000 from Hector-Campbell) and spent \$2493.92. We have about \$78 to carry over until next year.

\$285 for porta potty (for both concerts and the reading program)

\$500 from came in from Wal-Mart. It was supposed to be for the garden tour, but we didn't get it until afterwards.

Marianne moved that money go directly to Ardenwald Elementary, as did all the other proceeds from the garden tour. Lisa seconded and the motion passed unanimously

\$100 is set aside for the upcoming for walk to school event

\$100 for approved for the 3 Bridges dedication on October 19th.

We have \$2,134 left in grants through next June

Our balance remaining is \$5,983.21.

Southeast Uplift (SEUL) update (Marianne Colgrove)

SEUL has just announced their Neighborhood Grants program, with funding from ONI. There is about \$41,000 to distribute to neighborhoods and other community-based non-profits in the coalition. The focus of the grants is to "attract new and diverse membership and sustain those already involved in their organizations." It must benefit members of the Portland side of our neighborhood, which include several pockets along Johnson Creek Blvd, Tideman Johnson Park, and resident's north of the park.

Sherri suggests we go for \$700 for a sign, plus whatever it costs for a permit. Other suggestions include neighborhood information near park entrances, a neighborhood newsletter.

Marianne also reported on the Natural Areas, Parks and Streams bond measure from Metro (#26-80), which includes several sites in Milwaukie. Are we interested in a presentation from this group at our next meeting?

Cheryl moved that we have a representative from Natural Areas, Parks and Streams at our October meeting for a 5 –10 minute presentation. Michole Jensen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

City of Milwaukie Update (Paul Shirey)

42nd avenue work is coming along as reported above.

Rebuilding the water line on Lake Road east to 37th will be done by the end of September.

Street and sidewalk work around north main village is being done at city expense as part of their contract. Hopefully it will be done by 9/28 for Oregon League of Cities convention walking tour.

based on positive feedback from community that road maintenance is a significant problem, the city council gave the go ahead to further study the options. The City will take a recommendation to council in December. We will hear more detail on the options in future meetings.

The discussion of county-wide wastewater treatment and the future of the Kellogg plant is well underway. Meetings have been going on since spring, and are now happening about twice a week. The financial numbers and outcomes are looking very much the same as they did the first time around, but costs are probably not then only consideration. Keeping Kellogg is very expensive. Closing Kellogg and expanding tri-city area is least expensive, but it may not prevail. The CAC will make their recommendation on the 18th and the county will meet on the 28th.

The SpeedCheck trailer arrived, but insurance can't be secured and logistics of taking it out and putting it away are complicated. The City will try to step in and make it work, so Paul is working on that.

The 21st & Harrison cross walk problem will be discussed at the Ledding Library board meeting next week. Many pedestrians do not feel safe crossing there. Sherri recommends that Milwaukie do a crosswalk sting like Mayor Potter did. Pauls suggests that PSAC take it to the chief.

Paul's job is changing from Engineering Manager to Operation's Director in November. Will continue to be our liaison. His focus will change from design and construction to maintenance and utility systems, fleet, buildings.

Sherri says we need gravel on the Olson to Wake school path, and summer interns need to come clean up blackberries and weeds. The path keeps kids off 32nd.

David Church, North Clackamas School District

He is not here specifically to talk about the bond measure, but to inform NDA about plans for Ardenwald school site, if the measure passes. In it's master planning, the committee has looked at older schools and decided that they need to be replaced rather than refurbished. The upgrade cost is about 104% of replacement costs. The largest issues with the old building are asbestos tiles and mold from leaky pipes. A leaky boiler makes heating very uneven throughout the building.

Replacing the school would completely reconfigure the site. The new school would face Roswell, and would probably have 2 story configuration. There would be green space for playing fields after the old school is demolished. Parking would be on the east side of site. They are trying to preserve large trees and character of old school, while still providing safer and better facilities for kids. Classroom spaces would be separate from community spaces, so it could be more readily used for community events while keeping class facilities secure. The school is old, but there is not a lot of enrollment pressure: if the bond measure doesn't pass, Ardenwald would have to wait while funding goes into rapidly growing schools.

If the bond measure is approved, work would start very quickly. Planning and permitting would take about a year, construction would start summer 2008. They will be back to the NDA with more detailed plans if the project progresses. They have factored in a cost growth factor to take us through 2010.

The architects hope to retain the historic entry way or somehow memorialize the façade. The building is on the historic register, so there will be a process associated with that. It does not have historically

remarkable architecture, but has been in community a long time. The bricks were milled in Milwaukie and they will try to reuse them or possibly create a monument. In general the architects are open to reusing materials wherever possible.

Approval of June minutes

Lisa moved to approve the June minutes. Cheryl seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

Gavin Hales, transportation liaison is interested in your views on transportation issues. Please contact him directly at halesg@ci.milwaukie.or.us or 503-786-7643 if you are interested.

Ardenwald children's parade -- Saturday 9/16. Meet at 11:30 at the school. The parade starts at noon. Hot dogs for sale to benefit outdoor school program.

Candidate's Forum (Hosted by Historic Milwaukie NDA) -- 7pm, Wednesday 9/20 at St Johns Episcopal (2036 SE Jefferson)

Ardenwald Walk & Bike to School Day -- Wednesday 10/4, 7:30am meet at Lisac's. We were selected as the "media" school for the entire metro area. Mayor Potter and AM Northwest will be there. Meet at 8:00 in the library for coffee with new principle, Sheila Shaw.

Plant & Seed Exchange -- Saturday 10/7, 5pm at Davis House (contact Lisa at 503-659-7807)

School Bond presentation (PTO event) -- 630pm, Thurs 10/12 at Ardenwald Elementary. See www.nclack.k12.or.us

Portland Open Art Studio -- Saturday & Sunday 10-5pm Oct.14-15 (West); 21-22 (East).
(Calendar/Tickets available at Powells, New Seasons, Art Media or www.portlandopenstudios.com)

3Bridges Dedication -- 10am, Thursday 10/19 (Big Orange Bridge)

Candidate's Forum (City of Milw. Host) -- 7pm, Monday 10/16 at St. Johns Episcopal

Naturescaping for Clean Rivers -- Sunday 10/29 1:00pm, Reed College. The event is free but you must register by calling 503-707-1849 or emailing naturescaping@yahoo.com.

Adjourn

Adjourn at 8:07