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Ardenwald-Johnson Creek NDA Minutes for 11/14/2006

The meeting was called to order at 6:36. There were 19 people in attendance, including Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno (Chair), Tom Bowman, Joe Campbell (Treasurer), Sherri Campbell (MAL), Marianne Colgrove (Secretary), Carlotta Collette (MAL), Aimee Heck (MAL), Heidi Helwig (Portland Police Liaison), Kim Hutchinson, Michole Jensen (BMAL), Diane Kerns, Martin Kerns, Kevin Krebs (Milwaukie Police Liaison), Colleen McCurdy, Pam Murray McGraw, Melissa Paca, Tom Traver (PSAC), Carol Wilkins, and Marten Wilkins

Police Report

Officer Krebs, Milwaukie

Things have been much quieter in October. There was one traffic accident involving a Trimet bus, involving some injuries, but nothing serious. There was one assault at Hillside, which was an internal issue that broke out in a fight.

Officer Krebs wants to call to our attention to a scam, recently reported by an Ardenwald-Johnson Creek resident. She received a letter stating she won a lottery, and it included a check. All she had to do was cash the check and wire money back to the senders. **Anytime you have to send money to get your prize, it will be fraudulent.** Because the criminal usually isn't in the country, there's not much the police can do, but Milwaukie does like to have them reported so they can track activity.

Cheryl and Michole Jensen raised concerns about pedestrian safety when 32nd is closed and traffic is detoured to 36th. 36th is a route to school and does not have sidewalks on both sides. In general, there is very little information about the 32nd street closure, including lots of confusion with Trimet buses, even at times when 32nd isn't closed. Michole would like to forward a letter to both cities requesting 30 day advance notice of street closures (currently it's 48 hours – 1 week in Milwaukie; and there's no requirement in Portland). Also, can we get better police coverage of 36th. Officer Krebs recommends that we notify Trimet when it's a transit issue, and says the letter might help raise awareness about the issue – it's certainly not going to hurt.

Michole asked a question about reports of drug dealing outside of Ardenwald school. A neighbor says she saw a transaction taking place and she called to report it. Officer Krebs is not aware of a report. In Milwaukie they are required to respond to all calls, though they might not have been able to respond immediately. Again, he encouraged neighbors to always report such incidences, as it helps them monitor patterns of activity.

Officer Helwig, Portland

Not much to report – the only crime reported is a vehicle theft, probably related to a rash of thefts in Sellwood. They have made some arrests and things are starting to quiet down. The targeted cars are late 80s through 90s Hondas & Toyotas. House burglaries have all dried up.

At the last meeting someone asked if there were any pockets of sex offenders. Heidi has one map, that is accurate to within a block or two. 97222 has 142 registered sex offenders, 5 are predatory, and several are out of compliance – Portland will begin targeting those.

Cheryl asked about setting up a crime information mailing list. Heidi said that if someone wants to set up the list, she can contribute. Sellwood has recently created a similar email list.

Parks Priorities (Cheryl)

Since Metro bond measure passed, Milwaukie now has \$650,000 to spend on parks, and needs to decide how to spend it. Metro would like to prioritize areas near the Springwater Corridor, but

ultimately cities get to make the decision. Joanne Herrigal is asking all neighborhoods about what types of criteria they want to set for how properties are prioritized? One area has been mentioned near below 32nd between Kelvin & Balfour. -- are there safety issues? Officer Krebs said it would actually be safer to get rid of the abandoned houses. Marten Wilkens said he thought it would be a big improvement to that neighborhood.

Criteria that were discussed include the ability to leverage funding via donations or matching grants; number of kids in the area, changing demographics, safety, middle of neighborhood, versus proximity to Springwater; Please email comments to Cheryl so that she can pass them along to Joanne.

Traffic Safety (Cheryl)

The SpeedCheck issue is ongoing – some neighborhoods want their money back because they aren't going to get the utilization they hope for (it will only be available one week per month). This is mostly due to insurance issues. Are we still interested, or do we want to get our money back? There are some possibilities for getting pole-mounted, movable speed monitors (Portland uses those effectively and moves them weekly). Photo radar may be coming – it should be a topic in the next legislative session,

Michole moves that we return the portable speed monitor and try to get our money back; Kim Hutchin seconded. The motion passed with one abstention (Aimee Heck).

Public Safety Advisory Council Update (Tom Traver)

Tom is newly-elected to PSAC. At a recent meeting they watched a DVD on meth abuse, which really brings to home the devastating effects of meth. Do we want to make DVD available to the general public, via community meetings, educational sessions at the public safety building, and at schools? There was some interest in making the DVDs available, if it isn't too expensive.

There was also discussion of putting a municipal court in the planned mixed use development at the old Texaco lot (17th & Harrison). PSAC endorsed the idea of putting a court as one floor of a building there. What about long-term efforts to ensure the view of the river isn't blocked? There is a height limit of 45 ft (about 4 stories) on the main street side. Questions arose about parking if the Texaco lot is gone. Carlotta Collette reported that there are some discussions of parking area at south end of town in the old CashSpot. The ability to bury parking is limited due to high water table, though a "daylight basement" style lot is possible.

Traffic update (Michole Jensen)

We returned to a discussion of the 32nd & 36th traffic issue discussed above during the police report.

Michole Jensen moved that we write a letter to both cities requesting 30 day notice of street closures. Carlotta seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Grant Proposal (Marianne)

Marianne distributed a draft of the grant proposal and a map indicating some proposed locations for activities. We want to request the full \$5000 allowed for a package of activities intended to improve communication and involvement of our Portland members. The proposal includes a printed newsletter, a map of the neighborhood, events in the park, some in collaboration with PDOT and PP&R, some signage and a mural. The proposal is due December 1 and there are still a lot of cost details we need to nail down.

Sherri Campbell moved that we endorse the grant proposal in principle. Michole Jensen seconded and the motion passed unanimously

17th Avenue Gap Project (Sherri)

17th comes into Milwaukie at Harrison. Milwaukie has put in a 1.6million to Metro Planning & ODOT grant to make 17th between Lava Drive (just north of Harrison) and Ochoco safe for pedestrians & cyclists. This will provide connections to the Springwater Corridor & Trolley trail.

Marianne moved to support letter of endorsement, written by Sherri. Cheryl seconded and the motion passed unanimously

Marianne will put the template on our website, so people can send their own letters of support.

Treasurer's update (Joe Campbell)

Susan Stone says our sign from 32nd near Providence is being worked on and is almost done

Sherri will look into cost & process of permitting & installation of our other sign, destined for the intersection of 32nd, Tacoma and JCB.

We spent:

\$28.98 pizza

\$13.99 Three bridges celebration

\$571 concert signs from \$1000 county money (the balance can be spent on concerts).

\$6,466.64 balance remaining

Concert Update (Carlotta)

Next year will be there will be 5 Thursdays again, but she already has 4 bands lined up. Fundraising will start soon – if neighborhood grant will cover the sound equipment, we should be able to cover all the rest through donations. We need to decide if we want another major event, as we did last year with Outback.

Tom Bowman

Tom lives on Johnson Creek Blvd. and would like to start a discussion of having the properties south of Johnson Creek annexed to Milwaukie. Sewer costs are huge in Portland, and provision of services such as fire and police is very confusing. Also, some of the boundaries are accidents of history and don't make much practical sense. It would be a win for Milwaukie, and Portland doesn't provide him much. There is a fee to annex, but Milwaukie could waive the fee if there is broad support. Some JCB residents are against annexation (schools were cited as one reason), and likely is the City of Portland. The county might also care about tax loss. There were also questions about exactly where he's proposing to shift the boundary, and how far west the change might occur – there are a lot of Portland households south of JCB and west of 36th. On the other hand, there a lot of neighbors who would support such a change. Carlotta said she would be willing to pursue further discussions with neighbors.

Minutes

Alex Campbell's title was incorrect in the October minutes. Sherri moved to accept the corrected October minutes. Carlotta seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Holiday Potluck and Families

The Holiday Party and family donations are our next big event, scheduled in lieu of our neighborhood meeting on December 12th. We have been getting lots of donations for toys, which Cheryl will pick up – she is looking for a place to unload and sort. The board discussed reducing the number of families, & suggested we do two this year. Extra toys can go to other families, but they won't be as

fully adopted. If anyone wants to contribute to the families we adopt, there will be a wish list with sizes and needs. Any one who can volunteer time, funds, food & drink. We still have \$81.60 from last year that we can spend on the party. Carlotta will help coordinate food for the potluck and will do "the candle thing." Cheryl will do an email invite & Sherri will work on invites for city.

We tentatively scheduled a board meeting for Friday December 8, mostly focused on holiday party planning – all are welcome.

Kellogg Sewage Treatment (Cheryl)

Does someone want to play the role of collecting and passing along information about sewage treatment planning? Carlotta is attending and can share the info.

Trains

There have been lots of complaints about train noise, so City of Milwaukie is looking into reducing noise in certain times and places. It is federally mandated that they toot, but it does seem excessive at times (and there is a particularly rambunctious night engineer). Unfortunately, it is expensive to make crossings safe so that the trains don't have toot.

Adjourn

Adjourn at 8:32