

Ardenwald-Johnson Creek NDA Minutes for 1/9/2007

The meeting was called to order at 6:34. There were 22 people in attendance: Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno (Chair), Shelley Bailey, Joe Campbell (Treasurer), Sherri Campbell (BMAL), Marianne Colgrove (Secretary), Carlotta Collette (BMAL), Kathy Fry, Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Heidi Helwig (Portland Police Liaison), Lori Hauskins, Michole Jensen (BMAL), Kelly Kindrick (Portland Police), Keith Kinsman, Kevin Krebs (Milwaukie Police Liaison), Nancy Matich, Rochella New, Gary Parkin, (City of Milwaukie), Melissa Ray, Paul Shirey (Milwaukie Liaison), Jim Wightman, Carol Wilkins, and Marten Wilkins.

Police Reports

Officer Helwig, Portland

There were no crimes to report in AJC so she pulled stats from surrounding neighborhoods. Sellwood has had a large number of commercial burglaries along 17th & 13th — mostly forced entries at night. Lots of garages have been burgled in Woodstock. There is something of a never ending problem with car thefts — mostly older model pickups and "junk" cars, usually found in the same neighborhood. Some problems with stolen parts. Also, Portland Police ran a sex offender mission in SE precinct at end of November and targeted about 40 sex offenders.

Sherri asked about a series of burglaries from the area south of JCB in October. Officer Helwig said they did catch one major burglar who is going to be in jail for some time, but is not certain that it is the same guy.

Cheryl asked about SMILE crime watch emails and how much time it takes. Heidi said it didn't take a lot of her time. There is concern in Milwaukie about the time involved for officers and staff in maintaining an email crime watch. Cheryl asked for more info from Heidi about the commitment and benefits from her perspective.

Officer Helwig will be going on maternity leave at the end of the month. Email will be the best way to get in contact with her,

Officer Kelly Kendrick will be transitioning into the role as neighborhood liaison and wanted to introduce himself.

Officer Krebs, Milwaukie

Activity has been "quite thin" which is good news (he hopes to have crime stats at next meeting). In general, crime is down significantly city wide. Carlotta reported that in Milwaukie the rate for serious crimes went down 28% which, as far as they can tell, is a national record. The overall crime rate dropped 12%. It was so significant that the attorney general sent someone out to meet with Chief Kanzler to learn what they're doing.

Cheryl raised a question about problems that aren't documented (eg, so many hit and runs on her street). The guidelines have changed about what is classified as a hit & run. Now a hit, parked car is classified as criminal mischief. If the people who call in don't make a formal report, there isn't a case number, though there is an incident number. Only reports with case numbers show up in the monthly reports. Asking for a case number doesn't mean the crime will get solved, but it could help track ongoing problems.

PSAC (Cheryl)

PSAC is endorsing the notion that they consider including space for a city court house in the building at the old Texaco lot. There will more information as the planning process unfolds.

Light rail update (Carlotta)

Clackamas County has now said that they will kick in \$200,000 to light rail planning and environment impact study. The plan that is currently being studied is called the *locally-preferred alternative*, though they may look at other options, particularly for the location of stations. While the current study does terminate in Milwaukie, it will have potential to connect south to Oregon city or perhaps across the "Forgotten Bridge" to Lake Oswego. The more light rail grows and gets connected, the more valuable it is to the community.

There will be a lot of misinformation at the opposition website (savemilwaukie.com). Carlotta is working closely with Trimet and Metro to make sure the right information gets out. As far as she can tell, the "Save Milwaukie" group doesn't represent a majority view in Milwaukie. They are going to circulate an anti-light rail petition, but they backed out of supporting a city-proposed unbiased, formal survey. Carlotta does encourage everyone to join the online dialog as well as let the Milwaukie City Council know their opinions (CityCouncil@ci.milwaukie.or.us) on light rail and Milwaukie revitalization efforts. When Ardenwald neighborhood voted in the past, there was unanimous support for light rail in Milwaukie.

Michole asked if there are other good sources of information. Carlotta said a lot is at the Trimet site, but hard to find. Marianne will provide links from the Ardenwald home page.

There will be lots of public outreach, so please participate. Also, contact council members to voice your opinions. Carlotta will be developing an email list of people interested in supporting light rail, and will probably be planning some house parties.

TSP – Transportation System Plan (Cheryl and Gary Parkin)

Early in December there was a TSP meeting for our neighborhood. They are setting up work sessions to study individual modes of transportation — would anyone who would like to represent AJC? Two of our neighbors have volunteered and will participate in the overarching advisory committee - Michole Jensen and Jolene Brand. There is also a need for volunteers to contribute to working groups looking at different modes of transportation – the time commitments aren't huge. There are also looking at street design options such as green streets. To be eligible for funding, we have to have a complete transportation plan. Our current plan is from 97 and needs to be updated. We do have an ODOT grant to support the study. The first meeting will be January 24th. They are very interested in lots of citizen involvement. More information is available from the City of Milwaukie home page <http://www.cityofmilwaukie.org/>. Sign up by contacting Gavin Hales or Beth Ragel, or drop in to City Hall.

Paul Shirey (Milwaukie Liaison)

Paul is now the manager of maintenance for streets, water, sewer & storm, plus fleet facilities. Paul says he takes care of the stuff that you hope you don't have to deal with. With that in mind, Sherri pointed out that the bike path between Filbert & Wake desperately needs to be graveled and the weeds whacked back.

Questions: Nancy asked about sidewalk project on 42nd — are they going to repave the street? There aren't any stripes or crosswalks. The street is so low that the curbs are high and there's a big bump on driveways. All the work that was supposed to be done as part of the project is done. It's on the list for the surface maintenance program, but not in the near future. Gary will look to see if there is any striping planned.

Get to know Business Neighbors (Cheryl)

Cheryl has been working with Premier Auto Wholesale owner about parking on the street at 42nd and King, which blocks the view of traffic. Problems have diminished.

Steve Brown from Associated Chemists Inc. was not able to come tonight. ACI is the small plant just off of 45th at the entrance to Tideman Johnson Park. They are interested in connecting with the neighborhood to explain more about what they do. ACI is also interested in supporting a mural project, which was originally started by Holy Family School, but they have not kept the project going.

The Mural, and other Spring Events

This led to a discussion about what would be involved in creating a mural. Kathy Fry reported on some of the supplies and costs she investigated. She and Carlotta both have some knowledge of mural requirements from the Regional Arts and Culture Council (RACC).

Sherri raised May 19th opening of the corridor event as a possible time to raise interest in the mural.

Melissa Ray, Nancy, Cheryl, Carlotta, Kathy, all expressed interest in participating in mural planning.

The Garden Tour is traditionally in May, but we have a lot of events to work around. There was interest in maybe having the garden tour later in the spring, though some said Mother's Day could be good. Lisa will be coordinating the tour and will look into possible dates and planning.

Land Use and Tribute to Les Wilkens (Carlotta)

As most people know, Les recently passed away. Carlotta was honored to speak on behalf of the neighborhood and City at his memorial. Very few of us will be able to leave such a visible impact. Every time Carlotta sees the trees that Les saved at 40th and King, she thinks of him. Sherri pointed out that Les and Dorothy were a force to be reckoned with – both brought a lot of experience and professionalism to their neighborhood work. Usually they prevailed, and they leave a huge gap in our land use expertise. Cheryl also appreciated how patient Les was with people who didn't have a lot of experience with land use issues. Les was a great gift to us, and we really appreciate the contributions of the whole family.

The Land Use chair doesn't have to have as much expertise as Les and Dorothy. We need someone who can receive the yellow sheets about land use actions in our neighborhood, and bring serious issues to AJC meetings. If you aren't interested, perhaps think about someone you know in the neighborhood who might be willing.

Cheryl asked Marten and Carol if they would be willing to serve as members at large. They will think about it.

Neighborhood leadership (Cheryl)

Portland wants us to have a Transportation Chair and Michole Jensen has agreed.

Marianne nominated Michole Jensen as our transportation chair, and Carlotta seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ronn Palmer is no longer able to be the vice chair for Ardenwald.

Carlotta nominated Sherri as vice chair, and Michole seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's update (Joe Campbell)

We spent:

\$38.97 pizza

\$1,100 sign
\$61.25 Naturescaping refreshments

Got \$700 from Milwaukie
\$75 in cash donations for Holiday party (turn in receipts if you have them)
\$100 from Providence for 2006 Garden Tour

\$6,136.89 balance remaining

We will probably need to request more funds for reading program. Concerts will be on next year's budget, which is limited to \$4000. We need to raise funds for concerts as there are 5 again this year.

SEUL update (Marianne)

Unfortunately, we didn't get the neighborhood grant. There was \$102,000 in requests and only about \$40,000 available. The proposals were ranked by an independent committee with 2 sEUL board reps, 2 neighborhood leaders, and 2 representatives from other community groups. The top 12 were funded, and we came in 14th out of 26. We have a lot of good ideas in that grant proposal, so we should find other ways to carry them forward.

Michole, Melissa (& her husband, who was not present) expressed an interest in helping to develop a newsletter.

SEUL is short staffed now, with only two people to cover outreach to the neighborhoods. Afifa & Kristen will make themselves available when they can, and particularly if we have specific needs. In the meantime, I'll play more of a role as liaison. Joyce is still there and is the contact for neighborhood cleanups, though she will be leaving in the summer to go back to school.

Property for Parks (Lisa)

Lisa has been looking into possible properties to be acquired through the recent parks bond measure. Does anyone want to work with Lisa & Joanne? Sherri, Nancy, Marten said they would participate.

Holiday Party Recap (Cheryl)

AJC adopted three families who are all thrilled. There were plenty of trees which were distributed from Susan's yard. Also put together holiday mugs with Christmas candy for staff at Willow Court. Providence has a party at Hillside in lieu of a staff holiday party.

Garden tour (Lisa)

Lisa met with three of the gardeners already. She discuss the idea of a holding the tour later in the spring/summer.

Announcements (Cheryl)

- Safeway will open on March 3rd.
- Vacancy on local Gleaner team needs a driver.
- Bottles/cans for Sr. Grad Party – contact Cheryl for the phone number,
- GS Cookie sales begins 1/13

Adjourn

Sherri moved, Carlotta seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:26.