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Ardenwald-Johnson Creek NDA Minutes for 2/13/2007

The meeting was called to order at 6:37. There were 17 people in attendance: Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno (Chair), Madalaine Bohl, Joe Campbell (Treasurer), Sherri Campbell (Vice Chair), Rich Cassidy (Portland Department of Transportation), Marianne Colgrove (Secretary), Carlotta Collette (BMAL), Lisa Gunion-Rinker (BMAL), Kelly Kindrick (Portland Police), Kevin Krebs (Milwaukie Police), Nancy Matich, Pam Murray, Joe New, Roshella New, Todd Schwarz, Kristen Weiner (SEUL), Laurie Wells

Police Reports

Officer Krebs, Milwaukie

No handouts this week as staff were very busy. Thankfully it was a very slow month. Two things to touch base on:

1) On January 28th the school was broken into, through a window. Fire extinguishers were sprayed everywhere and smoke alarms went off. Damage was about \$2500. This last week 3 suspects were identified and 2 have confessed. One was involved with a similar incident in May. In both cases the alarms were turned off – had they been on, the silent alarm would have gone off at the police station and the culprits likely would have been caught in the act.

2) Both Officer Krebs's police car, and a Multnomah County car, were recently hit in Milwaukie. Please remember that if you can safely change to a middle lane when an emergency vehicle is pulled over, you must do it. Even if you can't change lanes, slow down. Nationally, traffic accidents are the number one cause of death for police officers.

There was discussion of a difficult cross walk/intersection where Harrison curves near 23rd. The new condos will make it worse. Carlotta reported that the city is working on improvements to the intersection.

Cheryl got a phone call about suspected construction dumping on 32nd between Sherrett and JCB, and possibly into the Springwater corridor. There are questions of jurisdiction. Anything north of Sherrett is Portland and south is Milwaukie. Krebs confirmed that there were some abandoned vehicles near there. If there is a dumping problem in Milwaukie, Code enforcement would follow up. In Portland, it would likely be the development bureau that issued the permit, unless it's dumped off the development site. Officer Kindrick will follow up with Kathy Fry.

Officer Kelly Kindrick, Portland

In Ardenald, there was one burglary and one theft from a mailbox. Mailbox theft is a common method for identity theft, as people use checks mailed to you, bank statements, etc. It is really easy to get credit in your name without you knowing it. It is not a bad idea to get a mail slot or locking mailbox.

Theft from and of vehicles continues to be a problem in the area. There were a few significant robberies in our area (but not Ardenwald). A couple of them were pedestrian robberies – people walking along were accosted. In Westmoreland park the suspects have been apprehended. They are new to the area so they don't have a record. In a different case, an adult suspect has been in the area a long time and was camping near Johnson Creek.

The number of person-to-person crimes along corridor is generally low. Property crimes are higher, probably related to higher transient population near train tracks and creek.

Portland Police do have ATVs. While they are used for special events, extra patrols can be requested. There is also a bike detail that covers the whole SE precinct. Either of these would be good now that Tideman-Johnson and the Springwater are open (and before the summer party season really gets going).

Chair's Report (Cheryl)

Traffic control on 40th and 42nd continues to be investigated. They are looking at the striping planned for 42nd to make sure that street won't run into some of the same problems as 40th.

42nd and King intersection will change a lot when Safeway opens. There's a possibility of a joint meeting with some of the other affected neighborhoods – we may host that at the March AJC meeting.

Safeway has offered to host a neighborhood bulletin board. Safeway will donate the cost and Kathy Fry has agreed to help with design and maintenance of board.

Funding for outreach is now available - \$1000 per neighborhood. They are looking for creative ideas to increase participation. Water bottles with personalized labels for the corridor event might be good. There isn't a known time limit on spending the funds, but summer would be good.

Photo radar and photo red light will hopefully go before the state senate soon, which will help Milwaukie clamp down on traffic violations.

We are still looking for a land use chair.

Milwaukie Transportation System Plan (Cheryl)

The advisory group had it's first meeting. The next meeting for the advisory group and for everyone who wants to participate is a kickoff meeting on February 24th. Everyone is strongly encouraged to participate in this important process.

SEUL update (Marianne)

It is budget planning time in Portland and the bureaus have been invited to make proposals for budget increases. Mayor Tom Potter is the "commissioner" for the Office of Neighborhood Involvement and is proposing increased funding to support neighborhood activities. This proposal would provide increased funding for neighborhood grants, communications, and additional staff support at the coalition offices. Marianne suggested that we send a letter of endorsement to Mayor Potter. Carlotta moved and Nancy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's update (Joe Campbell)

We got \$500 back from the ill-fated Speedcheck
\$36.97 for pizza at the last meeting

\$6,559.92 balance remaining

We have \$1,434 left that we can request this year, and Joe suggests we request it all for reading program.

Reading program (Sherri)

It's out 10th anniversary of the reading program! All of the remaining funding will go to books as Sherri has enough ukuleles and music. We're also accepting donations of books. Sherri will ask Hector Campbell for a donation.

Down to Earth/Neighborhood Cleanup Day (Sherri)

Neighborhood cleanup day is May 5th, 8am-1pm. Around 10am is a good time, as the line is shorter. We can accept metal, yard debris, and yard garbage (but not household garbage). We need people to go out early and help pick up garbage from folks who can't deliver their own stuff and to show up and prevent early dumping. We won't do electronics because of the toxic risk. Also need to be careful about parking on Wake street. Sherri asked the school to notify people on Wake street.

Smart Trips (Rich Cassidy)

Works in PDOT Transportation Options and has a program called "Smart Trips" to focus on one area and do all kinds of outreach for walking, biking, transit, etc. They like to follow a major community project, and now that the corridor and bridges are open, it's a good time to be in Sellwood and Moreland. This year they also got a Metro grant to include Ardenwald and Milwaukie.

SmartTrips will do a direct mail to households in the target area, asking them what information they want – eg walking kit, biking kit, transit tracker. They are partnering with Kaiser on hand-outs with walking map, pedometers, coupons, etc. The coupon book has 72 businesses throughout SE, south of Powell and including Milwaukie. There probably will be 5-6K households who order something and 11,000 total kits. Rich leads walking tours two days a week from May to October – eleven different walks, each done on a Thursday evening and Saturday morning. There will be an Ardenwald walk and a Milwaukie walk. There will also be other activities like bike clinics, women on bikes, senior strolls.

Opening of the corridor (Rich & Sherri)

May 19th, is the opening of the corridor event, tentatively called "Making connections." The working group is the same group of neighborhoods, PDOT & Portland Parks that worked on the 3 Bridges opening. Rather than encouraging everyone to start at one starting point, they will emphasize access from points in various neighborhoods. The group will identify key stops and adjacent neighborhoods that could host the stop. Might not do passport idea since the stops are so far apart. Maybe involve Portland police further out to the east (maybe with those ATVs). Providence is considering sponsoring. Beth Sorenson with PP&R is trying to contact Gresham to see about their participation.

Garden tour (Lisa)

The date is set -June 30th! It will be great to see the gardens at a different time of year. Carlotta, Carolyn Johnson-Bell, Steve Johnson, and possibly Elise are participating. Lisa and Elise looking into additional gardens. Sherri has a neighbor who might be interested. Elise and Lisa will set up times to meet with gardeners – trying to get that done by mid-March.

Several dedicated volunteers cleared all the blackberries and big weeds in the terraces near our sign. We need about 5 yards of mulch and will ask Johnson creek rentals or McFarlane's for a donation.

History of farms in the area (Madalaine Bohl)

They are looking for anyone's recollection of truck farms in the area. They already have international way, ILake road, and Westmoreland covered. They are particularly interested in any kind of farms in Ardenwald, Lewelling area. They need it quicklike – as the book is going to press in May. Cheryl will have a map – so write stuff on it if you know any interesting, names, dates, stories.

Train horn quiet zone (Todd Schwartz)

Under a federal program, if cities mitigate their crossings so people can't drive around the trains, then they can stop blowing their blinkin' horns all night long. Council is looking at the issue and Gavin has been working on the best ways to do the mitigation. There are 4 crossings in Milwaukie. Federal regulations state that they have to blow 4 times per crossing (4x4x31 trains every day). Every day there are between 5 and 15 people who drive around the trains even when the barriers are down, so this

would also improve safety. Carlotta says it is also a health concern for people who live near crossings as decibel levels over 90 cause hearing damage

Todd is collecting the names of people who are concerned about this issue. Gavin will take his findings to March council meeting. Marianne will add link from our home page so people can send email to Gavin.

Adjourn

Sherri moved, Marianne seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:44.