

CORRECTED DRAFT Ardenwald/Johnson Creek Boulevard (JCB) Neighborhood Association Minutes for 03/13/07

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno, Neighborhood Association President, with 11 people present including: Joe Campbell, Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Susan Stone, Paul Shirey, Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno, Michole Jensen, Joe & Roshella New, Officer Kelly, Jim Wightman, and Eric Griswold.

Officer Krebs was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Portland Police Report for Ardenwald/JC: Officer Kelly Kindnick, Police Liaison

Officer Kelly handed out the crime report for the southeast neighborhood area and was glad to state that there were no reported crimes on the Portland side of Ardenwald in the past 30 days.

He stated that the rest of the area crime was pretty evenly distributed with some emphasis on Milwaukie Ave in Sellwood. An attending neighbor asked about the incident that occurred on 39th and Holgate and Officer Kelly responded that today, after 5:00pm a routine traffic stop turned into something bigger. He stated that one person from the many people in the stopped car took off running from the car and started firing shots at the attending officer. The area was partitioned off and the suspect was located and a SWAT/Negotiation team came in to handle the situation. The suspect was taken into custody, and it was found that there was a drug warrant out for his arrest.

Officer Kelly gave neighbors his cell #: 503-545-3380 for them to call if they see any criminal activity occurring in the neighborhood. Officer Kelly thanked everyone for their time and sat down to listen to the rest of the meeting.

PSAC Update: Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno, Neighborhood Chair

Cheryl stated that she attended a traffic-calming seminar for non-engineers hosted by Gary Perkins from the City of Milwaukie. She stated that it was very informative and that she has a few booklets if anyone would like more information. She also stated that the double-yellow lines on 40th Street will be removed from the center of the street very soon, and hopes that this will help with the traffic incidents on this street. Cheryl then stated that the next TSP Advisory Committee will be held on March 21st and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Transit meeting will be held on March 24th. She asked that more Ardenwald neighbors participate in these and other meetings to ensure that our voice is represented. Susan Stone noted that the last day to register your comments on transit issues with the City of Milwaukie is 3/21/07 and you can do this online by going to the city website. Cheryl stated that Milwaukie Providence Hospital will be attending the TSP meetings to request that buses include a loop up to the hospital entrance as many patients who use mass transit have a difficult time getting up the hospital from the current bus stop on 32nd Street.

Cheryl then discussed the Whistle-Free Zone that has been proposed to the City of Milwaukie concerning the train noise and noted that there are two issues that stand in the way of this proposal. One is prohibitive cost, and the other is the Purdy Car Wash as required median barriers would run into the business itself.

Park on Westside of 32nd Ave: Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Member-At-Large

Lisa asked members to get involved finding a location on the westside of 32nd Ave in the Ardenwald/JC Neighborhood. There will be a meeting on the evening of March 26th at City Hall with JoAnn Herrigal from the City of Milwaukie to determine, using GIS maps, where neighbors feel the best location for a park will be. Please contact Lisa at 503-659-7807 for exact time and room location.

Stewardship Grant for Tideman-Johnson Park: Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Member-At-Large

Lisa discussed the meeting that she and Marianne had with representatives from the Bureau of Environmental Services (BES), the Johnson Creek Watershed Council (JCWC), and Portland Parks and Recreation. The meeting was held to determine what each group felt were important projects that could be the focus of the current grant application for the Tideman-Johnson Park, and what forming a Stewardship Group for the park would do to benefit the park. It was determined that there were several projects that could be the focus of this grant: work on entrances to the park, create a split-rail fence near 37th Street entrance, invasive plant removal and scheduled plantings, but it was also determined that there was no specific forecasted plan or one specific project for the park that any one group felt strongly about.

Lisa then asked for input from engaged citizens at the meeting and what they would like to see in the park. All attending neighbors agreed that working on either the 37th or 45th Street entrance would be a good use for the grant, and also felt that there should be educational signs informing people why they need to keep on the boardwalk and the trails. Items neighbors would like to see added to the park entrances would be trashcans, doggie bags, and native plants that would be beneficial for butterflies and hummingbirds in particular. People also suggested planting some larger, faster growing plants to protect sensitive areas from foot traffic. Neighbors also discussed the issue of lighting at night, but the pros of having lighting and the cons of giving the wrong sort of people light to work in at night leveled each other out.

The issue of safety and break-in's in the parking areas for both entrances was discussed, and Lisa mentioned the grid for the Oaks Bottom Park that Louise Shorr from Portland Parks and Rec. had worked out with the Portland Police to pinpoint and report where criminal or dangerous activity was observed. Officer Kelly was interested in learning more about this grid system for the Tideman-Johnson Park, and will contact Louise Shorr for more information.

Secret Garden Tour Update: Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Member-At-Large

Lisa stated that there are 5 confirmed gardens for the tour, 3 maybes, and 5 gardeners that she still needs to meet with. There are several new gardens so far and a few that will have changed greatly due to the different tour date of June 30th this year. She stated that it is looking like we will have more gardens this year than last year, but that it will not completely be a walking tour because of the distance between some gardens. She is looking for gardens that are grouped closer together, such as the possible 3 on Filbert Street, so that even if people do have to drive a little they can see several gardens at one stop. The kickoff meeting for the garden tour will be at Lisa's house

either March 25th or April 1st around 4:00pm depending on schedules. She will send an email out early next week to confirm the date. If you have not been involved in the garden tour before and would like to be, please contact Lisa at: 503-659-7807 and give her your contact information.

Approval of January and February Minutes: Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno, Neighborhood Chair

Cheryl asked attending members if they had read and reviewed the minutes for the January and February meetings. Both sets of minutes were motioned for approval by Michole Jensen, and seconded by Joe Campbell. All members voted to unanimously approve these minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Campbell, Treasurer

Joe reported that a check for \$35 was written for tonight's pizza, a check for \$17 was issued for maintaining our website status, and that a check for \$190 was issued for Clean-Up Day supplies last week for the purchase of: a shop broom, 2 dustpans, a shovel, a wheelbarrow, gloves and other miscellaneous supplies such as H2O and garbage bags. Joe stated that this leaves the neighborhood with \$6300 in checking.

Nomination Committee for May Elections: Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno, Neighborhood Chair

Cheryl stated that a nomination committee for positions of Chair or Co-Chairs, Landuse Chair, and Secretary is needed and asked for volunteers to help find interested people to fill these positions. Michole and Lisa volunteered for this committee, but other interested people are welcome.

Miscellaneous Information and Announcements:

Neighborhood Clean-Up Day Event Grant

The Clean-Up Day event will be held Saturday May 5th from approximately 8:30 to 1:00pm. The entrance site is located in our neighborhood on Wake Street at the Ardenwald School. Volunteers for this event are needed to help neighbors unload their vehicles and pass out informational flyers and bookmarks. Please contact Sherri Campbell at: 503-659-7011 for more information.

Safeway Opening:

Discussion concerning traffic calming at the 42nd and King intersection is being discussed by the PSAC and Safeway will donate Neighborhood Bulletin Space in their store for our use.

Extra \$\$ From City:

The extra money that was found by the City of Milwaukie for the neighborhoods to be used for citizen outreach might actually be earmarked for the Riverfest instead. This is being checked on by Cheryl.

During this discussion the idea of reinstating the Welcome Wagon was brought up. In the past, a basket of goodies was delivered to new neighbors. This could include maps, informational phone numbers, local business coupons and such. It was felt that outreach money should be used in this way to welcome new people to the neighborhood and get them involved in where they live.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

See you in April!

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