

Ardenwald-Johnson Creek NDA Minutes for 4/10/2007

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 with 15 people in attendance. The meeting was chaired by Sherri Campbell (Vice Chair), with the following attendees: Kati Bendig, Joe Campbell (Treasurer), Marianne Colgrove (Secretary), Carlotta Collette (BMAL), Bryan Dorr, Lisa Gunion-Rinker (BMAL), Kelly Kindrick (Portland Police), Kevin Krebs (Milwaukie Police), Michole Jensen, Matthew Picio, Paul Shirey (City of Milwaukie), Laura Spears, Scott Spears, Susan Stone.

Matthew Picio, Milwaukie Transportation System Plan (TSP) Concerned Citizen

Matt reported on the TSP Bicycle & Pedestrian work shops, and gave a handout with meeting info, project website, and notes from the 3/24 meeting. There are 4 working groups — Transit, Traffic & Street Network, Street Design, and Freight Access, and 2 workshops — Pedestrian & Bicycle Access, and Downtown Parking. After all groups meet, there will be an open house in late spring. The advisory committee will then make final recommendation to city council.

The Pedestrian & Bicycle group has identified a number of concerns (some of which were previously identified in 1997 plan): worn pavement on bike lanes, lack of safe routes to school, difficult crossings at busy streets (eg, 224, JCB, McLoughlin), drivers frequently parked in bike lanes, various problems at 17th and McLoughlin, and Railroad Avenue is not bicycle-friendly. The group is also concerned about the possible future impacts of the new Sellwood bridge.

Within the AJC neighborhood, specific issues are safe routes to the Springwater Corridor Trail, signage from Tacoma to the Springwater, safety on Johnson Creek Blvd. (a cyclist was recently hit on JCB), and cars parked in bike lane. More enforcement is needed to prevent parked cars in bike lanes on arterials such as JCB, King, Linwood, etc. There are also concerns about the longer-term impacts of Sellwood bridge changes.

The working group is encountering also some problems dealing with jurisdiction issues – is it Portland or Milwaukie? For example, on the Springwater trail, up by Precision Cast Parts

Police Reports

Officer Kelly Kindrick, Portland

There were only three incidents in the Portland section of our neighborhood. Throughout the district, vehicle thefts are way up. Toyotas are popular models because they're really easy to start with a variety of keys. One significant issue was a home invasion robbery around 21st & Reedway. Someone asked to use the phone, then came in and tied up the residents. Suspects have been identified and will probably be apprehended soon.

Is there a plan to address the increase in thefts? Is there some way citizens can help out? There was a vehicle theft task force, but unfortunately that has been eliminated.

Officer Kevin Krebs, Milwaukie

Things have been pretty quiet on the Milwaukie side. There was only one theft – shoplifting at the Plaid. Trouble spots haven't perked up too much, but there was a little activity at Hillside. One has been something of a chronic problem, but nothing terribly serious.

There was a question about an abandoned vehicle on Sherret. Abandoned vehicles are covered by municipal code, so it depends what side of Sherret it's on being the dividing line between Portland and Milwaukie). Officer Kindrick gave the abandoned vehicle number: 503-823-7309.

Another question about speeding on SE 36th between JCB and Roswell, which is both Portland and Milwaukie. If it's speeding, it's covered by state law and both cities could respond.

Another issue is semi-trucks on JCB, which have been increasingly prevalent. It's frustrating because the trucks have to actually be caught on the street. Trucks are supposed to take 224 — the 32nd street bridge is not rated for trucks. But, they can easily get lost, and then there's no where to go except through the neighborhood. Try to get the license plate and name of the company — most companies will try to prevent the problem.

Milwaukie Transportation System Plan (Michole)

The advisory group had it's first meeting, mostly to talk about over-arching goals. They'll have more to do when the working groups come back with input.

Bicycle, transit, traffic & street network, street design, freight access, are still meeting and anyone is welcome to join. Visit the TSP website for more information:

<http://www.cityofmilwaukie.org/milwaukie/projects/tspupdate/tspupdate.html>

Transit – there will be meetings about inner southeast light rail meeting on April 18th 6:P30 – 8:30 at Ardenwald School, to look at the north portion of the alignment.

Michole raised the question of east side Portland-Milwaukie light rail funding – will Ardenwald support a letter to state ways & means committee to support light rail?

Marianne moved, Lisa seconded that Michole draft a letter of support for inner city light rail from Ardenwald. The motion passed unanimously

Also, ask Carlotta or Michole for details if you want to write a personal letter about light rail.

Monday the 16th is the deadline to submit an application to Metro to be on the Portland-Milwaukie citizen light rail committee.

Carlotta also reported Metro is doing a phone survey on transportation options, but Sherri says they've filled their Milwaukie quota. If you get a call, please participate.

Acquiring Park Land

Lisa handed out a nice map of possible locations for Milwaukie parks funded through Metro bond. On April 29th there will be a walking tour, leaving from Lisa's house at 1:00. Unfortunately, some of the available properties are selling fast.

Garden tour

April 22nd will be the next garden tour meeting. The tour is planed for June 30, and is to support the Ardenwald school. On the 22nd we'll define sub-committees and get working plans together.

Clean up day

May 5th at Ardenwald school, 8:30 – 1:00. We need volunteers, especially at 8:30 when it's busiest.

We are getting 10 signs, which Marianne will distribute. We're also getting umbrellas that we can use at various events. We also need to mention Metro on the website.

May 19th Opening of the Corridor

10am –1pm. There will be a brass band and the Sprockettes. A bunch of bike shops will have tables. Our neighborhood will have a tent at 45th street entrance, and we will pass out information about the neighborhood. We'll try to raise awareness of the neighborhood for our Portland residents.

Bureau of Environmental Services and Johnson Creek Watershed Council will have information in the park, and the City of Milwaukie will be at 28th & Sherrett.

What about graffiti under 32nd street bridge? Stuff is also getting dumped over the bridge onto the trail. Marianne will contact PP&R to find out about jurisdiction.

Treasurer's update (Joe Campbell)

Carlotta says we're only slated for \$2500 because we over-spent this year. Joes says that's not correct, but will look into the issue.

We spent \$36.97 for pizza at the last meeting

We have \$6,559.92 balance remaining

Adjourn

Sherri moved, Marianne seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50