

Ardenwald-Johnson Creek NDA Minutes for 5/8/2007

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 with ___ people in attendance: Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno (Chair), Marianne Colgrove (Secretary), Carlotta Collette (BMAL), Kathy Fry, Lisa Gunion-Rinker (BMAL), Kelly Kindrick (Portland Police), Kevin Krebs (Milwaukie Police), Michole Jensen (BMAL), Nancy Matich, Pam Murray-McGraw, Joe New, Roshella New, Ronn Palmer, Helen Panza, Paul Shirey (City of Milwaukie), Laura Spears, Scott Spears, Kristen Wiener (SEUL), Jim Wightman, Carol Wilkins, Marten Wilkins,

Police Reports

Officer Kelly Kindrick, Portland

Hardly anything happened in Ardenwald in April – just one theft. In response to reports of speeding on SE 36th between JCB and Roswell, Officer Kendrick did hang out on 36th, but there wasn't anyone speeding.

Officer Kendrick will be at May 19 Springwater/Three-Bridges grand opening, next to the Ardenwald booth.

Questions:

Is it considered safe for women to jog by themselves on the Springwater? There are a lot transients in the area of the trail, and it can be a corridor for those committing property crime. However, there aren't any recent incidents of person to person crime. During the day it should be safe, but probably not a good idea at night.

Officer's Kendrick's phone number is 503-545-3380. He works 4pm – 2pm, Sat – Tues. If you leave a message, he'll get back to you when he's on duty. Let him know when it's OK to call.

Officer Kevin Krebs, Milwaukie

Now that we're into spring, activity is up a little bit, but it's not serious. The one hit and run was a vehicle. Kevin is noticing a trend that people no longer stop to leave a note when they hit a parked car.

One hot spot continues to be Willow Court. One problem case is a guy who does metal salvage, most recently an old van he was chopping up in the parking lot. It was a parole violation, and they asked him to stop. There have been some increase in noise complaints. The previous manager has moved to a different property and the new manager has not arrived yet. Kevin will work with the new manager when they arrive.

Questions:

Is there a maximum number of people who can live in a house? No.

How about a basement with no windows? Doesn't believe so, but would defer to code enforcement.

Any limits on the number of animals? Yes & no. Not for dogs & cats, but there are some codes about livestock, chickens, etc. Check out the city's website for the code.

Were the two recorded thefts serious or minor? One was a known subject case, and the other was a vehicle.

April Minutes

- Carlotta moved to approve the April minutes, and Lisa seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Board elections (Lisa & Michole)

Scott Spears has offered to be Land User Chair. He and his wife Lisa Spears have lived on Filbert for about a year (they previously lived in Missouri). Scott is an intern at GBD Architects. Previously Scott was a volunteer coordinator for a 300 person environmental non-profit in Maine. Scott's first degree is in biology, and then he decided to change careers. Mary King is willing to be his back up on land use issues. Others in the neighborhood will also be a resource if more information is needed.

- Cheryl moved that Scott Spears be our Land Use Chair, and Carlotta seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Cheryl moved that Mary King be the Assistant Land Use Chair, and Carlotta seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

After having a difficult time recruiting a chair, there are now several potentially interested candidates. Primary responsibilities include putting together the meeting agenda and running the meetings – it is important to be organized and a good communicator. Also, all board members are encouraged to attend the bi-monthly Milwaukie leadership meeting. The chair doesn't have to run everything, as there are lots of people who will help out with events and other neighborhood activities.

Pam might be interested in being co-chair. Roshella would defer to someone with more experience and neighborhood, but is willing to step up in a pinch. She would definitely be a "minimalist chair." Same for Kathy Fry. Ronn is interested in stepping up again, now that he's back in health. He would be committed whole-hog.

- Marianne nominated Ronn Palmer to be Chair, and Michole seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Ronn nominated Sherri Campbell to continue as Vice Chair, and Marianne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Carlotta nominated Joe Campbell to continue as Treasurer, and Michole seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Marianne nominated Kathy Fry to be Secretary and Carlotta seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Members at Large:

Cheryl nominated several people to be Board Members at Large: Joe New, Roshella New, Pam Murray-McGraw, Helen Panza, Marten Wilkins, Carol Wilkins, Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Nancy Matich, Carlotta Collette, Michole Jensen, Chris Davis and Jeff Davis. Cheryl also offered to continue as a Board Member at Large

- Ronn moved to nominate the slate for Board Member at Large, and Kristen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Milwaukie Transportation System Plan (Cheryl)

Cheryl has been participating in the TSP meeting, but is only able to make it about half the time. All are encouraged to attend. There will be an Advisory Committee Wednesday, May 16 - Michole is our representative.

Eastmoreland Boundary Initiative (Marianne)

Eastmoreland is updating their bylaws and approached AJC (through Southeast Uplift) about extending their boundaries south to Johnson Creek – currently their boundaries go to the south lot line of the houses fronting Crystal Springs Blvd. This would cause an overlap with Ardenwald-Johnson Creek, which our neighborhood would have to approve. There were a couple of motivations for this proposal: There seems to be a belief that the historical boundary is the creek, though our historical information does not agree. Also, there is concern that the houses north of Tideman Johnson Park, and south of Crystal Springs are in something of a no-man's land – many residents don't know what neighborhood they're in. This could be because the ONI maps are incorrect.

In the end, Eastmoreland decided not to pursue the boundary overlap, and the issue was dropped.

Garden tour (Lisa)

The next meeting is this Friday, May 11 at Joe & Roshella's. We will have 8 gardens (possibly 9). It will no longer be a walking tour, but we will try to get gardens that cluster near each other.

Milwaukie Park Walk (Lisa)

Lisa reported for the subcommittee looking at potential park plots west of 32nd. The two interesting parcels are Norm Scott's near the Springwater and the other is on Balfour street. One concern about the Scott parcel is that it would primarily be a park for the Springwater, rather than Milwaukie residents. Lisa distributed a letter of recommendation form the subcommittee.

Walmart Issue (Lisa)

Dietrich filed a Measure 37 claim - the hearing will be May 24th at 2:00pm at the Metro Council Chambers. All are encouraged to attend – it would be great to have someone representing Ardenwald. Marianne has an electronic version of the Measure 37 claim – let her know if you'd like a copy.

Southeast Uplift (Marianne)

Mayor Tom Potter has published a proposed budget, which includes an increase in money for neighborhoods – it doesn't have everything we asked for, but it does have an increase for ONI, coalitions, and neighborhoods. Please thank Mayor Potter for his support if you have the opportunity.

Charter Review Measures are a significant issue before Portland voters on May 15. There are four separate measures on the ballot. SEUL did not feel it had enough time to adequately consider the measure, so it is not taking a position. However, the SEUL board did vote not to endorse the charter revision measures. SEUL also surveyed the committees. The League of Women Voters has taken a position against the charter revision. Please visit their website, or

May 19th Opening of the Corridor

9am –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.

Reading program

The reading program will now be Tuesday morning in July (there will be 5). At the first Tuesday students can also sign up for the Ledding Library summer reading program.

Summer concerts (Carlotta)

There are five Thursdays, but four concerts lined up: Dr. Jazz's interns, Loose Wimmin, AWOL Blues Band, Misty Mammias (bluegrass, traditional). Thinking about doing the 5th event as a neighborhood jam, if there is enough interest.

National Night Out will be the first concert, so we need to plan that.

So far we have donations from Providence and garbage haulers, and probably others like Bernard's Garage, Farmer's Market, etc. will step up as well.

Adjourn

Marianne moved, Joe seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00