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ARDENWALD/JOHNSON CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
JUNE 12, 2007 MEETING MINUTES

Ron Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:10.

In attendance

Ron Palmer (Chair), Kathy Fry (Secretary), Nancy Matich (BMAL), Joe Campbell (Treasurer), Laurie Wells, Michole Jenson (BMAL), Pam Murray (BMAL), Vicki Chambers, Matt Utterback, Gary Kryszak, Sheila Shaw (Ardenwald Elementary Principal), Paul Shirey (City of Milwaukie), Heidi Helwig (Portland Police), Kevin Krebs (Milwaukie Police)

General Announcements, Ron Palmer

Attendance was low possibly due to changed start time and Milwaukie planning meeting at the same time.

Next meeting will be held September 11th at 6:30pm. It will be published in the Milwaukie Pilot prior to the meeting. New membership committee should work to get message out.

Varie Luciano was a board member last year, but was not re-elected this year. She is not present and Ron Palmer will follow up on this over the summer.

No summer lunch program this summer. Go through Milwaukie high. Contact Ron or Cheryl if anyone can get snacks to the school.

Transit/Lightrail, Michole Jenson

Michole presented a draft letter to the Milwaukie Planning Committee from the NDA in support of the Portland/Milwaukie lightrail project and including the McLoughlin/Main Light Rail Alignment Option in the supplemental Draft Environmental Study. Ron motioned to approve letter with no changes and Joe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

May meeting notes

Nancy questioned if anyone attended the May 24th Metro hearing regarding Walmart's measure 37 claim and if the outcome was known. No one present had attended.

In response to notes about problems at the Willow Court apartments, Laurie Wells introduced herself and gave an updated. There is a new manager who very supportive of correcting current problems and will keep in contact with Officer Kevin Krebs. The tenant who was cutting up cars was evicted, but has been seen around the apartments. Signs with warnings of police patrols will remain until amount of incidents go down even though there is a new manager.

With no updates or changes to the notes, Joe motioned to approve May 8, 2007 meeting notes and Nancy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer, Joe Campbell

\$60 in stamps was purchased for communications and will be reimbursed with money from up Southeast Uplift.

Joe reported the following expenses for this summer:

\$240 two-month port-a-potty rental for summer reading program and concert events

\$1,422.52 books for summer reading program

\$1,000 grant for books from Hector Campbell is in the works, but not yet in hand.

\$5,545.12 is current balance. Majority will be spent on summer reading program and summer concerts.

Ron moves to approve the treasury report and Nancy seconds. The motion passed unanimously.

New Century Players, Nancy Matich

Milwaukie community theater (www.newcenturyplayers.com) obtained the stucco building at the corner of SE 37th and Adams (next to the Milwaukie Museum and trolley car) from the city for office space use. They are responsible for all the renovation and after completion it may have space for other artists or other city office space. They and are asking for donations of goods and services to help with the renovation.

Nancy requested \$500 from neighborhood association to help refurbish house. Joe and Ron noted that they would feel more comfortable waiting to get more feedback from other board members. A board meeting should be added this summer to get more input.

The public is invited to an open house on July 15th to see the renovations.

Milwaukie Civic Maintenance Projects, Paul Shirey

Not much to report. Used to be engineering director and involved in capital projects, but now maintenance in the City of Milwaukie.

Dave Ashenberg, business owner on the corner of King road and 42nd, is requesting to remove option to a turn left turn onto King road at that corner. Paul shared that this is a design issue that engineers would need to address.

There was group discussion that it is an awkward and confusing corner, but the current design is working there have not been any accidents yet. The group agreed that Ron should follow up with Dave and continue to watch and discuss the traffic on this corner.

Formation of Arts Committee, Ron Palmer

Ron would like to start an arts committee and nominates Nancy to head up the committee. Most of her background is in theater arts, but believes there is more art in the projects are possible.

Shelia Shaw, principle of Ardenwald sees lots of opportunities for school and community involvement. One example would be tiles the children have created for the building that may need to be removed with the new school building. Could they be used in the neighborhood somewhere? Nancy and Ron will continue brainstorming the arts committee this summer.

Portland Officer Report, Heidi Helwig

Heidi shared pictures of adorable baby Palmer Jean.

Although she has been out on maternity leave, she pulled the crime stats. One crime on 38th and Crystal Springs one car. She provided a handout on graffiti because it is becoming an issue in Sellwood. Similar information can be found at www.portlandonlin.com/oni — click on “Report a graffiti problem” in the left column.

A registered sex offender was caught in women’s clothing, in the women’s restroom at Mt. Scott community center. He lives in Gladstone and most likely traveling through Milwaukie. His photo and profile was handed out. To see profile and photo go to: <http://sexoffenders.oregon.gov> — click on “agree” to the conditions of use statement and search for “Thomas Lee Benson” at zip code “97027”.

Milwaukie Officer Report, Kevin Krebs

Officer Krebs also shared that he has background with Thomas Lee Benson and does believe he is an active problem.

How long can car be sat and not moved: 24 hours. But intended for broken down and abandon cars. Please don’t want to abuse the law. Too many neighbors tabuse this and call on neighbor’s cars parked in the streets.

Krebs was not working the day of the ammonia spill, but the response went smoothly. Milwaukie used their code red system for the first time. When there is an emergency, the computer calls everyone in the area automatically with a recording. To find out if you are on the list go to the City website.

New Ardenwald School update, Gary Kryszak

Gary Kryszak, capital project manager, presented the layout of the new school. Key points of design include:

- Existing building will stay in operation until the new building is complete since new school will be built behind the current school —toward the back of lot.
- Right now the parking slightly exceeds city code, but working with city.
- Play fields as current drawn will be reduced to preserving more.
- Design accommodates growth from the current 300 students to 550 students.
- Mahlum architect is dedicated to honor the concept of the current building exterior with possibly a brick entry façade and varied roofline though out.

- Entrance will not be flat roof. Back with classrooms will most likely be flat roof.
 - CMGC process gets contractor involved with architect during design process.
 - Hire contractor this August. Break ground this time next year.
 - Fall 2009 new school will open. Question about security in terms of lighting outside. Milwaukie emphasizes keeping lighting low for neighborhoods.
 - Not seeking LEED certification, but using as an outline for smart building.
- Natural light and compact building. Open windows – no air condition.

More information will be available in July on the district website. Ron requested that they attend the September meeting to present to the larger group.

Membership committee

Pam requested a list of people interested in the membership committee. She has some projects to happen in August to get ready for the first meeting in the fall. Kathy will email her a list of people interested.

Adjourn

Joe moved, Ron seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30.