

Ardenwald/Johnson Creek Neighborhood District Association Minutes

11/13/07, Ardenwald Elementary School

Attending Neighbors who signed in or were noted as attending this meeting:

Carol Helvey	Joe Loomis
Kathy Provost	James Potter
Cameron Provost	Sandy Ostrander
Carlotta Collette	Sherry Kelly
Leilani Dorscher	Ray Price
Sarah Smith	Paul & Melissa Looper
Nancy Matich	Rich & Sharon Horrocks
Elizabeth Haugen	Emily Sanborn
Kris Nickelson	Jeanne Lee
Paula Means	Veneda Howard
Maggie Means	Lisa Gunion-Rinker
Jill & Tim Younce	Matt Rinker
Marten & Cindy Wilkins	Juli & David Howard
Griff & Julia McCullar	Cuthbert & Mary Powell
Charles & Patricia Meeker	Paul & Ruth Urben
Doane, Lawanna, & Chelsea Schulz	Bob & Teresa Wall
Pat Rainhold	Steve & Chantaya Garner
Ralph & Jean Johnson	Jo Hamilton
Sharon Messerschmidt	Norman Anderson
Margaret Bienapfl	Tere & Jimmy Collazo
Ivonne Fleishman	Jesse Fleishman
Norma Knodel	Melissa Ray
Carol Wilkins	Irene Do
Scott Spears	John Stanford
Karl Rainhold	Shareen Newton
Dawn & Mike Stacey	Sharon Saban
Michole Jensen	Eric Griswold
Pam Murray-McGraw	Helen Panza
Bruce & Diana Ward	Tracey Moist
Ryan Roberts	Betty Fulmore
Calvin Smith	Dawn Leslie
Teresa Walker	Valerie Rood
Macy Bishop	Tonya Gilbert
Susan Stone	Michelle Capisos
Joe Campbell	Joe & Rochella New
Jim Bernard	Mike Swanson
Lynn Peterson	John Mantas
Kim Hutchinson	Ronn Palmer
Bryan Dorr	Carolyn Tomei

The meeting was called to order by Ardenwald Neighborhood chair Ronn Palmer at 6:30pm. He announced that because of the large number of people attending the meeting tonight that we would try to take care of normal neighborhood business as listed on the agenda as quickly as possible before moving on to the discussion concerning the proposed maximum security residential facility for the criminally mentally ill on Balfour Street.

Ronn introduced Mayor Jim Bernard and City Manager Mike Swanson to the attending neighbors and thanked them not only for attending tonight's meeting, but for their dedicated work and outstanding accomplishments for the City. Mayor Bernard addressed the neighborhood and thanked them for coming tonight and becoming involved in issues in their neighborhood. He said that there are many projects that the City of Milwaukie is working on such as light rail, sewage treatment plant concerns, downtown revitalization, Riverfront Park, and etc. that would benefit from citizen involvement, attention, and input. Mayor Bernard thanked Mike Swanson for his many hours of work on the Balfour Street property under discussion tonight. He said that Mike and many people have been working behind the scenes to come up with a solution for this issue. He stated that the City of Milwaukie has made an offer on the 2808 Balfour Street property, and that the City will hopefully be hearing back soon. He gave much praise for his cousin, Jeff Johnson, for getting the word out to everybody so quickly about this issue.

The Mayor announced that he would be attending the Clackamas County Commissioners meetings on both November 15th and 21st, and encouraged tonight's attending citizens to attend one of the meetings. He stated that the meeting will start at 10am where the proposed maximum security residential facility for the criminally mentally ill on Balfour Street will be discussed. Ronn emphasized the start time of the meeting as 10:00am and that the Clackamas County Commissioners meeting discussing the Balfour Street property will be held on November 21st located at 2051 SE Kaen Road in Oregon City.

At this point, the Mayor stated that Mike Swanson, city manager has been working hard on this issue and deserves a round of applause (clapping). Mike Swanson addressed the attending neighbors and thanked Jim and Ronn for their generous compliments towards him. He said that his mother would be happy to hear them. He thanked neighbors for attending tonight and stated that he understood their concerns, and wanted to let them know that he empathized with their feelings. He said his perspective must be slightly different because of his position and the fact that he lives in another city, and is not directly experiencing this situation as neighbors. He stated that he has received numerous calls and emails concerning this issue and apologized if he was unable to return them all.

At this point Ronn thanked Mike and asked that the ½ sheet slips that were handed out with questions for the county be filled out and returned so they could be taken up as part of the dialog concerning tonight's issue. He asked neighbors to please observe respect for others and opened the floor for questions from attending neighbors.

Jim MacDonald stated that according to the television, this mental institution is under the jurisdiction or will have to abide by the fair housing act. Does this facility come under this act? He stated that if it is the same jurisdiction as the proposed Oxford House there isn't

anywhere to go from here. The only avenue where this can go is to the state senate as there is no way to appeal the placement of this facility. Mayor Bernard answered that the legislature can also be asked to consider questions concerning the placement of these facilities in neighborhoods, but that overall the questioner was correct. Another citizen asked when the city will let citizens know if the offer on the Balfour Street property has been accepted? The mayor said that citizens can email him at bernardj@ci.milwaukie.or.us, and that as soon as the city knows and council formally approves they will get the word out. He suggested that citizens get on an email list.

Ronn interjected for a moment and stated that he wanted to differentiate between the Oxford House and this proposed facility. He said that this facility will not house people who will become part of this community living and working here as Oxford House residents typically do. The patients will be kept in a maximum secured facility with no neighborhood interaction only going outside the facility accompanied by staff or sheriff escort. He stated that no way in hell is such a facility going into Ardenwald!

Mike Swanson stated that the Federal Fair Housing Act prevents discrimination, but that the facility will still have to follow all the building and fire codes of the City of Milwaukie, and may have some extra added requirements because of the secure nature of the facility. He stated that it basically all comes down to land use. This facility does have the backing of the Federal Fair Housing Act, and that senators Smith and Wyden and Legislature representatives are the only avenues to pursue action.

At this juncture Ronn introduced John Mantas who works for Clackamas County. Ronn asked John to describe his role with the County and the county's role in the issue currently under discussion. John described his position as the Administrator for Clackamas County to the attending neighbors, and stated that he works with the Clackamas County Commissioners helping determine the agendas for their discussion or vote, and that he works closely with the various cities in the county. John described the county's role in this current issue is to vote to approve or disapprove Federal Block Grant money for the proposed residential treatment facility sited in Ardenwald by the nonprofit group ORBS. Ronn asked John how the proposed facility would be considered community development, if the property is to be purchased with Federal Block Grant money? How is this facility considered positive for the neighborhood?

John stated that identification of properties for these facilities are much needed because there is a shortage of housing for the mentally ill. The Addiction and Mental Health Division of the Oregon Department of Human Services is promoting a state wide initiative to enhance community-based residential treatment services to persons with mental illness. Currently there are Clackamas County residents being held at the state hospital because they have no where to go. Clackamas County recognizes the need for a secure residential treatment facility for our county residents. There have been 2 prior property proposals for these type of treatment facilities in Clackamas County.

An unidentified neighbor asked who is looking for the sites for these types of facilities? John answered ORBS is the nonprofit that sited the Balfour Street site. Another unidentified

neighbor asked where the two other sites proposed were located? Ronn answered that there was one proposed in Sandy, OR and one in Oregon City. ORBS works with a realtor who looks for properties for these type of facilities.

Betty stated that she has run a lockdown facility for the mentally ill before and she understands the facility environment. She asked if the proposed facility is going to be an enhanced care institute? John stated that he was not sure. Betty stated that there are certain rules and classifications and wanted to know if eight of the people for this proposed facility were from Fairview? She said that those patients have all been convicted and that people coming from there are the most dangerous because they are the last ones left from that facility to be placed. She also stated that in working with this group of people there are certain regulations that must be met and that people who come into these facilities are dangerous. She said that the information that has been provided to the community is not "what it is all about".

Another neighbor asked what kind of zoning does Milwaukie have that would allow this kind and size of facility to be built on a residential street? Mayor Bernard said that city staff searched to see if there were any zoning limitations for this type of facility on Balfour Street and found none.

Another neighbor asked what the classification of this facility would be? She stated that she had seen the planning for this facility, and that it has fences, barbed wire, holding rooms, and etc. and wanted to know how this facility is not considered a business? Normally it would not qualify as a residential building. She also stated that she felt that citizens are not getting the proper names for this type of facility so we can't discern the real issues. Mayor Bernard stated that neither City of Milwaukie building codes or zoning could stop the facility from being built.

A neighbor on the right side of the room said that even if the City is able to purchase the currently proposed property how will the city stop these type of facilities from going in next to our children? Will the city fix the building codes to protect its citizens? Mayor Bernard said absolutely, and that the city will work with the county, state, and federal government on this issue. He stated that the planning commission is already looking at tightening the codes for other reasons and will also take this recent issue into consideration.

A neighbor on the left side of the room asked what kinds of crimes would the people living in this facility have been convicted of? Does this facility basically come down to a jail in our neighborhood? How is it that if you are helping fund the facility you are not siting the facility? How does this work? John answered that the county's role is to provide federal funds for part of the acquisition costs, provide mental health housing funds for part of the construction costs, assist with screening and evaluating placements, and may provide case management and treatment services. ORBS, which is the nonprofit organization involved, is responsible for site selection, developer and construction oversight, treatment provider, and is the non-profit owner and residential operator. Essentially ORBS locates, sites, and sets up these facilities and the county doesn't get all the details. He stated that cost plays a large part of the need for residential facilities as they are less expensive than hospitals. The

proposed facility would cost \$291 per day to operate versus \$450 per day for hospital beds. This really is a federal issue. If ORBS acquires the site the county commissioners cannot vote against this facility just because the neighborhood doesn't like it. If the eligibility issues are met and the facility is built, the county can interject in the screening and evaluation of placements, but that is it. John stated that there is always a chance that facilities will be located where they are not wanted.

At this point Ronn introduced Lynn Peterson to attending neighbors. Lynn is a Clackamas County Commissioner who was scheduled to come to the meeting tonight to discuss other items, but was gracious enough to attend tonight to discuss this issue instead. Lynn thanked Ronn for his kind introduction and stated that she did understand the position of the City of Milwaukie as she has been a neighborhood chair and City Council member before in Lake Oswego where she lives. She said that all the questions she has heard asked tonight are ones that she would also be asking if she were in the neighborhoods position. Lynn stated that John has made it clear that the county is in a really tough position, but is not hiding under a shroud of legalize. She emphasized that the county cannot deny a site once it has been approved because of FHA discrimination laws. She stated that she is here tonight to listen, take notes, and questions that she will bring up at the Clackamas County Commissioner meeting for discussion on this issue.

An attending neighbor stated that he lives on a flag lot directly adjacent to this property and that security is only as good as the front door. Are you, representing the county, going to buy my house if this facility goes in? Also, what is the proposed schedule for putting this facility in and when will it be open? Lynn stated that this information was not known at this point.

Another neighbor asked why the other two site proposals in Sandy and Oregon City did not go through? Was it because of zoning, codes, why? Lynn was unsure of the answer to this question as they happened before she became a Clackamas County Commissioner. An attending neighbor stated that they thought one of them came down to a fire marshal issue.

A neighbor stated that it appears that the City of Milwaukie has taken an unfair burden of these types of houses or facilities into it's neighborhoods? Is this information factual and if so where is the data? Why aren't other cities such as Lake Oswego, West Linn, and Wilsonville getting this type of housing? John stated that there are currently 10 group homes spread throughout the county and listed them in Gladstone, Oregon City, Milwaukie, and etc., but attending neighbors felt that group homes were not comparable to this type of facility.

Another neighbor asked if she was correct in understanding that tonight's issue was put on the agenda 2 months ago and if so why weren't neighbors notified earlier? Ronn stated that Lynn had agreed to be on the neighborhood agenda 2 months ago for other issues such as light rail and sewage treatment plant facilities, not for this issue.

A neighbor stated that they understood statistically that 2% of the population that would be housed in this facility will re-offend. She wondered how many patients, once they are off their conditional release, re-offend? Lynn stated that she does not have an answer for this question, but she will direct it to ORBS as this is in their jurisdiction. She stated that there

are other folks who are out in the county who do not have any overview.

Another neighbor stated that they understood that this is less than a welcoming position for Lynn, but felt that for her to say that the neighborhood is happy or unhappy about this facility is a non-issue. Where is the most appropriate place to have this type of facility in the county? Lynn stated that as the law reads – disabled people have the right to live anywhere than an able bodied person lives. The patients in this facility, even though they will have a criminal background, are considered disabled first.

Another neighbor asked what the neighborhoods role was in this process? They understand that the city could only provide information, but has to remain neutral. What we need to know is if the city can't or isn't allowed to help us, what can we do as citizens? Lynn stated that if people come before the board of Clackamas County Commissioners we will listen to your position. The neighbor responded that Lynn had said it would be considered discrimination if they were swayed by neighborhood input, so what is our recourse? Lynn stated that she hated to be a broken record, but again the FHA laws backing this type of facility and the county's role in the process are very clear.

Another neighbor stated that there was a work release housing project hotel in Milwaukie. Is that hotel still in use? Mike answered that there were two such properties and that one is still operating and that the other one was shut down in 2000. Again, that housing is for a different population than the one that we are discussing tonight. That housing is for people coming out of jail and not prison who have to work to pay off their crimes.

Another neighbor stated that in the past, if someone was going to do an easement on their property neighbors were notified. Why was the proposal of this facility kept so secret from the neighborhood? Mayor Bernard answered that per the Federal Fair Housing Act if the facility can be sited and built, there is no additional notification process. The facility has to be treated as if it were just a house being built in the neighborhood.

Another neighbor stated that it sounded to her that the patients for the proposed facility are from Fairview and are currently in State custody at the Oregon State Hospital. She said she can understand the need for a residential facility based on the cost differential but wondered at the size of the facility, 8,500 sq. ft, on a strictly residential street with 1,500 to 2,000 sq. ft homes, and the need for it to be located so close to where there are children and elderly populations. This is not a group home facility and should not be treated the same.

Tonya Gilbert identified herself and stated that she notified John Mantas of many of these questions asked tonight a week ago, and was disappointed that he did not come to this meeting with answers to these questions. John responded that most of the questions asked were for ORBS and not for the county. All the county can do is forward the question to the proper agency. Much of this is outside the purview of the county. Tonya then wanted to know if the proposed facility will have to apply for a business permit because it will have 24 hour, 7 days a week staff? John again stated that this is outside the purview of the county and that only after ORBS has sited a location for a residential treatment facility they come talk to county.

A neighbor stated that the city told citizens to go to the county with their concerns. Is this the correct place to go? Are you who we should be talking to or is there someone else? Lynn answered that if ORBS meets all the criteria for a site there is no place for citizens to go except to the state and legislative bodies. The county provides federal funds for part of the acquisition costs, provides mental health housing funds for part of the construction costs, assists with screening and evaluating placements, and may provide case management and treatment services. Many of the questions asked are beyond the counties jurisdiction.

Lynn stated that there is a sign up sheet going around and that she will make sure that the answers to those questions get put up on the county website. She wants to make it easy for citizens to find the information and will ask that the homepage for Clackamas County has a link to this information.

Ronn stated that he has contacted other neighborhood associations in Milwaukie and they are in full support of the Ardenwald Neighborhood. He reminded Lynn that she is addressing not just Ardenwald, but the entire City of Milwaukie.

Mike Swanson addressed the neighborhood stating that he cannot speak from the same position they do because he doesn't have such a facility proposed to go in next door or close to it, but that he could feel for citizens because he understands where they are coming from. He stated that Lynn, John, and Jim are here to listen to concerns, but are under restrictions. He reminded the attending neighbors that it takes a great deal of courage to come before any group that is upset about something. He stated that we are all under the jurisdiction of FHA. He can ensure that the proposed facility meets the correct city codes, but that doesn't mean that it is a good idea. He stated that the city has made an offer to buy the property, but won't know until later this week if the offer has been accepted. He maintained that such facilities do serve a much needed function and that such facilities do need to go somewhere. He will start working with others in the county to come up with a solution for siting these type of facilities.

An attending neighbor stated that this facility is not right for the neighborhood, not because of zoning, but because we are in the process of revitalizing. We already have an Oxford house proposed right now, and a new park ½ block from where this facility has been sited. This facility will kill revitalization of the area. I believe the county commissioners have heard our concerns. Who will carry these concerns to the state and to the federal government? We need to turn our attention to this arena if we want to be part of the solution and not part of the problem.

At this point Ronn introduced our Legislative Representative Carolyn Tomei to the attending neighbors and Carolyn said she would start working on a solution from the state point of view. She will meet with the State Mental Health Services in the next few weeks.

One neighbor asked if we, as a group, should contact ORBS and start helping them find another place? Mike stated that he would begin working towards that goal.

Another neighbor asked if anyone knew the realtor's name, but Mike said it was a non-profit organization so the realtor's name is not public knowledge.

A neighbor stated that she knew that nobody is discriminating against mentally ill people, but there have to be better places for violent mentally ill people to be. She stated that people on their medication are perfectly fine, and if patients have problems they are taken somewhere else.

Another neighbor again asked what types of crimes have the patients of the proposed facility committed? How safe or unsafe are they? Again it was stated that this information was not known by the City of Milwaukie or Clackamas County. The criminal activity of the patients could range from trespassing to murder.

Another neighbor stated that he is a purchasing manager for a very large assisted living facility. He felt that the traffic that would be needed to keep the proposed facility stocked would be overwhelming to a small, narrow residential street. There would be traffic for food, medications, everything for supplying this facility, not to mention visitors, and staff. There is going to be much added congestion to this street, and to bring in the people, food, and etc. there could be very large vehicles like semis because supplies are all put on delivery routes. The parking spaces for 24 cars will also ensure that there will be multiple visitors at one time. Lynn stated that a single family home will generate 10 trips a day, and would look into this issue more thoroughly.

Another neighbor asked about 24 hour staffing and wanted to know how many people would be staffed during the day and how many at night? Her concern was that typically there is more daytime staff and very little nighttime staff for such a facility which is a security issue for her. Lynn again stated that this would be a question for ORBS and she would try to find the information to answer this question.

Kim Hutchinson identified himself and stated that the earnest money for this facility went down for purchase on May 25th but he hopes that the owners will accept the offer from the city. First, he wanted to make sure that everyone know that the neighbors who own the property under discussion tonight did not know what it would be used for. Kim stated that he has visited the ORBS website and reviewed the set of criteria they use for siting these type of facilities. He wanted to make sure that county commissioners know that in this criteria there is nothing speaking about the neighborhood or neighbors or schools or parks. Everything is for and about the patients there is no consideration even discussed or given to the neighborhoods where these facilities may be sited. This is a concern as the people who wrote the criteria are people at the hospital and at the state level. Why would neighborhoods and neighbors be left out of all dialogs when they are the ones most affected by a very large facility being sited next to them?

Next Kim stated that if anyone has read the 41 pages of questions and answers given to the City of Sandy, you will laugh. There are no real answers given, and when ORBS was asked about re-offenders, it was very telling that they compare their re-offense number of 2% to

the state corrections facility of 30%. Are these comparable entities? What they don't say is if that 2% is per month or year.

Another neighbor stated that from listening to everyone talk it sounds as if the city doesn't buy it, the offer isn't accepted, then there is pretty much nothing we can do. Everyone agreed that this was true. Everyone also agreed that it is a difficult situation because in the decision making criteria for the county, neighborhood viewpoints are not allowed to sway the decision. City is offering a bid as it was discovered that there is a window that would allow the owners to reject the other offer and accept the city offer.

Another neighbor asked that if the ORBS people researched this proposed site where does the equality of these sitings come down? My question is why is there no section 8 housing or other similar facilities proposed for Lake Oswego or West Linn or Wilsonville? The neighbor continued that this is essentially affecting our property values. As tax payers, what do we need to do to change this situation? Why is everything bad sited on the eastside of the river and not in Lake Oswego, not in Wilsonville, not in West Linn? Where do we go from here? Lynn said that these were all good questions, and that she understands what the neighbor is saying. She said that for a city to receive affordable housing the median income of cities like Lake Oswego, Wilsonville, or West Linn are too high, and don't meet the requirements. Thirty or forty years ago things were different, but now there are certain things residents can't get in Lake Os because they don't meet the federal criteria to even get low income senior housing. Not for lack of trying, but you are right and this inequality has been going on for a very long time. Lynn stated that this is again something to continue working on at the state level.

Mike Swanson stated that FHA is missing a piece. One item is that protection needs to be extended to a city that has accommodated their fair share of similar housing, but this needs to come from the Federal level.

Ronn stated that there was a gentlemen behind Lynn with a question. She turned around towards Ronn, Ronn said "Hi" and then asked Lynn if similar facilities were sited for Sandy and Oregon City, but didn't go in, why does it sound like this facility has to go in Milwaukie? Lynn said that she wasn't sure about the other sites as they occurred before she was a Clackamas County Commissioner, but emphasized again the FHA restrictions.

Another neighbor asked when the offers were tendered on the Oregon City site? Does anyone know the dates for the other two sites? Another neighbor responded that there was no money for the Sandy facility, but someone should talk to the Sandy fire marshal to clarify. Kim believes that there wasn't enough money for the preferred site.

A gentlemen on the right side of the room stated that he could not address the concerns of property value by neighbors, but what he really sees at this meeting are people who are afraid of mental illness. He said that is why Sandy didn't want this facility and Oregon City didn't want it. He said that mental health is unpopular, and because this is a secure facility we should all feel safer. There is no high rate of people breaking out of lockdown facilities that harm people. He said it is much more likely for a neighbor to get attacked from

someone coming off of the train tracks, and that statistically mentally ill people are more likely to be the victim than the criminal. If this facility was a cancer facility the neighborhood wouldn't even bat an eye.

Joe New wanted to make a statement regarding the inequality issue. If the concern is that Milwaukie or the eastside is being used as "dumping ground" for low income housing and now facilities for the criminally mentally ill, the city and its citizens need to stand up for their rights now.

Ronn stated that we could go on all night long discussing the concerns about the proposed facility, and the county knows how we feel. He said there could be 4 more questions before conclusion of this meeting. At this time Ronn asked attending board members for their vote to suspend the other meeting items until the next neighborhood meeting. All board members unanimously voted to suspend other neighborhood business.

Tracy stated that she lives right next to where the proposed facility will be built. She stated that her family is not afraid of mentally ill people, but that they are afraid of criminal behavior. She has a son who is mentally ill, but that is completely different from someone who is a convicted felon. She said that she is afraid for her children.

Another neighbor asked who will be monitoring this facility for security, and who will be insuring this facility? Who will neighbors go to when issues come up and with no agreement in place will those issues be dealt with in a timely manner? Again this is another question for ORBS.

Another neighbor stated that this facility is a security issue and more than that his house will be right across from the parking lot. What type of lighting will be shining in his windows 24-7, and when his property values plummet will the county buy his property to enlarge this facility? This is more than security, this is a quality of life issue. Is it fair to take away the quality of life for an entire neighborhood so that 15 people will have a new facility to be locked up in?

Another neighbor had a suggestion for all attending neighbors. He asked, what can we do to prevent this from happening again in the future? Ask yourself, do I have the tarp that has the Winnebago under it for the past 15 years? Everyone clean up your properties, get the property value up, and then Milwaukie won't look so inviting to these types of facilities.

Another neighbor complained that he felt that he was getting the run around. Lynn apologized to him, but stated that the county does not have the answers for many of these questions, they must be answered by ORBS.

Another neighbor suggested that the city re-evaluate the zoning and codes to specify areas where these type of facilities can and can't be built.

Jill stated that she has a friend who works at the Oregon State Hospital and that the recidivity rate is higher than what ORBS states. She stated that she doesn't have children, but if even

one child or citizen is injured by someone at this facility that is too many.

Another neighbor suggested that we might be able to get more information from the state than from the ORBS place. What is ORBS experience with siting these facilities? What data do they have that the property values around these facilities are not affected? Are the patients for this facility diagnosed with acute mental illness? Are these patients still dangerous to society? Many of these questions have to be answered by the state.

Macy Bishop stated that she grew up in Milwaukie and came back because she wanted to raise a family here. This is her home. Macy wanted to know if Oregon City and Sandy actually didn't meet the criteria, or if there was some emergency meeting and law that was put in place to protect those cities. She wants to make sure that if this band-aid of buying the property works for now, what will be done to ensure that no other Milwaukie neighborhoods have to have this dialog. She said that citizens don't ask for much, we just want to feel safe where we live. Jim said that he understood what she meant and that everything was being done that could be done.

Lynn thanked attending neighbors and wanted them to all be here when she comes to talk to the neighborhood about sewers and light rail. She wants everyone to get active because there is a lot going on that is positive in Milwaukie and in Clackamas County. She stated that the county commissioners will work on this issue, these questions from tonight, and discuss locations for these facilities.

Ronn thanked Macy for her comments and thanked Lynn, John, and Jim for attending the meeting tonight. He also thanked all the neighbors for attending and hoped that everyone will attend the commissioners meeting on November 21st in Oregon City. Ronn stated that we were voted the best area to live in the entire metro area last year so be proud of your community.(clapping) Ronn asked that the neighborhood give a round of applause to our guests as they were gracious enough to come here, listen to our concerns, and answer some of our questions! Thank them for their time!!(clapping)

Meeting adjourned 8:12pm
Written by: Lisa Gunion-Rinker
Acting Secretary for 11/13/07