

Ardenwald-Johnson Creek NDA Minutes for 2/12/2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:30. There were 21 people in attendance:

Jeff Burns
Joe Campbell, Treasurer
Sherri Campbell, Vice Chair
Marianne Colgrove, SEUL Delegate and Webmaster
Bryan Dorr
John Holladay
Nina Katovic
Kelly Kindrick, Portland Police
Nancy Matich
Joe New, BMAL
Ronn Palmer, Chair
Melissa Powell
Beth Ragel, City of Milwaukie
Shirley Reynolds
Matt Rinker
Scott Spears, Land Use
Susan Stone, Milwaukie Councilor
Deidre Weinert
Marten Wilkins, BMAL
Carol Wilkins, BMAL
Jill Younce

Tim Salyers, Milwaukie Code Enforcement

Mr. Salyers is going before council with a new ordinance & would like to get feedback from neighborhoods. The state legislature passed a law that enables local jurisdictions to put in an ordinance addressing issues with abandoned shopping carts. There are 9 shopping cart owners in Milwaukie. Now that bill has passed, Albertsons & Safeway are doing a good job (they hired NW Cart Retrieval); the other places still aren't dealing with it. The proposed ordinance will require that stores post phone numbers at their site and on the cart. The businesses have 72 hours to pick up abandoned carts – after that the city can confiscate the cart and charge \$50 for it's return. Removing and abandoning carts would be an enforceable violation. The store could still authorize a person to remove the cart, but that person can't abandon it. There would be a \$500 fine to the business if they don't have proper signage. The penalty fees go into general fund like any code violation.

Questions: Would there be any visual indicator that store has given permission? It seems like a potential problem with profiling, or an unnecessary stop for officer to deal with carts. There are lots of other things we'd like to see police spend time on than enforcing a shopping cart ordinance.

The real principle of the ordinance is to make the stores responsible for picking them up; not necessarily going to put a high priority on hunting people down or ticketing them.

What about cart-locking mechanisms? Managers are interested in self-locking mechanisms, but corporate doesn't usually want to pay for them.

Other code enforcement questions arose relating to the "rabbit lady." We need ordinance change to govern number of animals – where is Milwaukie with that? Right now there is only a limit on dogs, and the cit is trying to control chickens. Maybe we should look at what Hillsboro is doing.

Officer Kendrick, Portland

There were events in Ardenwald near Springwater entrance. The chart doesn't seem to include two break-ins at 37th & Tenino (one car, one house). There is generally more crime near Springwater – especially theft from a vehicle. It is generally lower in winter than summer.

There was a hit and run accident on McLoughlin. The pedestrian was crossing from east side toward Acropolis. There were serious injuries, but it was probably not driver's fault. However, they shouldn't have fled the scene. It was a silver car, missing passenger side mirror. There's a bus stop on the east side of McLoughlin, and there have been accidents there before.

Announcements (Ronn)

The planning commission is meeting right now on final proposals for the school. It is going forward without LEED certification. Current school will be mostly demolished, perhaps a façade will be saved.

City has taken over clean up day. There was a traffic accident near the Ardenwald drop off site and garbage haulers have complained about lack of room to maneuver. There will be one at Linwood and another location.

The organization that wanted to build residential treatment facility on Balfour is suing the city. The organization was ORBS (Oregon Regional Behavioral Services), previously at www.orbsinc.org. They have changed their corporate name. They are citing the fair housing act and ADA as the basis for their suite. Scott found a statute in fair housing act that says you do not have to provide housing to people who pose a threat to the neighborhood.

Diedra Weinhart, Oregon student nurses association & OHSU nursing student

A health fair is being planned for Saturday March 8, 11am – 3pm at Ardenwald school. Fliers are on the way and a permit will be turned in at the beginning of the week for a bike parade before the parade. Health, safety and well-being are all being showcased and many organizations participating in the health fair. There will be about 35 booths with lots of activities for people of all ages. Ardenwald neighborhood is invited to set up a booth at the entrance – this is a great opportunity to showcase our community. They could also use volunteers for the event.

Ronn asked for two volunteers to help with the booth - Marten and Shirley from Balfour agreed to help.

City of Milwaukie forming an Arts Committee – Ronn asked Nancy and Joe if they were interested in being nominated to the new committee. Beth announced an orientation meeting for people who are interested -- Feb 27th at City Hall, 6:30 – 8:00pm. The city will appoint 7 people from the applicant pool. It is important for people to have a broad interest in the arts and time to spend on the committee.

Treasurer's report (Joe Campbell)

We contributed \$250 for Christmas lights and \$250 for boys & girls club

\$5720,72 left in treasury

SEUL Report (Marianne Colgrove)

The comprehensive plan, formally known as the Portland Plan, is underway. The city seemed to think they should do the planning without a citizen's advisory committee. Southeast uplift has formally recommended that the city form committee for citizen involvement in this important process.

Community Connect is one of the outcomes of Mayor Potter's Bureau Innovation Project. It recommends specific steps the city should take to ensure community and neighborhood involvement in governance processes. The Portland City Council will vote the Community Connect plan on February 27th.

Southeast Uplift will be offering training on neighborhood cleanups, including electronics recycling. Let Marianne know if you'd like additional information.

Land Use (Scott Spears)

Thankfully there is not much to report this month – just one stream restoration project.

Ardenwald Sign (Ronn)

Ronn has been working with City of Portland to try to get our third Welcome to Ardenwald sign installed near 32nd & Tacoma. The sign was previously approved but the new guy at the permit department said we can't do it. He wants the sign to be reflective and says it doesn't meet Portland's color standards.

Concert planning (Ronn)

There will be four concerts this year, so one less than the last two years. We will have mostly the same line up, but Ronn recommends the third week be dedicated to breast cancer awareness. We can get Sunny Hess, a local blues singer and also breast cancer survivor. Her fee is \$1000 fee – the usual band fee is normally \$500 plus about \$350 for sound equipment. She will bring her own sound gear, plus it should be easy to get sponsorships. The neighborhood unanimously approved. \$1000 for the Sunny Hess band.

Luau event (Ronn)

Since we're not having a clean up day, would we consider a Luau event in July? Give Ronn input between now and the next meeting.

Park on Balfour (Ronn)

The property has been purchased and the city holds the title.. Ronn suggests we name the park after Les Wilkins. There will be a process to follow with the city. Ronn proposed the idea in the Pilot, and hasn't received any objections. Any comments?

Marianne moved that we pursue naming the park after Les Wilkins

Nancy Matich seconded

The motion passed unanimously

Ronn will work on required paperwork. Getting approval for the name designation will come first – the exact name and form of tribute will come later.

There will be a formal development process for the park, but Ronn says we can also do a lot of work ourselves. Are people willing to contribute? Shirley Reynolds is concerned about erosion problems on the bank between her property and the park property. A retaining wall would be good. Jill Younce's husband does concrete work and would volunteer his services. How far can we go on the property? The city is still formalizing their inter-governmental agreement with North Clackamas to manage the parks. It would be good to wait until agreement and master plan are in place, which can take some time. We should be thinking about what we want to see in the master plan. A work party to go after invasives and get the place tidied up would probably be a good idea. If there are matters of some urgency, such as the retaining wall, that could come before the city. Motorcyclists are already using it – can we build up a dirt barrier?

Renaming Ardenwald Park (Ronn)

Ronn proposes that we pursue renaming Ardenwald park for Sherri Campbell – she's been very active in creating the park and in programs for kids in the park. Sherri respectfully declined to have it named for her, but would be willing to have the Sherri Campbell Walking Path. Maybe Arts committee could look into brass sculpture of kids reading books.

Scott Spears moved and Shirley Reynolds seconded that we pursue renaming the park after Sherri Campbell.

Discussion – we should continue to have a park named for the neighborhood, and we should honor Sherri's wish to not change the name. The land was donated by the Johnson family and the neighborhood was named for the Arden family. Maybe we could find a different way to honor Sherri but not change the name of the park.

The motion did not pass.

January Minutes

Joe moved and Sherri seconded that we approve the January minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Reading program (Sherri Campbell)

Sherri Announced we'll do reading program again – probably Tuesdays. The Rec Mobile will be there, also ukulele lessons. There will be a grant request for books.

Watershed Wide Event (Marianne)

Tideman Johnson Park will be one of the sites of the March 1 Watershed Wide Event. The work party will be 9am – noon, with free lunch after at Watershed Council offices.

Discussion of Candidates at Meetings (Ronn)

Ronn raised the topic of allowing candidates to come to neighborhood meetings, as we are entering election season. The neighborhood cannot endorse candidates and it is Ronn's preference not to include them in our meetings. Also, if we invite some, for the sake of balance we need to invite all – this is why some neighborhoods sponsor more formal candidate forums. Sherri Campbell said that when she was chair candidates were allowed to come before or after the meeting but we did not give up neighborhood meeting time for candidates.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38

Submitted by Marianne Colgrove, February 19, 2008