

Ardenwald-Johnson Creek NDA Minutes for 3/11/2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:33. There were 18 people in attendance:

Joe New, BMAL
Joe Campbell, Treasurer
Sherri Campbell, Vice Chair
Marianne Colgrove, Webmaster
Tim Collins, Metro
Chris Davis, BMAL
Jeff Davis, BMAL
Bryan Dorr
Lisa Gunion-Rinker, BMAL
Michole Jensen, BMAL
Ronn Palmer, Chair
Scott Spears, Land Use
John Truong, Milwaukie Police
Laurie Wells
Grady Wheeler, Milwaukie
Carol Wilkins, BMAL
Marten Wilkins, BMAL
Karen Withrow, Metro

K-9 Patrol (John Truong)

Officer Truong is raising funds for a K-9 patrol in Milwaukie. The program ended in 1992 and he is trying to get it going again. He has raised \$21,500 out of \$25,000 needed to start up program. That will pay for the dog, training for the dog and officer, and equipping the car properly for the dog. The dog will be used in primarily in Milwaukie, but could be shared with other agencies on a co-op basis, and if approved by the supervisor.

The annual maintenance will be around \$5,000, which is already budgeted. They are selling tickets for a March 31 raffle, which will have many great prizes. Tickets are available from the front desk clerk or John \$5. Send donations to City of Milwaukie, attn John Truong, K-9 program. Donations are tax deductible. Albertsons gave \$5,00 and will host a media event in April.

Ronn proposes that we donate \$500 toward the K-9 initiative. Joe New moved, Jeff Davis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

In Officer Krebs' absence, Officer Truong gave a brief crime. There have been a couple of burglaries but not too many car prowls lately. In general, pretty quiet. Neighbors report that they are still having problems with speeding up and down Balfour street. There are a couple of specific vehicles, but no specific times. Let the traffic unit know and they'll hang out at the spot for a while. 786-7500 is the non emergency dispatch number. Another question arose about problems with excessively loud muffler – call it in and they can cite the person if they catch them.

Announcements (Ronn Palmer)

Elections for officers are in May. **Please** be thinking if you want to run for any of the positions.

Park update There is a rumor going around that we don't have the funds to buy the park but that's not true. Milwaukie does own the property. Please send feedback to Ronn about what you'd like to see in the park. He'll be meeting with the city on Thursday the 13th. We have a lot of talented people in the

neighbor hood who can help make this happen. Lisa reports that since the money comes from Metro it is meant to be a natural area park. There can be paths and benches, but not a playground

Carol suggests we should have a park meeting to include the immediate neighbors and get feedback. Could we have the meeting in the park to make it easier for the neighbors to attend? It would be great if someone from the City or Metro could participate. Grady offered to help do outreach. Ronn will find out from JoAnn what stipulations come with the money. He'll send an email out after the meeting.

Citizens Policy Academy If you're interested, or know someone who is, please let Ronn know.

Secret garden tour (Lisa)

We had our first meeting on Sunday. We had settled on June 7, which works well for the school. However, it is the day of the grand floral parade. Probably the best alternate date is May 31st, but we need to check that with the school and gardeners. We want to try to get more publicity and raise more money. Thinking of trying to feature one of the gardens in Oregonian. Lisa also raised a question about some publicity and supplies funds, since the garden tour has never had a budget. This question was tabled until after the Treasurer's report.

Treasurer's report (Joe Campbell)

\$122.49 was reimbursed to people for holiday gifts \$51.49, plus \$71 to Nancy, \$500 for K-9.
\$5,559.48 is left in treasury

We have \$2,068 left in grant funds to ask for: \$700 for meeting needs, and the balance for the reading program. Ronn suggests that the garden tour committee develop a budget by the April meeting.

A new \$4000 will be available to request in July.

Land Use (Scott Spears)

A big flaglot has been proposed at 3655 SE VanWaters. Scott has the details if anyone wants to see them. It's City of Portland, which is more likely to approve it. He's not sure if we should take a position, or if we have a general opinion of flag lots. The original lot is pretty big, so the yards will still be decent sized. What do the near neighbors think? Do they all receive notices? The deadline is coming up in another couple of weeks. Michole lives around the corner and agreed to walk down the street and ask the neighbors. There are a lot of over-sized lots in that area so this might become a more common request.

Transportation (Michole Jensen)

Light rail workshops tomorrow March 12th and on the 19th. The SDEIS will probably come out on a Friday within the next 30 days. The public comment period will start when the SDEIS is published and will last for 45 days. There have been lots of comments about certain areas, one of which is the Tacoma-McLoughlin intersection.

On the subject of transportation, Bryan Dorr pointed out that Milwaukie transportation website just came up in early March.

City of Milwaukie (Grady Wheeler)

The biggest thing coming up are the two light rail workshops
Nothing new to report on the suit over the residential treatment center on Balfour.

Art Committee (Joe New)

Joe went to the Milwaukie open house on the Art Committee. There was a lot of interest, including many people from our neighborhood. The deadline is tomorrow, and they will probably have more applications than the 7 available positions. Jeff Davis has applied.

Health Fair (Ronn Palmer)

It was lightly attended – possibly not enough publicity and lack of signage out front. The student nurses are committed to doing it for three more years.

Friends of Tideman Johnson (Marianne)

We had about 50 people out for the Johnson Creek Watershed Wide Event, and planted more than 1,000 native plants. Our next regular work party will be March 22nd from 9am – noon.

Michole asked if traffic on the Springwater is getting too — does there need to be signage about walking, biking safety? Bryan asked if there is anything we can do about big sink hole on trail near 32nd overpass? There's a marking line sprayed on, but it never actually get's fixed We think it's in Portland.

Metro Light Rail Presentation (Karen Withrow, Tim Collins)

Karen handed out information on the upcoming light rail workshops, info on how to participate during the comment period, and a newsletter about the light rail project. On March 12, there will be a workshop to discuss whether there should be a station at Bluebird and Park Avenue and if so, where it could be located. The workshop on March 19 at Milwaukie High School will about station locations in downtown Milwaukie. They are analyzing every possible location downtown and trying to narrow it down. There's a possible station behind the Waldorf school, but there is no space there for a Park & Ride.

To date, the technical team and consultants have been doing the analysis required by federal transit administration – traffic, sound, pollution, etc. The next big thing stage will be the full draft of the SDEIS (Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement), which should happen in the first few weeks of April. That will start the 45 day comment period. There will be many ways to send comments, including mail, email, phone, 3 open houses and a public hearing. Open houses will probably be in the first couple of weeks. The hearing will probably be toward the end of the comment period and will be in front of the steering committee.

The comment period is also time for the citizen advisory committee to make recommendations on bridge crossing, alignment, how far it will extend, etc. Technical findings will also be given to steering committee. Steering committee recommendations will go to all the local jurisdictions before it comes back for a vote. Typically local jurisdictions have a public hearing to collect input, which will be the case in Milwaukie.

If you want to be on the mailing list, call Karen at 503-797-1932. Grady says the City of Milwaukie will also be providing lots of information about public comment,

Michole points out that our involvement is very important — the alignment options from Bybee south, whether the rail extends to Park Avenue, and other park and ride locations will all affect the size of the park and ride at Tacoma (old Goodwill site). P&R options are Park Avenue, Lake Road, Milwaukie (Southgate), and Tacoma – all will be impacted by Park road option. They are now looking at a larger park & ride at Tacoma because there is more total demand than capacity, even if one goes in at Park.

The soonest the construction could start is 2011, which means opening for service by 2015. As Ronn points out, the costs are rising astronomically and the sooner we get started the most affordable it will be. Most feedback that Ronn gets is fully supportive of the light rail project.

Questions: How will the Sellwod bridge project affect traffic at the Tacoma Park & Ride. Tim has been monitoring that project, which is in SDEIS phase now. They have narrowed it down to a few options. The bridge should not be a significant factor in total traffic to the park & ride or on Johnson Creek Blvd. The traffic will suck no matter what, and the bridge has relatively small impact one way or another. Its not popular in the neighborhood, but traffic is getting to the point of looking at signals to manage access to 32nd. Michole points out that it is important to make access to the Park & Ride from McLoughlin really easy and attractive to help diminish the impact on 32nd

Tim reports that the traffic analysis of the Park & Ride indicates that about 25% will come JCB & 32nd, 10-15% from Sellwood area, and 60% is coming up McLoughlin. Light rail has some impact on our street but not huge. This information is based on transportation models which are tested against current reality and then projected out to 2030, based on expected growth. There is also input from surveys and journal reports of travel behavior. The model does include the impact of the 205 light rail. The last survey was done in the mid 90s and will probably be repeated in the next 2 or 3years, after the construction in the downtown bus mall is done.

Councilor Stone has asked whether bus lines will be lost when light rail comes in. What is the possibility that they be added back? Trimet makes decisions about the buses, which they will do when the alignment is settled. Typically they don't run a bus line in exactly the same corridor as the light rail. They do tend to change bus routes to make sure there are transfer points between bus and rail.

Joe New points out that a lot of the money being spent on such large projects ends up going overseas. Metro and Trimet should try to ensure that some of the funding benefits the community – make sure there are more local businesses and union labor. Karen reports that there are guidelines for including local and small businesses. There are also methods to ameliorate impact on local businesses during construction. They now try to work quickly on smaller areas, instead of impacting a large area for long time.

February Minutes

Sheri moved to approve the February minutes and Marten. The motion passed unanimously.

Cleanup (Sherri)

Since Milwaukie is taking over the neighborhood cleanup, we missed out on the money from Southeast Uplift. We're also loosing the community aspect of the cleanup. Sherri suggested we do a smaller cleanup targeted toward old TVs next fall, since many people will be upgrading their old TVs. The week after school starts could be good. Electronic have been a problem, but there is a guy who used to be at FreeGeek who has a new electronics recycling operation.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38

Submitted by Marianne Colgrove, March 17, 2008