

Ardenwald-Johnson Creek NDA Minutes for 5/13/2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:31. There were 14 people in attendance:

Robert Andrade	Ronn Palmer, Chair
Sherri Campbell, Vice Chair	Matt Rinker
Marianne Colgrove, Webmaster	Paul Shirey, Milwaukie
Bryan Dorr	Officer Eric Weber, Portland Police
Michole Jensen, BMAL	Carol Wilkins, BMAL
Chris Jones	Marten Wilkins, BMAL
Nancy Matich, BMAL	Jill Younce

Police Reports (Officer Weber, Portland)

There was one crime in Ardenwald – a theft from a car racquet club. There were also reports of gun fire and some shellws were found in the racquet club parking lot.

Starting this coming Thursday, Portland Police will have a bike patrol on the Springwater Corridor on Tuesday & Thursdays, . They are trying to increase bike patrols because they really do see more. If we want to see more bike patrols, he recommends that we call precinct 823-2143 to request extra patrols – requests from neighborhood could make a difference. They are trying to increase bike patrols because they really do see more.

There are concerns about gunshot at the racquet club – in addition to the incident earlier this month, gunshots were heard and reported a couple of nights ago. For some reason don't show up on the stats. Could be something to keep on top of.

Concerns were also expressed about break-ins (one car, one house) on 37th, not showing up on stats. It's possible they get reported in Eastmoreland, since it's so close to the boundary. Portland Polica have identified a problem house at 36th & flavel, which could be a source of a lot of break-ins.

Ardenwald School (Ronn)

This Saturday is the first annual spring plant sale and open house for Ardenwald alumni and families -- May 17th 10am – 1pm.

Treasurer's report (Marianne reported in Joe's absence)

After last month's expenses and payment of the final grants, there is about \$7000 in the treasury. That exhausts our grants for this year. Ronn wants to ensure we keep \$1000 out of next year's budget for concerts.

Luau (Sherri)

The Elks are hosting a luau on June 10th to fund the Milwaukie K9 unit – do we still want to do one? Sherri would like to do it as the theme for national night out, which will be August 7. Officer Weber says to be sure to invite Portland Police. Last year we weren't eligible for official NNO presence, because they didn't like our date. Hopefully that won't happen this year.

Reading program (Sherri)

Now in 11th year . It will be on Tuesdays in July 10am – noon. Uke lessons, free books, and Rec mobile but no free lunch.

Secret Garden Tour (Marianne)

The tour is cancelled, because some of the gardeners had to back out. Ronn would like to do another sort of fund raiser for the school, so think of ideas.

Requests for funding (Ronn)

Ronn received a request to support Milwaukie Days parade, and also do we want to have a float? The parade is sometime in July and he's not sure what funds are needed for. Paul suggests we get more information from the organizers. The discussion will be tabled until next month.

Southeast Uplift (Marianne)

Marianne provided a brief description of Southeast Uplift for those who weren't familiar with it. The City is changing the way they do funding of the neighborhood coalitions. It's looking like the budget will increase by a small cost of living adjustment, but no significant increases to programs. There might also be some changes to the way communications funds are distributed. The city grant would include \$20,000 for the 20 neighborhoods in SEUL, which is about half of what would be needed to mail one newsletter to all households in the coalition area. Marianne will be running for SEUL board chair – elections are in July.

Milwaukie Liaison (Paul Shirey)

2nd Tuesdays have been very busy, which is why he's missed a few meetings. He didn't have anything to report, but answered questions:

What's the status of the King Rd project? They just opened bids for storm water. Construction will probably be in August & September.

They are also resurfacing on Oak and Washington this summer – part of street maintenance fund.

Question about the status of Johnson Creek bike lane striping at curve by the terraces. Paul hasn't followed up on that, but he will. It's not clear whether it's Portland or Milwaukie. It was also suggested that the Bicycle Transportation Alliance might also be able to help support our request. Sam Adams is commissioner for transportation.

Since we're on the topic of Department of Transportation, Sherri raised the issue with the Ardenwald sign at 32nd. It is in the right of way in Portland. Mr. Goodroad with PDOT agreed to the sign placement. Now they won't do approve it, and they won't say why. This has been a 2+ year process, and we have a \$700 sign sitting in the basement. Maybe Sam Adams can help. Officer Weber also recommends Michael Mills, Portland Ombudsman.

JCB construction done. County is replacing bridge at Bell station – that will take more than a year. Bryan raised concerns about the bike crossing at JCB & Bell. When the corridor is busy, it is not safe for cyclists and pedestrians. They need a push to cross, or diagonally-crossing route. If it's in City of Portland, they are more apt to take care of bike issues than Clackamas County.

Transportation (Michole Jensen)

The light rail environmental impact report is out and we're in the open comment period. The Milwaukie high meeting on May 28th will be a good chance for us to weigh in on alignments, station locations, whether it will go all the way to Park Rd. There are many options for public comment – email, phone, etc. It is important for Ardenwald members to make their voice heard.

Elections

Art Committee has been selected by City of Milwaukie – Nancy Matich, Joe New, Jeff Davis, Katy Bendig, and Eric Griswold, are all from Ardenwald (out of 10 total). With this in mind, Ronn suggests we nominate Nancy to form a new Ardenwald-Johnson Creek arts committee.

Sherri moved that Nancy Matich chair the Ardenwald arts committee and Michole seconded. Passed unanimously.

Nancy moved to reelect Marianne Colgrove as Southeast Uplift and Michole seconded. Passed unanimously.

Marianne moved to reelect Scott Spears & Mary King to the Land Use committee and Michole seconded. Passed unanimously.

Marianne moved to reelect Joe Campbell and Nancy seconded. Passed unanimously. Sherri reminded us that Joe would like an apprentice so he's not the only name on the account.

Sherri nominated Jill Younce to be chair of the membership committee and Michole seconded. Passed unanimously.

Jill nominated Michole Jensen to transportation and Marten seconded. Passed unanimously.

Marianne nominated Bryan Dorr to be secretary and Michole seconded. Passed unanimously.

Sherri moved that Laurie Wells represent us at PSAC and Michole seconded. Passed unanimously.

Jill nominated Sherri Campbell as vice chair, and Nancy seconded. Passed unanimously.

Sherri nominated Ronn Palmer as chair and Nancy seconded. Alas, Ronn says he can't do it. He would like to continue working on the Les Wilkins memorial park and breast cancer concert, but he will be very busy with work in the coming year. We agreed to table the election until June. Sherri & Nancy withdrew the motion.

Marianne nominated Carol Wilkins, Marten Wilkins, Carlotta Colette, and Lisa Gunion-Rinker for board member at large. The motion passed unanimously.

April Minutes

Ronn moved to approve the April minutes and Marten seconded. Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58.

Submitted by Marianne Colgrove, May 18th , 2008