

ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 10, 2008

Call to Order

Chairman Ronn Palmer calls the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. in the Ardenwald Elementary School library.

Attendance

There were 19 people in attendance:

Joe Campbell, Treasurer	Michole Jensen, Transportation
Sherri Campbell, Vice Chair	Kelly Kindrick, Portland Police
Marianne Colgrove, SEUL	Nancy Matich, Arts
Delegate/Webmaster	Ronn Palmer, Chair
Bryan Dorr, Secretary	Matt Rinker
Officer Glenn, Milwaukie Police	Renee Sanders
Eric Griswold	Laurie Wells, PSAC
Bob Harrison	Marten Wilkins, BMAL
Connie Harrison	Carol Wilkins, BMAL
Kim Hutchinson	Jill Younce, Membership committee

Police Report

Milwaukie Police Department – Officer Glenn

We welcome Officer Glenn to his first Ardenwald-Johnson Creek NDA meeting.

Extra patrols were out to enforce the neighborhood streets speed limits. Most of the speeders reportedly stopped and cited were local residents residing on the same street they were speeding on.

Graffiti reports from within the neighborhood are slowing down, but the problem is likely to continue. Citizens are advised to call in to report graffiti to the police.

Ronn brought up the issue of motorcycle gangs that may reside in the neighborhood based from reports of increase in motorcycle gangs and activity. Ronn clarified that not all motorcyclists wearing “colors” attire are gang members, but some riders may be groups or members that support police officers and military veterans.

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Portland Police Bureau – Officer Kelly Kendirck

The Portland Police Bureau was busy this month because of additional police resources assigned to the Rose Festival events.

One police-involved shooting and a stabbing was reported in a nearby neighborhood in southeast Portland near Ardenwald-Johnson Creek within the last 30 days, but the incidents did not happen within the boundaries of the Ardenwald-Johnson Creek neighborhood.

A neighborhood crime statistic data sheet and map for the Portland portion of Ardenwald-Johnson Creek neighborhood was handed out to the attendees. The data sheet noted one burglary and one larceny reported in the Portland boundary of the neighborhood. The burglary happened in the neighborhood along Johnson Creek Boulevard within the Portland city limits.

There were reports of gunshot fire around the Tideman-Johnson Creek Park. Anyone hearing gunshots should call the police immediately. Citizens are advised to call the police if they hear gunshots, but do not hesitate to call and assume the neighbors will call to report. The more calls the police receives, the better the information can be used to pinpoint the location.

The Springwater Corridor bike patrol was available for about a year before the staffing was cut. Hopefully the program may be reinstated this summer. Citizens who wish to see an increase in bike patrol on the Springwater Corridor trail should contact the Southeast Precinct at 503-823-2143 to comment.

Announcements

The new Ardenwald Elementary School groundbreaking ceremony took place on June 4, 2008.

The National Night Out for our neighborhood is on August 7. Marianne wrote to Max about the National Night out being August 5, but the date is close enough to count to have both Milwaukie and Portland Police/Fire attend on August 7.

The summer concert series were announced:

- August 7 – Dr. Jazz
- August 14 – Wet 2 Plow
- August 21 – Sonny Hess (Breast Cancer Awareness)
- August 28 – Loose Wimmin

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Seeking volunteers and equipment to move dirt and gravel and mow the grass at the new Les Wilkins Park on SE Balfour Street.

The citywide clean-up is Saturday, June 14, as was announced in the June 2008 edition of *The Pilot*. Marianne mentioned that she may make some bookmarks containing a list of upcoming events to hand out.

Committee Reports

Treasury – Joe Cambell

\$23.25 was spent on the pizza for the meeting. Remaining treasury balance is \$6,945.66. Additional expenditure may include approximately \$1,300 for the Summer Reading Program books. No grant funds are available until July 2008.

Secretary – Bryan Dorr

Outgoing acting Secretary Marianne Colgrove announced the “changing of the guard” of the Secretary position to Bryan Dorr. The transition has been going very well.

Bryan reports he is working on updating the board member information roster for the City of Milwaukie website. Marianne completed the board member roster update on the Ardenwald.org site.

Southeast Uplift – Marianne Colgrove

The Southeast Uplift passed their budget for the year, but some items were cut to keep the communications budget whole. SEUL also has a new website at www.southeastuplift.org. Marianne will take feedback.

The SEUL Chair election is in July.

There is also a work party and a celebrative barbecue on Saturday, June 21, 2008 at the Tideman-Johnson Creek Park. More information is available at <http://www.ardenwald.org/tideman-johnson/index.html>.

Marianne passed out a form from the SEUL for newly elected board members to provide their contact information.

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Transportation – Michole Jensen

The report was on the Light Rail public comment period and public meetings. The City of Milwaukie requested one stop in Milwaukie at Lake Road. The city was advised with the best alignment being along the existing railroad tracks. Some problems mentioned was there are not a whole lot of funds for additional stops, and the distance between Tacoma St. and Lake Rd. is “a long throw.” Recent discussion at the Light Rail Advisory meetings have included issues about the light rail itself, stop locations, the number of stops, security, noise and vibrations, and concerns for the nearby schools.

Park and Ride locations were discussed. One idea location idea was to redevelop the old Goodwill site near SE Tacoma St. as a stop. Also discussed was the traffic impact on Johnson Creek Blvd. if when the light rail is operating, and considering the competing Clackamas Light Rail.

Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) – Laurie Wells

A book by the Milwaukie Police Department titled “The Graveyard Gourmet: Dinner and a Police Story” was introduced and it is for sale at \$10 per copy.

This month is Police Chief Larry Kanzler’s last month with the Milwaukie Police Department. Chief Kanzler will be replaced by the new chief, Robert Jordan.

At a recent PSAC meeting, Chief Kanzler advised neighborhood association meetings need to keep track of their sign-in sheets. It was noted at the PSAC meeting by the police chief that some gang members were attending the neighborhood meetings to “test the waters.”

Also brought up was the Summer Food Summer Fun program by the Juvenile Assistance Corporation. A brochure and a list of locations were provided. More information is available at www.summerfoodoregon.org or call (800) 723-3638.

Arts – Nancy Matich

The Arts Committee meeting is next Wednesday, June 18, 2008.

Membership – Jill Younce

The Membership Committee did not have much information to report.

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Election for Chair

Ronn Palmer opened the floor for discussion to elect for a Chair position because Ronn says he cannot continue his role as Chair. Ronn would like to stay active with the community with volunteering work with the summer concerts and the Les Wilkins Park, but declined to continue as the Chair. Ronn did speak with other people if they were interested, but all declined because of time.

Nancy nominated Michole Jensen for Chair, but Michole declined. Nancy nominated Marianne Colgrove for Chair, but Marianne declined.

Ronn explained the role and duties of the Chair.

No motion was made to elect the chair. The election for the Chair was tabled again. Sherri Campbell, the Vice-Chair now assumes the role as acting Chair. The next regular meeting is in September 9, 2008.

Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2008 Approval

Sherri Campbell moves to approve the May 13, 2008 Regular Meeting minutes and Bryan Dorr seconds. Motion passes unanimously. The meeting minutes are approved.

Other Comments and Discussions

“Balfour House” Residential Treatment Facility

Kim Hutchinson asked about the lawsuit brought up by the Residential Treatment Facility proposed for the location on SE Balfour St. (“Balfour House”) based from a newspaper article in *The Clackamas Review* back in February 2008. He commented about the lack of, or the short-timing of the notification of the proposed facilities. An explanation was given that local and county government had some restrictions about the notification process because of the Federal Fair Housing Act. Ronn did not have new or updated information on the lawsuit against the City of Milwaukie and any further actions or proposals of the proposed residential treatment facility provided.

Milwaukie Daze

There was a discussion about Ardenwald’s participation in the Milwaukie Daze festivities that is returning this year. The discussion included whether we should have a float in the parade. An alternative to the parade was a family fun games day at Ardenwald and how to fund the barricades, portable toilets, bands, and an entertainment bus. Sherri suggested that the neighborhood spends its funds for neighborhood concerts instead. No motion was made on the funding or anything about the discussion.

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Adjournment

Sherry Campbell moves to adjourn the meeting and Michole Jensen seconded. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted on June 17, 2008 by:

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