

**ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK
NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2008**

Call to Order

Vice Chair Sherri Campbell calls the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Ardenwald Elementary School library.

Attendance

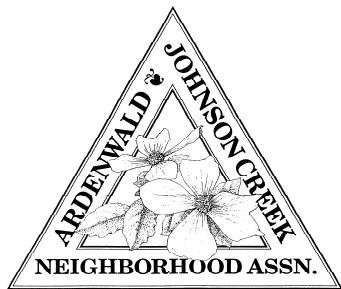
There were 23 people in attendance:

Joe Campbell , Treasurer	Kelly Kindrick , Portland Police
Sherri Campbell , Vice Chair (Acting Chair)	Kevin Krebs , Milwaukie Police
December Carson	Nancy Matich , Arts Committee
Marianne Colgrove , Southeast Uplift-Webmaster	Cuthbert Power
Jeff Davis	Shirley Reynolds
Chris Davis	Matt Rinker
Bryan Dorr, Secretary	Scott Spears , Land Use Chair
Lisa Gunion-Rinker	Carol Wilkins
Kim Hutchinson	Marten Wilkins
Michole Jensen , Transportation	Cindy Wilkins
Carrie Kikel , Providence Milwaukie PR	Jill Younce , Membership Committee
	Elizabeth Young

Police Report—Portland Police Bureau (Kelly Kindrick)

Officer Kindick described the crime activity in the Ardenwald-Johnson Creek neighborhood boundaries as “boring,” meaning his crime data map did not show any activity in the neighborhood within the Portland city limits. He did explain to the public about an incident that is a “one person crime spree.” If this one suspect is captured for another crime, the police do note the crime subsides, but as the suspect is released from jail, the crimes resume.

Michole Jensen asked about crimes along the Springwater Trail. There were no personal crimes to report, just property crimes. Cars parked at the nearby golf course are usually targeted for break-ins.



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Marianne Colgrove noted there were some problems near the Tideman Johnson Park during spring, but she noted that the summer has been “quiet.”

A question has been raised about the missing teenager flyers at the Tideman Johnson Park. Officer Kindrick has no information on the flyers or the missing teenager, but the flyers may have been posted by a private citizen.

Treasury Report (Joe Campbell)

\$1,500.00 of the grant money was spent for the Summer Concerts in the Park at Ardenwald Park, a free and open community event, throughout August, leaving \$2,500 available until July 2009.

Dark Horse Comics contributed \$250.00, Providence Hospital contributed \$1,000.00 and the local garbage haulers contributed \$500.00 for the Summer Concerts in the Park.

The concert expenditures included \$2,300.00 for the performing bands, \$1,050.00 for the sound system rentals, and \$198.45 for the portable toilet. The overall cost of the concert was \$3,548.45, which was \$298.45 over the budget.

The Treasury balance is \$5,246.84.

Proposed “Les Wilkins” Park on SE Balfour Street (Lisa Gunion-Rinker)

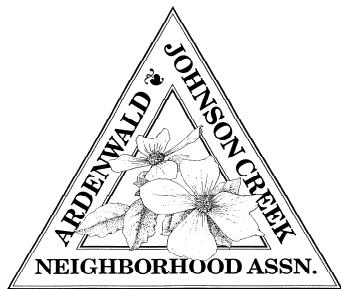
Lisa Gunion-Rinker proposed to adopt a subcommittee for the proposed community park on SE Balfour Street (“Les Wilkins Park”). She is requesting ideas and suggestions from the neighborhood.

Sherri Campbell suggested that a memorial bench be placed for the Ardenwald “pioneers” who died, including the former Milwaukie mayor Don Graf who died recently. She also suggested that Mr. Bernhardt can do a cob (mud and straw) structure, but he would prefer to do the job in February or March.

Cuthbert Power suggested to see a landscape design that was not all grass, but with some brush and shrubbery. He also suggested the park to be dog friendly, which the park can have disposable dog waste bags for clean-up.

Ardenwald School Parade, Sept. 13, 2008 (Sherri Campbell)

Sherri announced the Ardenwald School Parade is Saturday, September 13, 2008.



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Walk/Bike to School Day, Oct. 8, 2008 (Sherri Campbell)

The walk/bike to school day is Tuesday, October 8, 2008.

Milwaukie Community Square Dance (December Carson)

December Carson presented the audience a community square dance that would be held on the last Saturday from 7 to 10 pm at the Portland Waldorf School. The event would feature live bands and callers. She is requesting contributions from the neighborhood associations for financial support. The event was modeled after the McMennamin's Kennedy School dance, but was discontinued after the gym was remodeled (they added carpet to the gym floor).

A flyer including specific details about the event was handed out. The cost to put on the 9-month event is about \$500 per month (\$300 for the band, \$100 for caller and \$100 for the PA rental). The event also suggests a \$5 donation at the door for adults.

Recycling News (Sherri Campbell)

According to *The Pilot* newsletter there is a plastics recycling event taking place at the Old Southgate Theater at 9600 SE main St. on Saturday, October 11, 2008, from 9 am to 2 pm.

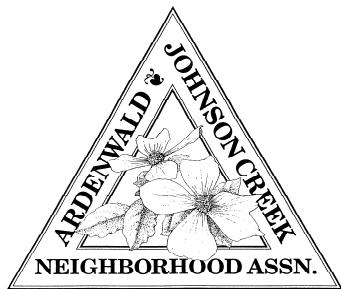
Sherri also suggested the idea for a community electronics recycling event, where residents can recycle electronics such as television, computers or other electronics.

Police Report—Milwaukie Police Department (Kevin Krebs)

Officer Krebs presented a summary of the crime in the Milwaukie portion of the Ardenwald neighborhood. "All we have is noise," Krebs said. The August 2008 incident map handed out to the audience showed one criminal mischief and four noise complaints.

Sherri commented about the trash can fire at the Ardenwald Park over the summer in early July that nearly burned the park shelter. She said the fire department interviewed the juveniles who reported the fire.

There was discussion about enforcing the prohibition of skateboarding at the Ardenwald School. The Clackamas School District cannot post a "no skateboarding" sign, but a reason was not given by the school district. Officer Krebs said the absence of "no skateboarding" signs is a challenge for the police department to enforce the rule. He used the Safeway at SE King Road as an example of private property with posted "no



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skateboarding" signs that the police can enforce the rule. He also said the school district did authorize the Milwaukie Police Department to act on behalf of the agents of the school district to order skateboarders off the school grounds.

Sherri commented on the Ardenwald Park sustained some damage caused by skateboarders to the brick wall over the summer.

Officer Krebs also announced the Milwaukie Police Department has a new chief, Bob Jordan.

Proposed Neighborhood Sign Location in Portland City Limits (Sherri Campbell)

Sherri provided an update on the neighborhood sign that would be located on SE Tacoma Street on a patch of land within the public right-of-way. After several meetings with ombudsman and attorneys, the city of Portland is not budging to allow the Ardenwald sign to be placed. Sherri stated the sign must meet the city sign requirements, which would have been green and reflective, but she noted other neighborhood associations with similar crafted signs like Ardenwald's in Portland. She escalated her concerns to the Portland city commissioner Sam Adam's office.

Southeast Uplift (Marianne Colgrove)

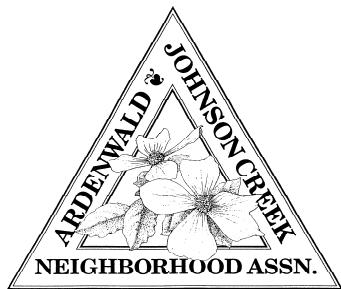
Marianne announced the Southeast Uplift is having a board leader orientation on Saturday, September 13, 2008, from 9:30 am to noon. It is held at the Southeast Uplift building at 3534 SE Main St. in Portland.

Also announced was the change in communications money. Checks will be sent instead of reimbursements. There are grants ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 for community projects. A question was raised about the grant money for Ardenwald because it straddles into two cities, whether the grant can only be applied if the project is in the Portland city limits.

Friends of Tideman Johnson Creek had a great start on Saturday, September 6. The cleanup is now the first Saturday of the month. The next cleanup is Saturday, October 4, 2008, from 9 am to noon at the Tideman Johnson Park.

Health Seminar, Sat. Oct. 18, 2008 (Carrie Kikel)

Providence and Northwest Primary Care are partnering in a health seminar at the Monarch Hotel on Saturday, October 18, 2008.



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Balfour House Update

Matt Rinker has been following up on the Balfour House, the mental rehabilitation facility, which would be located at the 2800 block of SE Balfour Street. The current status is "not so well." He said the city seems to be not doing so well in the lawsuit with Columbia Care Services, Inc. (CCS) (formerly Oregon Regional Behavioral Services).

Kim Hutchinson presented an overview on the history of the facility and the past meetings on this issue. The neighbors were overwhelmingly opposed to it during the November 2007 meeting.

Jill Younce said half of the beds used in the home would be for the criminally insane.

Comments from the audience stated the neighborhood was opposed to the facility because of the criminally insane, those who used the insanity plea instead of a guilty plea for their crimes.

If the city loses the lawsuit, the city would be forced to sell the property to CCS. Sherri emphasized the community needs to take action.

Carrie Kikel said there should be an interest to help the mentally ill. Also noted was the Balfour House property would be nearby the Providence Milwaukie Hospital (at the 10100 block of SE 32nd Ave.)

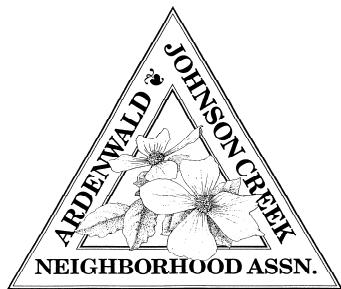
Scott Spears said he knew of a clause in the fair Housing Act that the group home can be refused if it poses a threat to the safety of the community.

Residents have stated the 8,500 square-foot facility with a parking lot is too large for a small lot.

Matt said the city cannot divulge information about the lawsuit case at this time. He did reiterate the city would have to sell back the property if the city lost the case.

A motion was made to write a letter of intent regarding the Balfour House. The motion was moved and seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor, no opposition and no abstained. Kim Hutchinson will draft the letter. Lisa Gunion-Rinker will follow up with Beth Ragel.

Matt suggested a template letter would be available on the Web site for citizens to use to write to their U. S. Senators and representative, the Oregon governor and representative..



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A suggestion was made by an audience member to have an electronic petition, but Marianne Colgrove has doubts and is not so sure about the electronic petitions.

An audience member suggested going door-to-door and talking with the neighbors.

Michole suggested if there was going to be an organized protest then the number of people attending may require a permit.

Sherri recapped that we need to have a petition and a letter, and if a protest was going to happen, the date of the protest.

Scott Spears recommended getting the former association Chairman, Ronn Palmer, back into the Balfour discussion.

Kim has been trying to find out what is going on. He's tried contacting Cindy Becker with the Mental Health of Clackamas County and other persons. He would like to send out an organized message.

Joe Campbell recalls the hysteria about the Oxford House last year, but that situation turned out very mellow.

Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2008 Approval

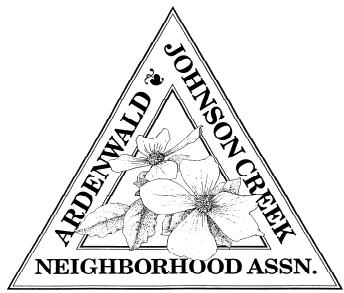
Marianne Colgrove moves to approve the June 10, 2008 Regular Meeting minutes and Lisa Gunion-Rinker seconds. Motion passes unanimously. The meeting minutes are approved.

Election of Chairman

There was no election for the Chairman position and it remains vacant.

Adjournment

Sherri Campbell moves to adjourn the meeting and Michole Jensen seconded. Motion passes unanimously, no opposition and no abstained. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.



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Minutes approved on: October 14, 2008 (Yea: Unanimous. Nay: None)