

**ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK
NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 23, 2008**

Call to Order

Acting Chair Matt Rinker calls the meeting to order at his residence, 3012 SE Balfour Street, 5:18 pm

Attendance

There were 8 people in attendance:

Marianne Colgrove, Southeast Uplift-Webmaster
Bryan Dorr, Secretary
Catherine Goode
Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Board Member at Large
Matt Rinker, Acting Chair
Carol Wilkins, Board Member at Large
Marten Wilkins, Board Member at Large
Cindy Wilkins

Introductions

A brief introduction was conducted. Soup and tea were served.

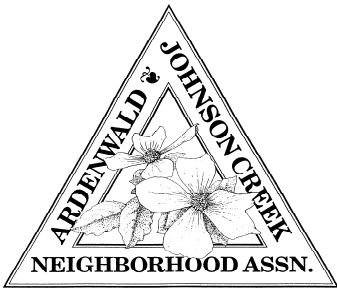
Holiday Party

Lisa Gunion-Rinker spoke to Ardenwald Elementary School principal, Sheila Shaw, stating that she tried meeting Linda regarding the Holiday Gift Donations for the families in need. There apparently seems to be little interest this year. Lisa will try to talk with Linda more on the subject.

Marianne suggested it may be better if the Holiday Gift Donations were limited to three or less families and the gift donations applied to the entire household family.

Matt Rinker suggested that we should take on the gift donations as a group so it would not be a burden on one person.

There was discussion on the food and decorations. There was also discussion that the Neighborhood Association also invites city council and staff. A neighborhood-wide invitation would go out through emails and door knockings.



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Lisa has already made arrangements with the school to use the cafeteria for the party. We would have to start setting up the decorations and the food at 5:30 pm. The party would begin at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, December 9, 2008.

Bryan Dorr commented this would be the last Holiday party in the old cafeteria since the school will be removed next fall.

Decorations would include lights and wreaths purchased from school sales. Music, food and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.

Committee Reports

Secretary (Bryan Dorr)

Bryan Dorr mentioned an incident in the neighborhood on October 24, 2008, when Eric's Market at SE 32nd Ave. and SE Olsen St. had an armed robbery attempt. He also noted that this incident was not mentioned during the public safety report at the November 11, 2008 meeting.

Treasurer (Joe Campbell)

No report. Joe and Vice-Chair Sherri Campbell were not present.

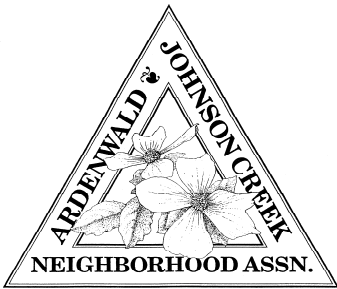
Southeast Uplift (Marianne Colgrove)

Marianne reported that Portland Commissioner and Mayor-elect Sam Adams is asking for a budget cut that will impact the staffing and the operations of Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) and Southeast Uplift (SEUL). The process is underway all the way to February 2009. Also affected are community programs, communications funds and grants.

There are community-based meetings and there are another six (6) meetings from now to February.

Marianne was asked about two unresolved issues in our neighborhood. First was traffic on Johnson Creek Boulevard (JCB) because of the proposed Sellwood Bridge replacement project and the proposed light rail. Second issue was the concentration on low-income and public housing in the Ardenwald-Johnson Creek neighborhood.

There was a discussion on the Sellwood Bridge proposal options.



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Webmaster (Marianne Colgrove)

Marianne commented that Bryan Dorr suggested ways to make content and file uploads easier for neighborhood board members when posting content to the website. The current process requires an FTP uploader or Dream Weaver. One option to look at is to use WordPress, which Bryan Dorr currently uses for his personal website and is familiar with. Marianne also noted that much of the Balfour House agenda files are consuming a lot of disk space.

Transportation (Michole Jensen)

No report. Michole Jensen was not present.

Catherine Goode commented about the speeding incident on Johnson Creek Boulevard that did considerable property damage. She suggests installing a roundabout at JCB and SE 36th Ave. This is something we can speak to Carlotta Collette about. We should also bring this issue up to our Transportation liaison Michole Jensen at the next regular meeting.

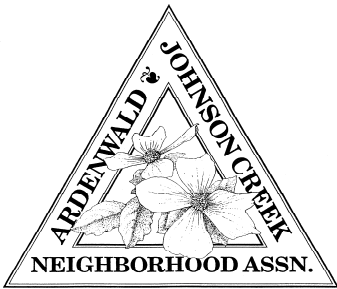
There should be some research done on how many citations are issued on JCB. Marianne will talk with the SEUL land use and crime liaison on traffic calming solutions. Marianne spoke with Carlotta before in the past and learned there were 17 traffic calming suggestions and would consider revisiting some of those solutions.

Bryan Dorr mentioned JCB also has bike lanes and roundabouts and bicycles are not a good mix.

Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)

No representative on the PSAC Board was present. It was reported that Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno has been attending the PSAC meetings regularly, but has not attended the Ardenwald neighborhood meetings. It was also noted by the neighborhood members that Cheryl was not nominated or re-elected at the May 2008 regular meeting.

Bryan did note that PSAC representatives are elected for two-year terms but the neighborhood association bylaws states all board members are elected for one year terms. There was a suggestion to have that position term changed in the bylaws, but Marianne noted the process for changing the bylaws would be challenging.



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Membership (Jill Younce)

Jill was not present.

Bryan reported there was a large increase in email subscribers list as a result of November 11, 2008, meeting. There were about 120 people who attended that meeting.

Matt reported that he and Jill have been door knocking and leaving door hangers announcing our public meeting.

Art Committee

No report.

Balfour Street Park (Lisa Gunion-Rinker)

Lisa said JoAnn Herrigel's "plate is full," and since this is a county park, we would be working with our county liaison, Michelle Healey. We need to have subcommittee meetings, door knocking, and it would be a long process. We need to come up with drafts, drawings and neighborhood input. The city and county would have to look at it. The Neighborhood Association, city, and METRO would have to approve it. Once the design is approved, there is the need for funding and begin applying for grants.

One suggestion was made to use the funds from the Secret Garden Tours to help fund the proposed park on SE Balfour Street.

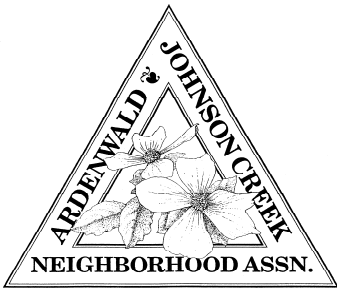
Friends of Tideman Johnson Park

The next work party is on Saturday, December 6, 2008, 9 am to 12 pm at the Tideman Johnson Park near SE 37th Ave. and Springwater Trail. They will be planting lots of small plants.

Election for Neighborhood Association Chairperson

The discussion about a Neighborhood Association Chairperson came up, but we did not nominate a Chairperson at the meeting. It was suggested by Bryan Dorr that we do not nominate at tonight's meeting because it was not on the agenda.

We will bring up the Chairperson's nomination and elections at the next regular meeting in January 2009 meeting, or sooner if there is a board meeting. The person elected to Chair would fill the term until the regular meeting in May 2009.



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Balfour House Subcommittee Update

Matt Rinker expressed great disappointment in the special guests who accepted the email invitation a couple of weeks ago to attend the Balfour House subcommittee meeting at Kim Hutchinson's resident on Tuesday, November 18, 2008, but the special guests were a no-show at that meeting. The invited special guests also failed to notify the subcommittee by email and/or telephone call.

Adjournment

Motion: Lisa Gunion-Rinker
Seconded: Marianne Colgrove
Vote: Yea: 8 Nay: 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Minutes prepared and submitted on by:

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Minutes approved on: January 13, 2009 (Yea: Unanimous, Nay: None)