

**ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK  
NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 12, 2010**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Matt Rinker calls the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Ardenwald Elementary School, Room 101.

**Attendance**

There were 17 people in attendance:

Heidi Bebee  
Kristen Brown  
Sherri Campbell, Vice Chair  
Joe Campbell, Treasurer  
Jeff Davis  
Chris Davis  
Bryan Dorr, Secretary  
Eric Griswold  
Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Board Member at Large 2

John Hipes, Milwaukie Police  
Wendy Hemmen, City of Milwaukie  
JoAnn Herrigel, City of Milwaukie  
Michole Jensen, Transportation  
Chelsea Mason  
Nancy Matich, Arts Committee  
Matt Rinker, Chairman  
David Sessum, Portland Police

**Introductions.**

**Police Report - John Hipes, Milwaukie Police Department**

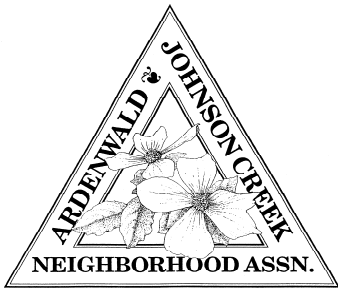
The crime report map was handed out. He said the Chief has asked to discuss the speeding vehicles on S.E. Johnson Creek Blvd. (JCB) and S.E. 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Motorcycle officers surveyed speed issue and no citation were issue. Alleged Balfour St. speeder is a black Volkswagen Jetta, but the subject has not been caught.

Photo radar: It is a controversial since it was started. The department is tracking how much revenue is coming in as it's going out. Question is whether enforcement is financially feasible with photo radar or having more motorcycle officers patrolling. There will be an article in media tomorrow "blasting" the photo radar program. He explained how photo radar citations are issued. Bottom line for the controversy is that the offender does not have a contact with an actual officer. He also explained the speed limit setting for the radar.

Can we get photo radar on JCB?

The court is restrictive where the photo radar can be used. There has to be a clear straight view for it to be effective. Sunlight is also a factor. An officer on a motorcycle can be positioned anywhere where as a photo radar van is restricted to certain requirements for placement. He also explained how the fines are dispersed to different agencies and government departments like the courts, judge, city, state, county, etc. On McLoughlin Blvd. (Ore. 99E), 150 citations are issued in four hours. The current police chief has interest using photo radar to slow traffic down.

Question about Springwater Corridor: Milwaukie Police doesn't have much activity with Springwater Corridor calls.



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Hipes also mentioned that most crime types have changed over the past 20 years, mainly because of technology.

**Tacoma Street Park & Ride - Catherine Goode**

There have been a lot of changes in the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail (PMLR) project. There will be no garage at the Tacoma St. We've gone from 1,200 car garage to a 320-car surface lots. They are working with Johnson Creek Watershed Council on some items. There may be issues with rain surface runoff going into Johnson Creek. The Park Ave. Park & Ride has been reduced one level, from 600-car space to 355-car space, but garage could be added in the future. \$62 million had to be reduced the project budget. Tacoma Street cuts reduced expenses by \$11 million in project budget. Catherine says this is a victory for the neighborhood.

Michole asked about runoff filtering? That hasn't been determined yet because this item is preliminary. What about solar panels for charging electric vehicle? Again, this is preliminary.

The signal light at SE 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave. and JCB won't go in (that was already decided by Milwaukie City Council on April 20, 2010). Neighboring neighborhoods are concerned about reduction in Tacoma Park & Ride because of overflow parking into other neighborhood and at Bybee St. station. Parking at the current Green Line (Clackamas) is mixed occupancy levels, some lots nearly full and others empty. Tacoma St. station access isn't pedestrian friendly along Tacoma St. and off from Springwater Trail.

Wendy Hemmen noted that some PMLR project cuts on the list could be added back. There is a \$137 million gap. Value could change in the future.

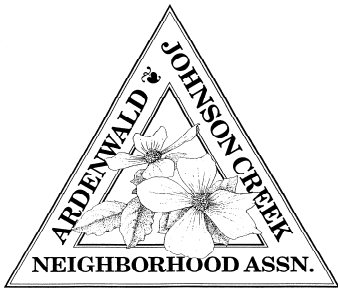
Does any of the cuts or delays affect opening date? The PMLR line still targets to open Sept. 2015.

**Proposed School Zone Changes - Wendy Hemmen**

Wendy Hemmen attended on behalf of Gary Parkin, who was at a conference. There was an inconsistency with the school zones within the Milwaukie city limits. The City was looking at school zones, effect times, signage flashing lights, etc. Collector or arterials streets in the city have flashers. They have redone the school zones and talked to the Public Safety and Security Committee and the North Clackamas School District. Wendy handed out a map for Ardenwald showing the existing school zones and proposed changes. Map shows flasher remain on SE 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave. is accurate; removal of school zone on S.E. 36<sup>th</sup> Ave., S.E. Filbert and S.E. Olsen St. Lights timer needs to be upgraded and each unit costs \$6,000 to replace. SE 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave. light is one the most frequently malfunctioning school zone light.

Michole Jensen mentioned the removal of school zone on SE 36<sup>th</sup> Ave. could be dangerous for children because of speeders.

Wendy noted that the more signs that are posted, the less effective the signage become. Ardenwald has the largest school zone and it tends to spread out more. Wendy also presented the Clackamas County School District walking route map. She also noted the children residing at the Hillside Manor



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that walk to Ardenwald. There is the Walk Safely grant where funds could be used for curb extensions at crosswalk crossings. When will it be implemented? Two to three years to complete, funding permits (flashers would be completed in five years). JoAnn reiterated the concerns at S.E. 36<sup>th</sup> Ave., and the pedestrian easement crossing at S.E. Filbert and S.E. Olsen streets.

**Voter Owned Elections (Measure 26-108-City of Portland) - Bill Harris**

Bill Harris (attended for Janine Settlmeyer), he provided an overview of the voter-owned program for the City of Portland that will be on the November ballot. Portland residents in the NDA will receive this measure on the ballot for November. Mr. Harris encourages people to vote for Measure 26-108. There was a question and answer period about the measure. Mr. Harris handed out a sheet if the Neighborhood Association could make a motion to endorse Measure 26-108. No motion was made.

Matt Rinker asked if this was a measure the NDA would endorse the measure. Sherri Campbell says she is fine with taking no action. Lisa Gunion-Rinker stated the Southeast Uplift is already endorsing the measure.

Matt Rinkers says that a board meeting in the future should be held to discuss on how we should handle future discussions regarding ballot measure items at NDA meetings.

**Library District Measure (Measure 26-114, Multnomah County) - Heidi Bebee**

Heidi Bebee provided a brief overview on the ballot measure. There were no questions from the audience.

**Ardenwald PTO - Chelsea Mason**

Chelsea Mason considered the idea that the soccer events should be held on Sunday. She also announced Bingo Night on Sunday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

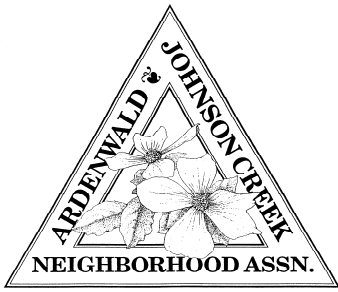
**MOTION TO CONTRIBUTE \$50 FOR BINGO NIGHT:** Sherri moves to contribute \$50 to bingo night. Lisa seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Ms. Mason announced the Holiday Bazaar at Ardenwald School that will feature Santa Claus. The PTA is also selling Chinook book, which is like discount coupon books for \$20. Chelsea will talk with Shellie about Reading Night.

**Portland Police – David Sessum**

Ofc. Sessum is here to address the email communications about the thefts in the neighborhood and Springwater Corridor. There was a larceny and car theft. You can file a report online so an officer doesn't have to come out to your residence.

Q: Do you have calls about Springwater? He mentioned about people running up the trail with kegs and having a party in the park. The OLCC was notified. If anyone notices paintballers, call the police. Police be patrolling the Springwater Corridor for unauthorized campers. Lisa Gunion-Rinker said there were paintballs because they found evidence from the park cleanup. Police reports can be filed



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online at <http://www.Portlandonline.com/police>. He also spoke about how to obtain descriptive details for leads to report a crime. Ofc. Sessum handed out business cards for the attendees.

**Committee Reports:**

**Chairman - Matt Rinker**

Matt read an email from Jeff Klein (Lewelling NDA Chairman) announcing the Voters Forum at Lewelling Library. He also announced that Dana Barrett about the calendar featuring historic photos of the neighborhood. Matt will get more details on the calendar photos. Grants are due in April.

**Vice Chair - Sherri Campbell**

Sherri will be writing *The Pilot* for November and asked for suggestions. Sherri showed the Walk Safely Milwaukie banner. Sherri also commented about a truck on S.E. Olsen at the pedestrian pathway obstructing the view, a concern for pedestrian safety. Lisa commented about the Christmas Party and Christmas Families and we should be planning this soon. Sherri gave Bryan a "Walk to School" umbrella as a volunteer appreciation. Bryan thanked her.

**Secretary - Bryan Dorr**

Bryan read email from Russ Stoll (BMAL) that wasn't injected during Tacoma St. Station update earlier:

*"Matt Clark is in the midst of writing our grant proposal to get design money for the creek restoration enhancements. A couple of letters of intent to file for grants has been done, I believe, as well. The other two committees, Garage and Extra-Site, are not really functioning so the Creek Committee is going to try and reconvene all the charrette participants and reorganize into two committees. Hopefully in the next month."*

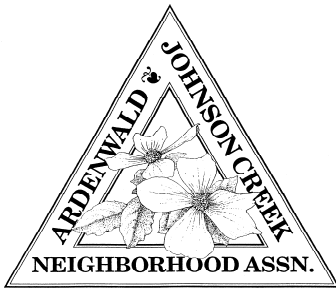
Minutes revised on Sept. 18 for clarification on Tacoma St. renaming suggestion.

Status update on Tacoma St. Congestion Tolling as suggested by Carlotta Collette? Lisa Gunion-Ringer believes the neighborhood wasn't selected for the project.

Email list subscribers are holding steady.

Bryan thanked Jeff Davis for writing *The Pilot* for October. Bryan also commented on Milwaukie's new website that finding online *Pilot* was hard due to website change. *The Pilot* comes out on first day of month, but by mail isn't received until three-four days later into the month. He said this is not good if announcements for events in first week of the month and can be easily missed.

Bryan also mentioned he met with Phil Manzano, Oregonlive.com Web editor today (Oct 12), Oregonlive.com. He's seeking volunteer writers to contribute to their Milwaukie community website. Bryan said this is not a replacement for Ardenwald.org that used for neighborhood business, but OregonLive is more of a blog style and for various community information. Bryan offered brochures he received from Phil for any interested community writers.



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Sherri commented about a chemical smell from the SE Olsen St. area around 1 a.m. It was visible. Police, Code Enforcement, and Fire department were all contacted.

**Treasury - Joe Campbell**

\$41.29 spent on Pizza. Umbrellas for Walk to School were \$120. We'll be reimbursed. Annual justice report was \$10. Balance in grant is \$1,507.00, and NDA account balance is \$5096.38. The W-9 was sent to Carrie Kinkel at Providence. Can we use funds for the Christmas Family? Yes.

**Land Use - Mary King (not present)**

Bryan also read email update from Mary King (Land Use):

*"I've been getting regular notices from Portland about topics such as their comprehensive review committee composition and other administrative things that pertain only to Portland. I did get one variance request for paving at a home on JCB, just after the curve before the stop at 32nd. I drove by it, saw no problem since most of the area is paved, and decided we didn't need to get involved."*

*Nothing has come in from Milwaukie. I understand that the little white house with the huge back yard at about 39th on the south side of Harvey has been sold to a developer and that his development has been restricted to two houses/lots. It's too bad, because it was a wonderful single family property on a victory garden sized lot."*

**Southeast Uplift (SEUL) - Marianne Colgrove (not present)**

Lisa mentioned SEUL supports Measure 26-108. Bryan Dorr announced the Tideman Johnson Park cleanup on Sat., Nov. 6, 2010, 9 a.m. - noon at the park.

**Transportation - Michole Jensen**

No report other than what was discussed during the Tacoma St. Station and School Zones discussions.

**Public Safety Advisory Committee - (vacant)**

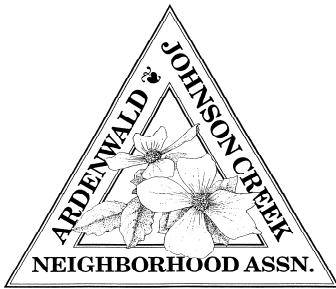
Matt Rinker said that someone (name wasn't provided) has stepped forward for the position. The Neighborhood hasn't voted to nominate the candidate yet.

**Membership - Elizabeth Young (not present)**

No report.

**Art - Nanci Matich**

Jeff Davis: Scarecrow competition is Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> at Milwaukie City Hall. Information sheet and entry form were handed out. Nanci announced the contest prizes. Jeff stated the scarecrows must be on a 2x2 wooden post. No perishable items can be used. Davis Graveyard open house is this Sunday (Oct.



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17), Milwaukie High School dancers will be there. S.E. 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave. will be closed on Sunday for open house and Halloween night.

Nanci says the Milwaukie sculpture garden is now a reality, which is next to the City Hall. She also announced the First Fridays. Wine:30 is decorated for Halloween this year. It's that time of year again for the Davis Graveyard, so stop by. Pictures of the Davis Graveyard are for sale at Wine:30.

**Balfour Street Park - Lisa Gunion-Rinker**

There is nothing new to report. We're looking into having a calendar sale for the park fundraiser.

**Other Items or Open Discussions**

Bryan asked Joanne the City of Milwaukie's website is being updated as it went to new format. JoAnn said there is some work on the new site that needs to be completed. She recommended sending an email to Beth Ragel and JoAnn any issues or concerns with the City's new website.

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:** Motion to approve meeting minutes from September 14, 2010, regular meetings: Sherri Campbell moves, Bryan Dorr seconds. Motion passes unanimously (none opposed).

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn the meeting. Sherri Campbell moves, Bryan Dorr seconds. Motion passes unanimously (none opposed).

**Meeting adjourned: 8:57 p.m.**

Minutes prepared and submitted on October 14, 2010, by:

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Secretary

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Minutes approved on November 9, 2010 **Yea: Unanimous. Nay: None.**