

**ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK
NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2012**

Call to Order

Co-Chair Matt Rinker calls the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. at the Milwaukie Grind coffee house.

Attendance

Chris Davis (Treasurer)
Jeff Davis (Co-chair)
Bryan Dorr (Secretary)
Dan Eggleston
Jennifer Finn (Art)
Peter Frick-Wright
Betty Fulmore

Lisa Gunion-Rinker (Land Use)
Arlene Miller
Darin Purcell
Matt Rinker (Co-chair)
Sandy Senffner
Russ Stoll (Creek Committee) ardenwald.org
Jean Zitzer

Introduction

Agenda Change

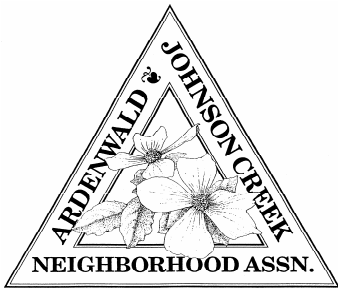
Matt Rinker asks if the order of the agenda can be reversed, with coal train issue being first and Berkley Way development is second. No one objected.

Coal Train Discussion

Peter Frick-Wright with the Portland Chapter of the Sierra Club introduced himself and gave an overview of his background. He is providing a slideshow presentation. The presentation is about transporting coal via rail from coal mines in Montana and Wyoming. The line that will affect Milwaukie is the Coos Bay terminal. One proposal is to rail and export through Texas. The other is barging coal from Boardman to St. Helens via Columbia River. The Deschutes River route is too steep in some parts.

He showed a picture what 80-million tons of coal stockpile will look like. There is also train derailment. Coal export threatens our economy where coal trains can cause traffic congestion, turn away businesses and home buyers near the line. Coal export threatens the global climate.

What can we do? "Tell Milwaukie Mayor Jeremy Ferguson to take a stand against coal export." People can sign the petition; call for a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement, fourth Tuesday meeting at Sierra Club, 1821 SE Ankeney St., Portland.



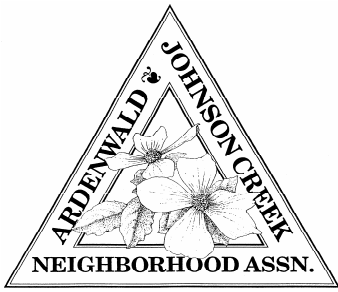
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The U.S. Has the largest reserve of coal in the world. “Coal anywhere harms communities anywhere.”

Matt Rinker said the court overturned the EPA requirements on the coal.

Comments during the discussion were:

- Train would have to travel to and return. That doubles the traffic. Peter said the train would be traveling 3 to 5 miles per hour by residential zones.
- The coal train would be passing through Milwaukie. The people no longer get the Pilot. Many people do not read the Pilot online.
- We could hand out fliers at the market place or the Sunday Farmers Market. There shouldn't be an analysis but a downright no.
- We need to get the neighbors informed have them contact the Mayor. Peter said you need to call Mayor Ferguson, Gov. Kitzhaber, Senator Wyden for a comprehensive EIS.
- Wyden is the head of the Energy committee. His office phone number is 503-326-7525.
- Have any communities stopped coal trains passing through towns? Peter said this is a new thing. Peter said it's difficult to tell the railroad what they can or cannot do or what they ship. They are like a “sovereign nation.”
- Matt Rinker asked what is the time frame at the state level, so the neighborhood association needs to vote.
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are regulated by federal regulations.
- How is any of the local cities are going to make any money? There is no upside for Milwaukie.
- The trains cannot be covered because of spontaneous combustion. The BLM leases the land.
- The coal trains in Colorado are slow and over a mile along.



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- Have Linwood NDA heard about the coal trains? There's also concerns for the Three Creeks area.
- Matt said the NDA leaderships have been notified about the proposed coal shipment trains.
- Are Sellwood and Eastmoreland are concerned? Marianne said the Southeast Uplift provided a presentation. Eastmoreland have been successful with railroad issues.
- U.S. Representative on Multnomah County side of Ardenwald is Earl Blumenauer, and the Clackamas County side is Kurt Schrader.
- Matt Rinker said we're just getting a list onto the website to contact for coal opposition.
- Peter has a petition available for people to sign.

No one participating in the meeting spoke in support for coal shipment trains.

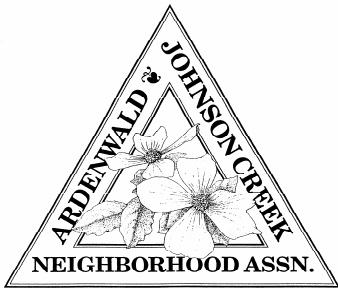
MOTION: THE ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OPPOSES COAL SHIPMENT THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND THROUGH THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, AND REQUEST THE MILWAUKIE CITY COUNCIL TO OPPOSE COAL TRAIN SHIPMENT AND TO KEEP THE MILWAUKIE CITIZENS INFORMED ON THE COAL TRAIN ISSUE. Yea: Unanimous. Nay. None. MOTION PASSED.

A sub-committee will be appointed to compose the letter and convey the neighborhood association's opposition to the City and other elected officials.

Proposed Housing Development on S.E. Berkley Way - Marianne Colgrove

The informational discussion was about the proposed development of four houses on a lot on S.E. Berkley Way north of Tideman Johnson Park. The houses will be about 30 feet high, sitting on lots formerly as fill. A core drill took samples of the land, but the depth of the core wasn't known. One lot also has an issue with slides. There was a hearing on July 30th. A collective letter in opposition to the development was collectively by Ardenwald, Woodstock, and Eastmoreland land-use chairs was submitted.

Lisa Gunion Rinker updated on the April 10, 2012 neighborhood meeting with Ed Murphy. The relocating of City of Milwaukie court services will increase traffic and parking at the Public Safety Building at S.E. 32nd. Ave. and S.E. Harrison St. The auxiliary lot south of Providence (S.E. Llewellyn and S.E. 32nd Ave.) will be rented on Wednesdays. This plan was never



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discussed with the neighborhood. If things go poorly, who do we talk to and how do we go forward?

Committee Report

Co-chairs: No report.

Secretary: Bryan Dorr - June 14, 2012 and the board meeting minutes will be approved at the September 11, 2012 meeting. No webmaster report.

Treasurer: Chris Davis - Will have a report at September 11 meeting.

Land Use: Lisa Gunion-Rinker - Already covered earlier.

Southeast Uplift: Marianne Colgrove announced Johnson Creek Cleanup for Sat., Aug. 25, 2012 at Mill Park at 9:00 a.m. Friend of Tideman Johnson Park work party resumes Sat., Oct. 6, 2012.

Transportation: No report.

Public Safety Advisory Committee: Sonja Souder reports she is now official on the PSAC. She has posed a question in our role with the coal train discussion. Jeff asked about the speed sign on Johnson Creek Blvd. that appears then gets removed. The speed signs are rotated in and out throughout the city.

Sonja said the budget was so bad that the officer training was proposed to be cut. The sign is paying for itself by having motor officers patrolling and enforcing areas with speed issues from data collected by the sign.

Membership: Matt said Beth Ragel is working on neighborhood stuff.

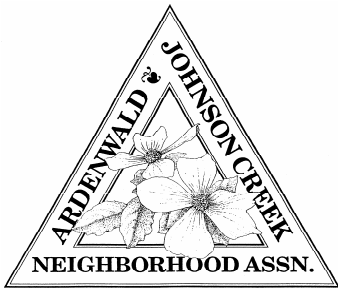
Art: Jennifer Finn said ArtMOB chose three new sculptures for downtown. Website being updated. Concert in Park is Thursday. Jeff Davis is coordinating the concerts.

Balfour Park: Lisa Gunion-Rinker said we should look into a sustainability tour in our neighborhood. Tour will be fundraiser for the park. Bicycle tour. First is master plan \$10-15,000. Through NDA, city, metro. Then submit for grant money. Goal is to get original \$15,000. Right now we are at about \$2,000. The city does not give any money.

Matt said the bottleneck is getting the master plan.

Lisa said Kronberg Park has priority because they have been waiting longer. North Clackamas, then Balfour. We are third.

Suggestion: Fundraiser with named or memorial bricks. Another is to look at volunteer work. The city took advantage for volunteer work with the Main St. Project.



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Creek Committee: Russ Stoll said the Creek Committee continues to fund raise. More on the Tacoma St. Station boardwalk at the September meeting.

Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. Russ Stoll moves. Betty Fulmore seconds. **Yea: Unanimous. Nay. None. Motion PASSED.**

Meeting adjourned: 8:04 p.m.

A special thanks to Kasey of Milwaukie Grind for opening shop at special hours for hosting our special neighborhood meeting!

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Minutes approved on September 11, 2012: **Yea: UNANIMOUS. Nay: NONE.**