

DRAFT: Ardenwald/Johnson Creek Neighborhood Meeting Minutes 2-26-18

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm by Vice Chair, Matt Rinker and introductions were started as people filed into the meeting and started getting food and something to drink.

Introductions:

Everyone introduced themselves and stated where they lived. Attending neighbors included Kelly Williams, LeeAnne Gibney, Carly Brauer, Sarah Price, Coralee Popp, Matthew Rinker, Laura Berg, Bryan Dorr, Mark Taylor, Elvis Clark, Ann Leenstra, Jesse Lewis, Chris Bailey, Travis Holle, Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Officer Ryan Smith (+ 5 other neighbors who did not sign in)

Officer Ryan Smith stated that he did not have much to report this month but was free to answer any questions that people had. Without pause, a question was asked concerning the Tacoma Max station entrance coming from our neighborhood turning left from Tacoma. The neighbor wasn't sure if you were supposed to trigger the light by driving onto the hash line area of the road or if you were supposed to stop before the hash line area. It was confirmed that the light would trigger to turn left if you stopped before the hash line area.

Officer Ryan then stated that there was an incident in the neighborhood as someone from the Secure Residential Treatment Facility (SRTF) did try to leave the facility last week. He stated that everything was ok, and the police were called in to ensure that that individual did not leave, and there are no issues now. Another neighbor asked about the shooting last week, February 19th, on 34th and Van Water Street. Officer Ryan stated that someone did go to the hospital, but that it was an isolated incident on the Portland side of our neighborhood. He felt he should not comment on the incident as it was handled by the Portland Police. At this point another neighbor asked about laws pertaining to the discharging of guns in the city? Officer Ryan stated that it was illegal to discharge firearms within the city limits, and that if someone questions whether they heard gunfire in the area they are encouraged to call the nonemergency number, 503-786-7500. He stated that it does happen but, it usually turns out to be fireworks. He stated that if you feel you are in danger please call 911. Another neighbor asked if fireworks were illegal too now. Officer Ryan stated that yes, aerial fireworks are now illegal, but that ground level fireworks such as sparklers are ok. With no more questions, Officer Ryan left and attending neighbors thanked him for his time.

Vice Chair Rinker stated that there was nothing new to report from the chair, vice chair, or secretary this month. Webmaster Bryan Dorr stated that he was working on getting the newly revised website updated. He also stated that the ardenwald twitter account has now been renamed to ardenwaldjc.

Treasurer Mark Taylor stated that the neighborhood accounts had not been transferred to him by Chris Davis yet as he had been busy with work, but that it would be completed shortly. Lisa Gunion-Rinker stated that she thought that the neighborhood account was reported at around \$1500 by Chris Davis last month.

Vice Chair Rinker asked if there were any new Land Use issues in the neighborhood to report this month, and Land Use Chair Gunion-Rinker stated that there were none other than the new

storage building going up on JCB across from the Gentle Dental Clinic. She stated that she had investigated that site but found that it did not require a variance. Another neighbor stated that FYI the Rite Aid and Walgreen chains were merging, and that Rite Aid has sold many stores to Walgreens. Neighbors felt that if that did happen here, the Walgreens store would keep the larger Rite Aid site. Another neighbor asked about the construction completion of sidewalks at Monroe and 42nd Ave. They stated that it looked like the sidewalks were done, but that the intersection was very dangerous for cars. There are barriers in place causing only one car width to pass through safely and the road contains many large, deep potholes. Kelly Williams explained that this was part of the ADA compliant projects and that temporary ramps were in place but was concerned that that intersection has been that way since this past fall. It was determined that, Mark Taylor, PSAC representative would ask the city for clarification on this issue, and find out when the intersection would be completed? Since this intersection is within another neighborhood that neighborhood has probably been informed about its completion. Also, on transportation, slow down signs from the county were brought to the meeting in case someone wanted to put them up on their street. Chris Bailey said she would put one up by her house.

Lisa Gunion-Rinker announced that this Sat., March 3rd from 9am – noon the Friends of Tideman-Johnson will be hosting a native plant planting event in Tideman-Johnson Park as part of the 20th Annual Johnson Creek Watershed Wide Event in partnership with the the Johnson Creek Watershed Council (JCWC). Volunteers will be gathering on the boardwalk area, in their favorite durable costumes, in the park just south of the Springwater Corridor Trail between 8:45 – 9am. Tools, gloves, and refreshments will be provided.

She also announced that from 7:30am-8:30am that same morning, March 3rd, there will be an Audubon hosted birdwatching event before the native planting event. People are requested to bring their own binoculars and meet at the restroom area of the 45th Ave. parking lot and follow Matt for an engaging hour of birdwatching fun.

Another neighbor asked if we would be cleaning up the JCB terraces this spring, and it was determined that on April 28th from 10am – noon volunteers would meet at 43rd and JCB with their favorite tools, garbage bags, and durable leather gloves to combat the evil invasive plant menaces of ivy, blackberries, and wild clematis vine.

Discussion came back to safety, sidewalks, ADA, and roads, as Mark Taylor, PSAC representative, explained that there was fall voting on what streets are prioritized for the first or Phase 1 group that would be funded from the extra money paid by citizens in their water bills. In the Ardenwald/Johnson Creek NDA, 43rd to Howe is prioritized because it is very dangerous with people walking on both sides of road to the grocery store. PSAC took these identified streets before city council in January for approval. Phase 1 streets will be slated to be finished in a certain time frame. Harvey and 43rd are on the phase one group. The next Phase 2 streets will come later or have a lower priority and may need bonding – interest costs are very high. Elvis Clark mentioned that there is a large parcel of land up for sale on King & 43rd at the law office area. Carly stated that a notice had been sent to Fieldcrest Drive neighbors, and the city will be repaving that area as well. Kelly Williams stated that most of the sidewalk and road improvements had started with the safe routes to school program with matching funds for ADA compliance priorities, and routes have different weighted importance placed on them. She

further explained that ADA went first because it was needed to meet federal requirements. There are also sidewalks that have been recently completed, but found to not be ADA compliant because of obstacles in them such as electrical poles, mailboxes, sign posts, etc. Elvis Clark announced that he also found it dangerous to cross highway 224 on Harrison as there are bushes that are blocking drivers views of people walking in the crosswalk near Mike's Drive-In, and that it would be safer for people if they use the other side of the road where there are no bushes.

Lisa Gunion-Rinker announced that the Ardenwald/Johnson Creek Neighborhood Plant Sale will be happening on May 20th from 11am – 5pm at 3012 SE Balfour Street, and that people are dropping off plants and pots now for the sale. If people have time to come help, please call or text Lisa at 503-754-1655 and she can let you know what is being worked on that day, evening, or upcoming weekend. She explained that the plant sale is a fundraiser for our new, but undeveloped neighborhood park on Balfour Street. To date, over \$8,000 has been raised toward the development of the park, and a master plan has been completed and approved, but a lot more \$\$ needs to be raised! Plants for the sale have been donated by your neighbors, and there are many native plants, grasses, trees, shrubs perennials, annuals, herbs, and veggie starts that will be waiting to go home with you! To view the Balfour Street Park Master Plan or for other information, go to: www.ardenwald.org

Vice Chair Rinker asked if there was any additional information concerning art in the neighborhood as Jeff & Chris usually talk about this item. He reiterated that they had discussed murals at the last meeting as someone mentioned having a mural on Eric's Mkt. Chris Bailey explained that the business must come to the art committee and ask for art/mural support, but that we as neighbors can talk to the business owners and give them information on what they need to do if they are interested in having a mural placed. Vice Chair Rinker stated that there is an initiative to put more murals in downtown as well.

There was brief discussion concerning the Library update and that there were some parking spaces being removed. Ann Leenstra stated that the new library will be 1 story, have meeting rooms, and lots of glass on environmental side. Someone asked if the materials from the old library would be recycled, but there was discussion about asbestos and cost and it was thought that the old library materials would most likely not be recycled.

Kelly Williams, PTO representative, announced that the upcoming spring silent auction and fundraiser event for Ardenwald Elementary School will take place this Sat. March 3rd from 4-7pm at the school. She said there are great items donated, and that they are pre-selling/bidding online currently for some items, one being 4 Disneyland ticket passes – can go on website and sneak peek pics of what will be auctioned daily from now until Sat. For the auction the PTO applied for a grant through the neighborhood and asked for \$150-200 last month from the NDA. Lisa Gunion-Rinker motioned to give the PTO \$150 for their fundraiser event and Bryan Dorr seconded that motion. All voted unanimously to approve this motion.

Vice Chair Rinker, opened the meeting to open discussion items and Carly, from Hope City Church, stated that the church plans to have an Easter egg drop in Milwaukie next year. This

year, the drop will occur at Brentwood Park and will include 28,000 plastic Easter eggs giving kids in area the best Easter egg hunt. Their goal is to serve families in the area ~1500 kids. She has been trying to find space in Milwaukie Parks, but found it challenging, and it was decided that Rowe Middle School would be the best location, except baseball fields frown on Easter eggs being dropped on the fields. They will be working on this this year.

She stated that last year the church was able to give \$1100 to the Brentwood NDA, and next year plans to give funds to the Ardenwald/JC NDA. She invited neighbors to attend the event in Brentwood Park on March 24th from 10am-noon this year to see what happens. The event is in its 6th year. She stated that they are trying to serve area kids, but people are registering now from Salem, Beaverton, Gresham, etc. Carly also stated that she put in a formal proposal to pay for part of the concerts in the park event this year. She said that the church council loved the idea, but she is waiting to hear back.

There was further discussion about the concerts in the park and having 5 Thursdays again this year. Carly said their church has a band that may be able to fill in for one of the concerts. There was also the suggestion to cap the number of concerts this year if we don't receive funding from some sponsors. Kelly Williams also talked about getting more raffle prizes donated each week and getting more sponsors for the event.

A couple attending the meeting brought up the issue of illegal dumping occurring at Johnson Creek & 79th near Fred Meyers. They stated they are having a huge problem with dumping, trash, drugs, needles and a drug dealer living in the area intimidating neighbors. Long discussion ensued, and it was thought that getting a security camera system in place and finding out who owns the house that the drug dealer is living in, might be the potential to get a nuisance property eviction with security camera footage that can show that the landlord is negligent. There was also the suggestion to invite investigative reporting about the area and concerns. This also brought up discussion about the Springwater Corridor Trail and camps and it was determined that Lisa would ask our Portland Parks Liaison Susan Hawes about having a representative come to the next meeting and discuss this issue. Neighbors asked the couple attending that lived near Fred Meyers to please come back to another meeting and explore if there are more ways we can help.

Representatives from Hillside Housing, Ann and Jesse, attended the meeting and explained that they need a 2-way radio communication system that can send and receive through the 12" concrete on each floor. They are asking for a grant from the neighborhood to update 2 units per floor counting the 1st floor that could be used during a fire alarm where neighbors shelter in place or stay in their apartments. They think they can get 20 radios with 2 per charger for ~\$200. They stated that the local cert group has the same problem as the radio signal will not go through the hills. Vice Chair Rinker asked attending Hillside representatives to fill the grant form out and the neighborhood would vote on it next month.

Ann stated that Clackamas County Housing will be renovating the tower this year as it has not been renovated since the 1970's. Everybody from the building will be moved out and moved back in, but the timeline is not yet known. More will be known on the 1st of March. People in

Hillside Park will have to be relocated when that area is redeveloped. Neighbors will be granted section 8 vouchers and a company will be hired to help them find some place to live. Vice Chair Rinker remarked that it was great to see them, and that representatives from Hillside should come to NDA meetings regularly.

Bryan Dorr stated that agendas for: June 17, Nov 17, Jan 18, and Feb 18 need to be submitted to him, and minutes also need to be written and approved asap.

Vice Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm and Bryan Dorr motioned to adjourn with Lisa Gunion-Rinker seconding that motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the group adjourned.

Written by: Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Land Use Chair, Adrenal/Johnson Creek NDA