

3/26/18

Ardenwald/Johnson Creek NDA Meeting Minutes

Introductions:

Matthew Brittain, Abby Ball, Joe Gillock, Crystal Barber, Bryan Dorr, Sharon Konsa, Harry Konsa, Kim Travis, Travis Holle, Chris Bailey, Kelsi Mayer, David Leuten, Greg Anderson, Ann Leenstra, Matthew Rinker, Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Jeff Davis, Les Hall, Elvis Clark

Police Report: Officer Les Hall introduced himself and discussed some shenanigans that happened on Linnwood Avenue. He stated that a position had been offered to a lateral police officer out of Idaho. There was a good list of applicants, a viable pool of people. He stated that Tom Garret was promoted to sergeant, and that he would be sent to supervisor training on the east coast. Officer Hall stated that there would be coffee with a cop on May 1st at the Painted Lady Coffee Shop from 8am – 11am, and that there would be a prescription drug and shred event on April 28th from 10-2pm at the public safety building. They will also have a big green drug drop box outside the public safety building. Finally, the officer of the year dinner was held in honor of Officer Walther. Elvis Clark, attending neighbor, stated that he has seen issues with the Harrison Street crossing at both highway 224 and McLoughlin. Cars have run red lights heading northbound, and cars have been turning north through the crosswalks almost hitting people in the crosswalks. He suggested that neighbors walking to downtown use the south crosswalk at both intersections, as it is safer with more visibility.

Chair Davis gave city updates from Jason Wachs. He highlighted:

- Milwaukie Town hall April 4th 6-8pm at Waldorf School, Tourism
- Earth day/Arbor Day Celebration on April 21st from 9:30 – 1:30
- Dogwood Dash 5k & 1k
- Repair Fair April 7th 10-2pm Wichita Center
- Friends of Tideman Johnson Park 9-12 on April 7th
- Library community meeting April 24th
- Carry the load national relay April 27th
- Ardenwald/Johnson Creek Terraces 10am – 12pm on April 28th
- Ardenwald/Johnson Creek Plant Sale Fundraiser 11am – 5pm on May 20th

There was some discussion about all the new construction occurring in the area currently.

Next Chair Davis discussed the concerts that the neighborhood sponsors in August. He said that there would be 5 this year and that we need to find sponsors. Member Bailey stated that hope city church might play one concert for free. There was discussion about saving money by hand delivering post cards this year instead of mailing them out. Maybe plan to deliver them in July and get to Hillside and put the concert list up on the community bulletin board. Divide up and conquer the neighborhood on a weekend if we get enough people to help.

Vice Chair Rinker had nothing new to report as did the secretary, and webmaster.

The treasurer was not present, but the group felt the amount of money was ~\$1500.00

Land Use: Land Use Chair Gunion-Rinker had no new land use items to report for Ardenwald/JC but did report on Parks in the city.

- Lots of things are going on at NCPRD due to Happy Valley's recent departure from the park district. Happy Valley has filed a lawsuit going after assets. Due to the different zones, we were told that this would not affect Milwaukie.
- Elk Rock Island has officially been transferred from Portland to Milwaukie. The City and NCPRD are working on management strategies.
- We celebrated becoming Tree City USA, two signs have been posted at major entries into the City based on recommendations from our new Tree Board.
- The City has officially started a Tree Board whose mission is to help advance the current tree codes to help preserve and protect our city's tree canopy.
- Riverfront Park renamed to Milwaukie Bay Park.
- City will be working with NCPRD to implement Phase 3 of the original Master Plan for Milwaukie Bay Park. The elements in this phase include an amphitheater, interactive water feature, nature themed playground, and restroom. The plan will generally follow the vision of the original Master Plan but will need to be slightly adjusted to accommodate saving the giant coastal Sequoia tree and other modifications to meet a reasonable construction budget. The goal is to have phase 3 completed by 2022.
- The Kellogg Creek Bridge in the park is under construction due to structural instability. The new bridge will be open by the summer of 2018.
- Kronberg Park is currently being designed and will be under construction in 2018. The purpose is to provide an accessible pedestrian link through the park from the bike/ped bridge below trimet bridge to the lighted intersection at 99W. Alignment will be on grade in the park and on structure as the path approaches McLoughlin Blvd.
- NCPRD is working with consultants finishing the construction drawings for Wichita Park. Construction will take place in 2018. Plans include paved pathways, playgrounds, open space, benches, picnic tables, and trees and planting areas.
- A memorial honoring Clackamas county veteran will be dedicated on November 11th in Scott Park.

- Last year we lost a PARB board member who lived in Linwood and has advocated for parks and more green space in Milwaukie. PARB and Linnwood NDA is working together to on a memorial for Lynn Sharp to be placed in Wichita Park.
- The PARB is continuing to make strides towards creating a 501c Park's Foundation as a non-profit that can raise money to help contribute funds for park projects.

Transportation: Joe had a baby position has not been refilled.

PSAC had nothing to report as Representative Taylor was not there for comment.

Ann Leenstra announced that the request for proposal (RFP) for Hillside has gone out. She stated that there is metro money to start on the rehab of the tower this summer/fall 2018. She also stated that city/housing authority for the county will be borrowing real money and is interested in an integrated neighborhood. She said it would become a mixed use/mixed income property. Another neighbor said they were glad about the transparency of the current effort.

Art Up-date: The ArtMob representative was not present, but it was discussed that there will be a lot of changes and a new framework for the city concerning public art.

Membership: Chair Davis stated that we have not had anyone in charge of membership for the NDA and that the only outreach we have currently been doing is mailing the postcards for the summer concerts. Abby Ball and Christy Bailey said that they would step up as co-chairs for the membership subcommittee and that one of their first actions would be going door to door and handing out postcards for the concerts this year with help from other attending neighbors. A motion was made by Gunion-Rinker to approve Abby Ball and Christy Bailey as membership co-chairs for the membership subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Dorr. The motion was carried unanimously.

Balfour Park: Gunion-Rinker gave an update on the Balfour Park plant sale fundraiser. She stated that the event will be held on Sunday May 20th from 11am-5pm and that she would be sending out emails for prepping plants for the sale in the next month or so. She stated that information about the sale had already been sent to the Bee, Clackamas Review, and the Pilot newsletter.

Ardenwald PTO: People asked if the PTO fundraiser had gone well. It was assumed that it had as people who attended stated that they bid on silent auction items and were outbid by others there.

Grant for Hillside: There was discussion about the grant for the Hillside Tower and their request for money from the NDA for a new radio system for use in emergency situations. It was determined that this grant was not needed as the money needed for the new radio system has been donated by another neighbor.

Webmaster Dorr asked the group about the next NDA May meeting, as it was currently scheduled for Memorial Day. It was determined that the meeting would be moved to May 21st.

He also asked who would be writing the May Pilot article for the NDA and it was determined that Gunion-Rinker would write about the upcoming NDA plant sale.

David Leuten from the city planning department attended the meeting to discuss work on the upcoming comprehensive plan. He stated that next week at the Waldorf School on April 4th 6-8pm would be the kickoff for the new comprehensive plan. This is long-term planning that will act as a guide for growth and development throughout the city. He explained that this plan is updated every 7-10 years and is a year-long visioning process. He stated that there are three blocks of work and that block one will have four main topics 1) Public involvement, 2) Economic development, 3) Urban Growth Management, 4) Arts & Culture. He announced that Kim Travis and Joe Gillock are the representatives for the Ardenwald neighborhood. He then brought up the planned neighborhood hubs meetings which will ask neighborhoods what they would like to see in their neighborhood hubs such as businesses. Gunion-Rinker asked why this is being done again so soon since we just completed one of these exercises for Ardenwald/JC not long ago? David stated that he was unaware of any such discussions happening in neighborhoods as he is new to the city and has only worked there for 2 years. He continued that the next meetings for updating the comprehensive plan would be block two which will cover 1) Housing, 2) Additional commercial uses, 3) Housing types. He did not have information to share about the third block yet, but that it would include natural resources.

David then asked the neighborhood what they would like to do about meetings for neighborhood hub input. Chair Davis stated, and membership felt that it would have to be a standalone meeting and not joined with our regular meetings. He then asked if there was any contact with religious outreach about transitional housing. The Kosna's in attendance said that they were part of the Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good and that they are part of the group that is working on veteran's houses along Highway 224 on the way to Damascus. They are also making Conestoga huts for people to stay in the church parking lots overnight. They work on housing affordability which is also one of our city council's three goals for the year. They stated that they have had several meetings with council and the mayor and that there will be a countywide meeting on April 28th from 9am-12 in Oregon City.

Minutes for the February meeting will be reviewed and approved at the next neighborhood meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.