

Ardenwald/JC Neighborhood Minutes

Monday, October 22, 2018

Call to Order

Chair Matt Rinker called the meeting to order at 6:34pm at the Milwaukie Café and Bottle Shop (9401 SE 32nd Ave., Milwaukie)

Attendance

Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Land Use Chair
Ernesto Domnguez
Travis Holle-Bailey, Land Use Asst.
Crystal Barber
Rita Lynn
Keira MacMillan
Linda MacMillan
Terrie Verotsky
Carly Brauer

Sonya Norton
Betty Fulmore
Jon Brown
Matthew Rinker, Chair
Jennifer Dillan
Sam Settelmeyer
Elvis Clark, Transportation
Abigail Ball, Membership/SEUL

Introductions

Police Report

Captain Luke Strait, longtime officer introduced himself and talked about the new K9 unit that is now operational and deployed. He will bring him to next month's meeting to meet and greet neighbors. His name is Beau and he already has 2 captures under his belt. He has been dual trained for tracking and drug detection. Claire Davis is the officer working w/ Beau. The Captain then talked about people in police academy classes. He stated that 2 people will complete next month and the last person in 1.5 months. (Seth Miller and Melissa Campos, and ??.)

Captain Strait then answered questions about another citizens police academy to be held soon. He stated that there were no current plans. Carly asked who would be the outreach contact for MPD for events? Captain Strait said that he would be the contact, and that cadets usually attend functions or events, but it depended on their availability. A woman attending the meeting stated that she lived on Harney Ct., and that her home had been recently burglarized. Her daughter was home at the time and it took police 25 minutes to respond. She stated that she made it home from North Portland before the police response. She lives in the Ardenwald/JC Neighborhood, and asked how she could get help from Milwaukie since she is part of our neighborhood and is closer to Milwaukie than any Portland Police Precincts. Captain Strait explained that she was right to call the Portland Police, but should ask for specific help from Milwaukie since they are closer to respond. The non-emergency Milwaukie Police number is; 503-786-7500.

There was a question about Portland Parks Deputy response, and if the Portland Police, Milwaukie Police and Parks Deputies could work on a dialog to talk to campers and find the criminal element that seems to move and infiltrate this group of people. Parks deputies are trained to talk to campers and give them a 24 hour notice to move areas. It was determined that Chair Rinker will contact the Portland Police and invite them to come to the next neighborhood meeting in November. The Portland police

haven't been sending police liaison to our meetings for several years. Capt. Strait stated that when you see something, use good judgement and call the police non-emergency number. He then stated that burglaries were down for city. There were questions about how to get stats for neighborhoods again? They used to be given out at neighborhood meetings NDAs and broken down by type of crime. Someone then asked if the police were contacted/aware of the graffiti on the back of Ardenwald Elementary School. Captain Strait was not aware of any graffiti. Overall, the officer stated that we have a safe neighborhood. He said we should work as a team to keep our neighborhood safe by reporting things when we see them. He then stated that a car had crashed into Liquor store at the Milwaukie Place Market today, but it was believed to have occurred due to a medical emergency. The group thanked Captain Strait for attending the meeting and answering questions.

Ardenwald/JC Tree Lighting

Then, Carly, from Hope City Church, talked about the annual tree lighting event on Dec 20th at Ardenwald Elementary School during winter break. She said there will be firepits, Santa Claus, carolers, the Grilled Cheese Truck, a Doughnut truck, and much more for the event. Last year they gave away 800 pairs of shoes and bags of groceries. Last year the goal was for all donations was to go to the Ardenwald NDA, but the donation jar was stolen. Hopefully they will have a donation jar for the NDA this year. She said that the church will be sending out mailers and doorhangers this year on the November 2nd and that people can contact her for more information or to volunteer to go door to door. The tree lighting will be happening at Ardenwald Elementary School from 6-8pm.

Officer of the Year Dinner

Chair Rinker then announced that there will be an Officer of the Year and Dinner & Awards Ceremony coming up in March, and that former Councilor David Hedges had submitted a grant to the NDA to support this event. The dinner and event are held at the Elks Lodge and the requested grant amount is for \$250. He stated that it is a fun event where both an officer and cadet win appreciation awards for their service to the community. He also stated that, as with all grants, we will vote on this grant at the meeting following its application announcement.

Rivers East Village

Next, JoAnn Herrigal from Eastside Village presented this membership-based organization to assist people to stay in place or in their homes longer. This organization is meant for older adults, people with disabilities or people who need help after major surgeries or recovery periods. In return, the member will receive coordinated volunteer services to get to the doctor, buy groceries, help with their house such as yard work, or raking leaves. A member can call the office and volunteers respond. This organization also performs social event coordination such as book clubs, potlucks, restaurant outings, movie nights, and more. They help for subgroups that check in and have coffee or brunch and can offer referral services from things such as gutter repair, electricians, plumbers, and recommendations. The village will look up services, interview and list them as a vetted vendor for the community. Eastside Village is the 1st organization of this sort that opened in October 2015 and started with 20 members. She stated that there are now 70 members. She said that the typical member is an older woman that is in her 80s and has need of help and social network. The Eastside Village boundaries run from Portland up to I-84 and out to 102nd. She stated that there is a new village forming in the Milwaukie area and they are gathering people who are interested in the Rivers East Village. It will run from Milwaukie to Gladstone. She said it is a great hub concept and villages are part of a national organization. There are

300 of them across the US. JoAnn stated that a lot of people who are members are also volunteers and interested in getting people involved. There will be an event Sat Oct 27th at McGrath's from 3-5pm. 95% of people want to stay in their homes as they age, and people are needed to help. Anything from graphics knowledge, to tech savvy website development will help. People must be willing to work with a social group and a village takes about 3 years to come into itself. The one in our area will be opening Dec. 2019 and will try to have a social event every month to start getting a village together.

Chair Report

Chair Rinker then gave his report about the cottage cluster meetings he has been attending. These meetings have been discussing the missing middle housing options such as small homes or smaller renting opportunities. He stated that there has been discussion of adjusting offsets, and code regulations and all the information can be found on the city website. It is under SAG under the city planning information. A woman attending the meeting said she has rental property on Harvey street and is looking at increasing density and keeping it affordable. Right now, the city is determining how feasible it will be and is considering it a 3-4 pilot projects in our neighborhood or areas that have been grandfathered in as part of our neighborhood. The lady stated that she owns a ½ acre that might hold 8 tiny homes or 1.5 story townhomes.

Chair Rinker also announced that there would be a Candidate Forum at 6:30 – 8pm at St. John's Episcopal Church on Oct. 24th.

Vice Chair Report

No report

Secretary Report

No report

Webmaster Report

Bryan Dorr sent an email that the website renewal should be approved at the Nov. meeting, and that we should figure out what we have in the bank, so we know what we can afford.

Treasurer Report

No report

Landuse Report

Lisa stated that everyone should attend the Hillside Housing open house that would be occurring Wed. Oct. 24th from either 9:30-11am or 5:30-7pm at the Mother Gamelin Room in Providence Milwaukie Hospital. She also reported that she is still catching up on emails after vacation.

SouthEast UpLift Report

Abby Ball volunteered and was nominated and approved as the new SEUL Board member representative for the Ardenwald/JC NDA. She attended the October SEUL board meeting and reported on a few upcoming events. She stated that there would be a Day of the Dead Celebration with live music, mask making, etc. this Friday and Saturday nights Oct. 26th and 27th. She also reported that there would be a memorial on November 13th to honor Muagata Syrah who was murdered by 3 white supremist. SEUL gave a grant to place street cap signs to honor him. Abby also reported that some NDA groups now have a Diversity, Inclusion and Equity person on their boards, and that we should also consider adding such a position to our NDA.

PSAC Report

No report

Membership Report

Abby stated that there was nothing new to report at this time.

Transportation Report

Nothing new to report, but Mark Taylor reported to Elvis that the discretionary budget for city projects would upgrade the Lewelling patch. He also stated that it had been determined that NDA's could be more a part of the discretionary budget and PSAC decisions. This brought up discussion of how to get the City of Milwaukie to refinish our streets. There was lengthy discussion about rough roads and a request from citizens to the transportation chair on how to proceed. This brought about discussion of the resurfacing of Rockwood Street, 29th, and 38th. There was also discussion about the kelvin street curbs and the need for more of this road work from the public works division. It was determined that the NDA needs to find out who approves patching and curb. Attending neighbors also asked about the Luther site falling into disrepair and the need for defined parking for Milwaukie Café as some people are parking in the street.

Art Report

No report except that everyone should go see the new chapel at the Davis Graveyard Neighborhood Halloween display on JCB and 43rd Ave.

Balfour Street Park

Lisa reported that the balance at the end of June without adding the money raised from this year stood at \$9,814.57. She is working on the annual report to submit the money to SEUL and the renewal application paperwork to be submitted to the NDA board and SEUL board for approval of the renewal of application. She was unable to complete the application this month and is still catching up after getting back from vacation. She has already started receiving plants for next springs plant sale which will be the Sunday after Mother's Day Weekend.

Ardenwald PTO

No report

There was discussion and much happiness about the new bike path stairs connecting the Springwater Corridor Trail to the Light Rail platform in Ardenwald/JC at the Tacoma Station.

The meeting minutes from September were reviewed and approved at the meeting, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 26th, 2018 6:30-8:00pm.