



**ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK
NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019**

Call to Order

Chair Matt Rinker calls the meeting to order at 6:30 PM at the Milwaukie Cafe.

Matt Rinker – Chair
Elvis Clark – Transportation
Lisa Gunion-Rinker – Land Use
Clayton Elzinga
Laura Berg
Mary Heberling
Eric Fosgard
Linda Carr
Lisa Batey
Carissa Albin
Luke Johnson
Aine McCarthy
Craig De Lare
Travis Holle-Bailey
Dan Hunt
Tracie Heidt
Larry Thompson

Minutes

POLICE REPORT

There was no police report this month.

SAFE SIDEWALK PROJECT

Tracie Heidt, a Program Coordinator with JLA Public Involvement, presented details about the SAFE program's planned improvements near the Ardenwald Elementary School. The City's contractor will construct 5-foot wide sidewalks and ramps in the public right-of-way in the following locations.

- 1) The north side of SE Wake Street from the corner of the school property to 39th Avenue.
- 2) 2) On the west side of SE 39th Avenue from Wake Street to Roswell Street.

In addition, the pathway between SE Wake and Olsen Streets will be repaved with a porous asphalt to improve safety.

Four Cascara trees will be planted in the new storm water planter strips that will be constructed at the corner of 39th and Wake. The SAFE projects use trees selected from the City's approved tree list, and the engineer who designs the project chooses from this

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list. The City's arborist then signs off on it. There is the hope to include adjacent homeowners more closely in the tree selection decision making process for future SAFE projects. The Tree Board has not historically been included in this process.

PROCUDE/FARM STAND AT ERIC'S MARKET

Luke Johnson presented the progress on bringing a produce/farm stand to the Eric's Market parking lot. This area is a neighborhood hub and the City is interested in more commercial opportunities. Larry Thompson, owner of a produce farm in Damascus, is interested in running a stand at the site. Details of a rent agreement with Eric's Market still need to be worked out.

City Councilor Lisa Batey stated that Lisacs' may be an alternative site for a produce stand (perhaps it would be cheaper). Providence Milwaukie Hospital may also be interested in a produce stand on their property.

Question: What kind of footprint is expected?

Answer: Larry Thompson farms 110 acres organically. He directly markets to consumers via stands in Sandy, Damascus, and at Keiser Permanente hospitals. A stand requires a 10'x20' canopy. He's looking for steady harvest and sales rates.

Question: What days and times are being considered?

Answer: 4 days during winter, 5 or 6 days during spring and summer is a possibility.

Question: What's the time-frame to determine if it's viable? How long will it be permitted to run in order to attract a client base?

Answer: It needs to draw clients in the first 1 or 2 months to be viable.

Question: Who works the farm stands?

Answer: They employ mainly high school and college students.

It's possible the NDA could help promote the stand.

Do a Google search on "Larry Thompson Sustainable Oregon" for more information about the grower.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair: At this time the Hillside Park redevelopment project is targeting an increase in housing units from the current number of 100 to a total of 400 units. It will likely consist of a mix of housing styles and income levels. The redevelopment is planned to take place in stages to minimize the number of residents displaced at any one time. Redevelopment

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may include some retail space, especially along 32nd Ave. The 100 units in Hillside Manor are also being refurbished. This would increase the total units in Hillside Park/Hillside Manor from 200 to 500. There appears to be some confusion about whether the development will connect with 29th Street for just bikes and pedestrians, or if it will also permit vehicular travel.

The Cottage Cluster study continues. A recent Hillside Park redevelopment workshop suggests this type of housing is not being considered for Hillside. This is not official, but is my impression based on its absence from the types of housing provided at the Hillside visioning workshop for a hands-on exercise.

Vice-Chair: No comment.

Secretary: This position is currently open. Please contact Matt Rinker if you are interested

Webmaster: No comment.

Treasurer: Right now, our budget is right at \$1298. There has been no activity since our last meeting.

Southeast Uplift: No comment; the most recent meeting was canceled due to weather.

Transportation: No comment.

PSAC: Milwaukie received a \$1.15M grant from the state for the Linwood-Harmony project (from Monroe to Harmony). This is intended to alleviate traffic safety issues in this area.

The City of Milwaukie volunteer appreciation dinner is on April 30.

There is growing concern about electronic billboards on Hwy 99. A petition has been started with the goal of banning them from Milwaukie

Art committee liaison, Jordan Imlah, spoke about the art mini-murals that were a pilot project at the Milwaukie Station Food Carts this past summer. The art committee is gauging interest from local artists in continuing the project.

Carefree Sunday will be August 4. This event temporarily opens more than five miles of streets to people for the portion of a day by closing them to cars. The result is hundreds of people biking, walking, rolling, and connecting with the community. People who have

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businesses are welcome to submit vendor applications for the event. The event runs from 11a - 4p and will feel similar to Sunday Parkways.
<https://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/events/carefreesunday>

Membership: No comment.

Art: No comment.

Balfour Street Park: Please come support your newest neighborhood park at the Ardenwald/Johnson Creek Neighborhood Plant Sale on May 19th from 10am-5pm at 3012 SE Balfour Street. The plant sale is a fundraiser for the new, but undeveloped neighborhood park on Balfour Street. To date, we have raised over \$10,000 towards 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 are waiting to go home with you. Please contact Lisa at 503-754-1655 if you have any questions, have plants to dig or divide, or would like to help out. To view the Balfour Street Park master plan or for other information, go to:
www.ardenwald.org

Ardenwald PTO: No comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

In recent years there has been increasing concern over the negative impact of illegal fireworks. A firework public information campaign meeting is scheduled for March 26th at 6:00pm in the Public Safety Building.

The Milwaukie Museum is organizing an Island Station historic home tour.

There is some concern over the proliferation of billboards along Milwaukie's roadways. Councilor Lisa Batey posted about this on her Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/LisaBateyforMilwaukie/>. Please share your thoughts with the city council if you have opinions about this topic.

Voted on and Approved the January Meeting Minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Matt Rinker
Acting Secretary