

Ardenwald-Johnson Creek NDA Minutes for March 25th, 2019

Attendees:

Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Mark Taylor, Rita Lynn, Mary Heberling, Sara Gross Samuelson, Seth Davis, Clayton Elzinga, Travis Tomlinson, Aine McCarthy, Travis Holle-Bailey, Linda Carr, Jeff Davis, Chris Davis, Erin Jansen, Dan Harris, Abby Ball, Holli Ballestrem, Captain Luke Strait, Matthew Rinker

Call to order and introductions 6:32pm.

Police Reports (Captain Luke Strait)

New traffic diverters on Monroe and Linnwood. People are getting used to the new traffic flow. They were installed to reduce a high accident rate at that intersection.

Congratulations to Captain Strait on his impending promotion to Chief!

Neighborhood Hubs (Mary Heberling)

This project came out of a visioning process with community input. The intent is pockets of commercial activity within existing neighborhood boundaries.

Several additional hubs were suggested where there were gaps. These are not finalized and the city welcomes feedback.

Considering expansions along current hub areas. Comments included:

- Would like to see the current commercial zone show more success before expanding.
- There was concern about historic homes and trees.
- Need to educate home owners in these areas about the possibilities.
- Would like the businesses to fit in with the shopping needs of the neighborhood.
- Will streets and sidewalks be improved to support business activity? Can this be made a priority? Can traffic calming features be incorporated?

August Concert Series (Jeff Davis)

All five bands have been selected.

- Lincoln's Beard (County Rock)
- Cosmos Dream (Blues)
- Gray Dogs (Americana)
- The Noted (Inspirational Rock)
- Inner Limits Band (Upbeat blues, rock, and funk)

We wanted to keep each band under \$400. Audio costs about \$500 per night. One band will provide their own audio, so that will save some cash.

How should we advertise for the concert series? Door hangers again? Options are being considered.

We need donated items for the concert raffles. Toys, snacks, books, etc. are always welcome. Please contact Jeff Davis if you would like to make a donation (jncdavis@comcast.net).

August Concert Expenses:

- \$2450 for bands

- \$2000 for sound
- \$150 for food and drinks for the bands
- Total = \$4600

The NDA is applying for grants and donations to help offset costs.

We currently have a couple vendors for the concerts:

- The Office
- Milwaukie Cafe & Bottle Shop

We're looking for a volunteer/trainee to help with lining up the bands for next year. Please contact Jeff Davis if you are interested (jnkdavis@comcast.net).

Grant Application: Rowe Middle School Food for Success (Harry Apelbaum)

We played a video provided by Harry that explained the Food for Success program. The program provides food/snacks to students during the school day so they have the calories necessary to concentrate on their studies.

There was a question about what types of snacks are being provided? The AJC NDA has given them grants in the past.

Grant Application – Milwaukie Environmental Stewards Group

The request is for a \$100 grant. The goal is to inspire, educate, and assist as people transition from single use plastic products to sustainable options and help reduce hazardous waste in Milwaukie. They are currently producing reusable grocery bags to give away as the single use plastic bag ban goes into effect on March 1st. Part of the bag giveaway is an opportunity to educate people about the group's intentions, the bag ban, and the level of support in the city for the ban.

It might be nice to have them at the August concert series.

Vote on Grant Request: - Milwaukie Historical Society

The current AJC NDA balance is approximately \$920.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the \$100 grant application: the vote passed.

Chair – no report

Vice-Chair – no report

Secretary – This position is currently open. Please come to the next AJC NDA meeting if you'd like to take on this role.

Update: At the end of the meeting Erin Jansen volunteered to take on the AJC NDA secretary duties.

Webmaster – no report

Treasurer

The current AJC NDA balance is \$920. We'll get a new \$4000 grant in July. We need to fill out the annual report this month.

Land Use

The neighborhood has land use applications from both the Portland and Milwaukie sides. On the Portland side the city is planning to invest and improve in Errol Heights Park. The park will be receiving a 12.7 million improvement plan that increases the number and amount of walking trails in it, gives it a basketball court, keeps the community gardens intact, and gives wildlife an improved landscape to live in. On the Milwaukie side there was another ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit) application and an application asking to replatt land that would allow two properties with existing homes to stay in place and build a 3rd home between the two with its own plat of land. There was some discussion about a large cedar tree that may need to come out because of this proposed development, but the tree currently does not have any mitigation/protection as it is completely on private property.

Comment: Let's be careful new infrastructure does not create safety issues (blind turns, bad intersections).

Southeast Uplift

Got a message from Gabby, the SE Uplift rep. She will attend our May meeting. The fourth Monday in May is Memorial Day, so we'll have to move that month's meeting to the third Monday, the 20th. May is Board Election month. We'll need to promote this event through our NDA email list and website.

Transportation – no report

Public Safety Advisory Committee

Please be aware that it's not legal to burn within the Milwaukie city limits. The Sellwood Street sidewalk improvement project is underway.

Membership

We talked about doing some AJC NDA business cards that can be displayed at local businesses. We have a good prototype and can get 500 for \$12.

Art

First Friday starts in May.

A call will be going out for new sculptures at City Hall.

We're also looking for artists and businesses interested in murals. There is an "Art In The City" grant available.

Balfour Park Street

Lisa spoke about the upcoming neighborhood plant sale on May 19th from 10 – 5 and all the plants neighbors are dividing and dropping off in her driveway right now. She stated that the plant sale has raised over \$10,000 for Balfour Street Park, and this year, if there is time, she hopes to work with the Milwaukie Community Garden folks, NCPRD, PARB, and City of Milwaukie to submit an application to the Depave project group and plan a work party to remove the 2 asphalt driveways that currently exist on the park property.

Ardenwald PTO – no report

City Report

The email provided by Jason Wachs was summarized for those in attendance.

Public Comments

The Museum meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of April will have a developer talk about plans for the Macfarland site. The meeting is at 3:30PM.

Chair Note: The developer for this site, Marc Wyzykowski, will also provide information about this project at the April AJC NDA meeting.

Approve February Meeting Minutes

A motion was made a seconded to approve the February minutes. The vote passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM.