

**ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK
NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (Amended)
MONDAY, MAY 20TH, 2019**

Meeting Location: Milwaukie Café,
9401 SE 32nd Ave
6:30 P.M.

Chairman: Matt Rinker,
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Board Members Present: Matt Rinker, Jeff Davis, Erin Jansen, Mark Taylor,
Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Travis Holle-Bailey, Abigail Ball, Elvis Clark

Neighbors and Guests: Laura Berg (new board member), Mark Lipes, Matchu
Williams, Christina Estime, Gaby Saldana, Rita Lynn.

Meeting called to Order at 6:30 p.m. Quorum Verified.

1. **SE 45th Ave. Paving and Re-striping Project** (Matchu Williams): City is repaving 45th avenue and the current plan includes a shared use path. Project is scheduled for September 2019, it can't afford speed bumps, but they have measured speeds of up to 35 mph on 25 mph road. So, Mr. Williams is seeking to encourage the city to include something like a crosswalk. Mr. Williams has a letter to city and he is asking for a letter of support from the NDA. Chairman and Mr. Williams intend to meet at the start of June so that they can go over the plan more in depth and then we will vote next meeting. If you are interested in coming, email the Chairman.

2. **Annual NDA Board Elections:** Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary and Treasurer must be voted on per charter, these slots were uncontested and elected unanimously. The remaining positions have been created by the committee and do not require voting, votes were taken regardless.

- a. Chair: Matt Rinker
- b. Vice Chair: Jeff Davis
- c. Secretary: Erin Jansen
- d. Treasurer: Mark Taylor
- e. Land Use Chair: Lisa Gunion-Rinker, elected unanimously.
 - i. Land Use Assistants: Laura Berg and Travis Tomlinson join the assistant role and Travis Holle-Bailey continues – everyone elected unanimously.
- f. Public Safety Advisory Committee: appointed by the city, Mark Taylor will continue

- g. South East Uplift Delegate: Abigail Ball is happy to continue and she is unanimously elected.
- h. Membership chairs: Abigail Ball, is happy to continue and unanimously elected.
 - i. Membership assistant: Chris Holle-Bailey
- i. Transportation chair: Elvis Clark willing to continue, no one else interested, and he is unanimously elected.
- j. Ardenwald PTO Representative: current chair is no longer in the roll, Jeff Davis will reach out to someone, but currently open.
- k. Arts Chair: Chris Davis is not presented but wants to continue, she is elected unanimously. (She is also on the Milwaukie Arts Committee)
- l. Webmaster: Bryan Dorr is not here but wants to continue, no one objected, he is unanimously elected
- m. Board Member at Large #1: Betty Fulmer could not make it here, but wants to continue, she is elected unanimously.
- n. Board Member at Large #2: Bryan Dorr will continue in this position. Elected unanimously.
- o. Board Member at Large #3: A third member board position is voted on and unanimously agreed to add position, Chris Holle-Bailey. (This position gets to vote)

There is discussion of adding a position regarding diversity equity and inclusion; decide that we will include this in a mission statement for Membership. Further discussion regarding reviewing the bylaws for both the Portland and Milwaukie side, to make sure we are continuing to run the committee consistent with the mission of the organization, at the June board meeting we will discuss further reviewing the bylaws and amending them if needed.

Gaby, the Southeast Uplift liaison, handed out new contact forms for all new board members and new packet information for new board members, as well as other available information regarding training that is available through SE Uplift.

3. Discuss Recurring Annual Grant Requests: Upon review, very little that happens consistently, Milwaukie police awards and Historical society, totaling \$350 on a yearly basis. This year we have had a few additional requests, for example: a year ago there was a request from the H.S. graduation committee, and last year there was a request to buy a new heater for the museum.

The annual Grant report is due June 24th, the training for this is June 6th, Matt and Mark will work together to make sure this happens. Jeff will make sure they get the version from last year.

4. Vote on Grant Application -- Rowe Middle School Food for Success: Based on the above discussion regarding recurring grants, motion that was made last meeting is seconded and a \$100 grant passes unanimously.

5. Continue Discussion about the MacFarland Site Project – Oak street project that was briefed last meeting. A 234-unit development housing 300 people, it will be market rate. They are requesting a type 3 variance due to the 5 story height in the center buildings, which we have to vote on it. There is a lot of parking in the area, but there will also be off-street parking which will change the streets and traffic patterns. Lisa looked into the monetary impacts of this project that should go into the neighborhood, and has more questions. They are only required to have a minimum of 15% landscaping, Lisa is going to ask them to do more, and how much they are currently planning on, she also has questions about the brown-site, DEQ violations, and air quality, and the gas from brown-site. Not slated for affordable housing (Hillside area is slated for 400 more units of affordable housing areas, there are currently 200 units, 100 units in tower, and 100 not in the tower, new plan is to have 500 total units.)

Lisa still has a lot of questions regarding land use of the area, but in general she thinks it's a very good proposal but with more landscaping, and concerns about the bike/pedestrian pathway being right next to the railroad.

However, this is only a pre-application. We need to vote on it this month because it is coming before the Milwaukie Planning Committee on May 28th. Lisa's objection is that once you allow 1 5-story building, it gets easier to allow more.

Travis Holle-Bailey brings up that if we don't pass it, then maybe it doesn't get built and we don't necessarily want that.

Motion to Vote to approve the height variance for a 5 story building in this one instance but without any implications or intent to set a precedent that this committee condones or approves the building of any other 5 story buildings in this neighborhood – Passes with two nay votes (Travis Holle-Bailey and Mark Taylor) and one abstention (Abigail Ball).

6. Committee Reports –

a. Chair:

- i. Training session for NDA grant reports already covered;
- ii. Counselor Batey is reaching out to the community to see who is interested in a street art project that we will look at next month with more detail;
- iii. Farm Stand: Per Luke Johnson, it will be in the parking at Lisac's parking lot, Thompson Farms, open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from June 18th through the end of September. There's a door-hanger that needs to go out, there was discussion (Jeff Davis) about the producer of the sign is making money, as is Lisacs for the space, so Jeff Davis wants some way to make the

neighborhood some money. Anyone wants to help hang the signs, get Laura your contact information.

- b. Vice-chair: Printed some fliers for concert, we should consider, maybe not this year, an annual fundraiser for the neighborhood, concert, auctions, proposed idea of free raffle, and you can get another one for \$1, tons of prizes donated this year, so this should be a great idea. Everyone agrees to think about a fundraiser for the neighborhood.
- c. Secretary: Nothing to report.
- d. Webmaster: Please visit the website! Concerts are posted!
- e. Treasurer: \$848.78 left in account as of yesterday. We will get a \$4,000 grant in July from the city and another grant of at least \$1,000 for the concert. Concert costs approximately \$4,600. After this meeting we will have about \$800, meaning there is enough to pass the grants listed above.
- f. Land Use:
 - i. Wednesday May 15th, a truck carrying chemicals leaked at Precision Cast Parts. DEQ, Hazmat, Fire etc., were all on the scene, some leaked into Johnson Creek, and Precision Cast Parts tried to re-circulate the water, and tests were done on site by Fish and Wildlife. On Thursday May 16th, DEQ evaluated water at Precisions Cast Parts, established that there should be no harm so long as Precision Cast Parts follows protocols.
 - ii. East Moreland Racquet Club: Since 2012, the HOA has been fighting that there are over 300 cars parking by Johnson Creek, it was not approved by the city without mitigation for runoff and pollution. The club was billed as a neighborhood center, but then turned into a much large club. The litigation process continues, and could drag on for months.
 - iii. PBOT released information regarding the Garden Home traffic project and crosswalk construction.
 - iv. Milwaukie Bay Park final design approved.
 - v. Sellwood neighborhood regarding environmental overlay amendments, Sellwood wants to be more inclusive in discussions regarding land use.
- g. Southeast Uplift: Group PDX through a Latinx lens, putting on free workshops to promote, last one is on June 2nd.
- h. Transportation: Potholes were repaired on the street. Olsen potholes are next up.
- i. Public Safety Advisory Committee: Community Emergency Response team, now recommending two weeks preparedness for an Earthquake, there will be a Beacon Box in the neighborhood for emergency food. SERT will have a table at the concerts!
- j. Membership: Business cards printed for neighborhood group!

- k. Art: No update
 - l. Balfour Street Park: Raised \$1,725! Six people are coming this weekend are coming this weekend to buy more and sold over 400 plants. Hoping the total will be \$2,000. Next step is application to de-pave and get asphalt driveway out of the park.
 - m. Ardenwald PTO: No one present
7. **Police Report:** Police were not present, but further discussion on speeding needs be addressed.
 8. **City Report:** Not addressed because of lack of time.
 9. **Additional Items & Public Comments:** None
 10. **Approve April Meeting Minutes:** Motion to pass, seconded and minutes approved unanimously.
 11. **Adjournment:** Adjourned at 8:15 ish.

The next meeting is Monday, June 24th!