



**ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK  
NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 22, 2024**

**Meeting Location:** Milwaukie Café and Zoom: 6:30 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88968122811?pwd=b2VWd01VbEFuRE53eE1ITzBVdFRJUT0>

**Chair:** Chris Holle-Bailey

**Board Present:** Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Matt Gunion-Rinker, Erin Jansen, Travis Tomlinson, Elvis Clark, Lane Rawlins, Travis Holle-Bailey

**Guests Present:** Steve Smith, Eric Campbell; Nikki Mandell, Sergeant Inman, Lisa Lashbrook, David Hedges, Melissa, Renee Moog, Lindsey Johnson (SE uplift)

**1. Introductions**

**2. Police Report:** Sergeant Inman.

- a. **Personnel:** Two new police recruits are about to be released on their own, just hired a traffic officer with 30 year experience.
- b. **Ice event:** Everyone seems to have made it through the ice event okay, nothing too crazy happened in Milwaukie and seemed to go well, dispatch had over 1000 calls, but handled it very well in terms of answering and responding to calls
- c. **Incidents:**
  - i. In custody death, Multnomah County DA cleared Milwaukie
  - ii. **Fatal car crash:** 224 and Freeman - Driver was arrested for DUI and Manslaughter, area has been fairly safe so it's important to note that it was just a very strong deviation from safe driving
  - iii. The tragic incident in Portland with the downed power line included the death of student at Milwaukie high school, quite tragic.
- d. **Questions:**
  - i. Elvis: How hard would traffic control on 29<sup>th</sup> be on a regular basis? Concern over recent near fatal incident with biker and car.
    1. City's engineering department is looking at some stop sign proposals, but it is hard to police because there aren't stop signs, but the police do drive through regularly

**3. Public Comments:**

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- a. Nikki Mandell would like some time at a future meeting to bring a Critical Energy Hub to our attention. Her group is trying to reach out to a broader public to discuss this potential threat. She is going to address it in a future meeting with time to put it in the pilot
- b. Eric Campbell: Neighbor who wants to introduce himself, arborist and business owner, Two Rivers Tree Company, for several years and really wants to be more involved in the community, works with contractors, he's a climber and wants to be a resource for the community! Two Rivers Tree Care, info@tworiverstreecare.com, 503-828-7224

**4. New Business:**

- a. Solstice event update: Chris, sold out the glow sticks, could have sold way more, handwarmers did not sell so well, also sold flag swag, but Chris thinks we made about \$197.46 profit, the takeaway is that we need to sell different products. The foam sticks sold really well, so maybe next time we focus on that. We could also sell the glow sticks at the summer concerts
- b. Wifi Hotspot proposal: Chris, the Café does not have public wifi for our meeting. Solis Wifi Hotspot: \$159 for the device, and then you get 1 GB of data per month for the life of the device. The city does not have funds to help, SE Uplift gave us \$300 for communication funds, might be up to \$500 for each NDA. Just need to file report for last year and make sure up to date on the minutes.
- c. Grant request: David Hedges, officer of the year dinner. Started in 1996, and David Hedges got involved in 2007 and has been involved ever since, the NDAs have always been very active. Usually hosted at the Elks Lodge. The officers put forward colleagues who have provided exceptional services to the community and the officers themselves pick the officer of the year. The NDAs contribution pays for the dinner for the officers, usually 70-80 people. Asking for \$100 from the NDA
- d. Discussion of safety concerns/letter for SE 29<sup>th</sup>: Neighborhood resident had a very narrow miss on his bike with his daughter on 29<sup>th</sup> and Olsen. He drafted a letter for the NDA to review and hopefully sign and send to the city on behalf of the NDA. Other NDA members have agreed to safety concerns for the area. Letter:  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XXWKXvm6yu9v3BAUWCjz-2\\_McpR4rg76/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XXWKXvm6yu9v3BAUWCjz-2_McpR4rg76/view?usp=sharing)
  - i. Lisa: This is a designated greenway but has not had any upgrades to it recently, Monroe is also a dedicated greenway where work will be done this year.
  - ii. Elvis: There should be funding for at least stop signs, city has plans to redo the quality of the cross streets, Elvis is planning to take the letter to the City Manager this Friday and bring it to

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the PSAC meeting to get some more immediate relief

- iii. Elvis Motion to cosign letter from Luke Johnson showing NDA support
  1. Travis HB Seconded motion to vote:
    - a. Erin: Aye
    - b. Travis T: Aye
    - c. Travis HB: Aye
    - d. Lane: Aye
    - e. Elvis: Aye
    - f. Chris: Aye
    - g. Lisa: Aye
    - h. Steve: Aye
    - i. No Nays,
  2. Motion passes
- iv. Next city council meeting is this Tuesday, do we want to try to advertise this for that or wait for the next one?
- e. Land Use:
  - i. The wildlife area at the bottom of Balfour has a planting scheme, Lisa needs to look at it further, 18 acres but not much more that the NDA can do
  - ii. Balfour street project: need to advertise
  - iii. Harvey Street open house on 1/31
  - iv. Hillside project will be starting this summer, haven't heard from the city in a long time
  - v. North Ardenwald will also be starting soon
  - vi. There are a lot of projects in our neighborhood and we would like the city to come chat with us about all of these. We will try to do so for the March meeting so we can advertise it well in advance
  - vii. Tideman Johnson: first Saturday work party
- f. Other Committees: Public Safety Advisory Committee representative. Membership Committee. Ardenwald Elementary school PTO representative. Land Use. Clean Air Portland.
- g. SE Uplift: Lindsey Johnson is here to say hello, there is currently room for Ardenwald to be represented at SE uplift committee, they have a lot of other committees (Climate justice, Land use, etc). Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
  - i. More info about the Communication Funds available to

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neighborhood associations through SE Uplift:  
<https://www.seuplift.org/na-board-member-resources/communication-funds/>. There's \$750 available per NA in 2024.

- ii. Alex (alex@seuplift.org) is the staff contact for Communication Funds. The deadline of Dec 31st has likely been extended. Alex can confirm whether proposals are still being accepted.
5. Calendar check-in events over the next 3 months
- a. Schedule February Concert Committee meeting: Sunday February the 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at the Office unless otherwise decided
  - b. Internal NDA Calendar is to help with the pilot article posting, and deadlines the NDA needs to remember to do (DOJ filings, terrace cleaning etc)
  - c. Lane, Lisa and Travis are all going to go to the website training by SE uplift
6. Vote to approve November meeting minutes
- i. Motion to approve: Travis HB -
  - ii. Second to vote: Travis T
    1. Erin: Aye
    2. Travis T: Aye
    3. Travis HB: Aye
    4. Lane: Aye
    5. Elvis: Ayes
    6. Chris: Aye
    7. Lisa: Aye
    8. Steve: Aye
    9. No Nays, motion passes
7. Adjournment at 8:03 p.m.

**The next regular meeting is Monday February  
26<sup>th</sup> at the Café!**