

Ardenwald-Johnson Creek Neighborhood Association Minutes for 2/14/2006.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Lisa Gunion-Rinker (co-chair), with 15 people present, including Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno (co-chair), Joe Campbell (treasurer), Sherri Campbell (vice-chair), Carlotta Colette (MAL and City Council), Marianne Colgrove (MAL), Kevin Krebs (Milwaukie Police), Nancy Matich, Ronn Palmer (MAL), Paul Shirey (City of Milwaukie), Mark Smith, Susan Stone (City Council), Jennifer Trask, Carol Wilkens, Jim Wightman, Les Wilkens (Land Use chair).

Milwaukie Police Reports, Officer Krebs, AJC Liaison

Officer Krebs distributed maps of crime activity. Pretty average month. Activity again centered around Hillside . Most unusual was a missing person, who is now back home.

Questions arose about a lot of pit bulls running loose. They are notorious for getting through fences. Unfortunately, there are only two limited animal control ordinances in City of Milwaukie, and Clackamas County Animal Control doesn't have enough staff to manage the all the problems.

End of year stats show crime rates are going down. Most noteworthy non residential burglary is down 57% and residential burglary is down 44%. Ardenwald is #2 in calls for service. This is not necessarily a bad thing as it includes calls of suspicious behavior and overall our crime rate is down. It mostly means Ardenwald residents are actively involved.

Question: Ronn heard tagging and gang activity is on the increase. There is definitely more of certain tags, but there have been some arrests and others have been identified. Many of them are not gang related, though there are some gang-related tags on Monroe and Linwood. These are related to a recent stabbing at the Chevron on Linwood and King.

Sherri reminded that we have some graffiti removal kits stored in the basement at the school.

Traffic Discussion and Update, Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno

Sergeant Dye did put traffic monitors back on 40th, and on Harvey, but we don't have results yet. There was another parked car hit on 40th. The SpeedCheck request will come up on the grant request.

New Grants for this quarter, Sherri Campbell & Lisa Gunion-Rinker

- \$1,650 summer reading program, only 4 weeks this year, and we are going to give out fewer books, includes \$150 for ukulele.
- \$100 Three Bridges Party
- \$450 summer lavatory initiative for July & August
- \$500 for Garden Tour, which is the same amount as last year, and it was a very successful event
- \$500 for SpeedCheck contribution

Grants were approved.

The Hands Project last October for Domestic Violence Awareness Month ended up spending \$583, though the initial grant was only for \$300 (\$230 of which has been disbursed). We decided to fund this request from general fund, rather than a grant proposal, since those cannot cover past events. We request that in the future cost overruns be approved before the money is spent.

\$700 was requested for a third entrance sign at the Tacoma street entrance, and sign maker will donate \$300 in kind. We decided to defer this until the next grant cycle in June.

Updating the Ardenwald-JC By-Laws, Lisa Gunion-Rinker

Based on discussion at the board meeting, Marianne and Lisa will draft the new by laws with boundaries up on web site before next meeting.

Land-Use Update, Les Wilkins

The Portland boundaries are still troublesome. Les is working with Brian Hoop to clarify. Kristen from SEUL worked on it, but there is still some problem on the ONI side, and precious little documentation.

In the City of Portland, there is a flag lot request on 3726 SE JCB, Porter residence. Will remove half of garage off on west side, which will provide access to 96 x 98 plot – 12,000 square feet. Les doesn't see any problems, and Carlotta will take a look at it.

AJC did not get a land use notification for a request for 40th & Drake flag lot. Some near neighbors didn't get it either, though others did.

John Westin put in an application to close off garage and use it for a residence at 10692 SE 34th. Les has driven by and can't see that it is very different from what is going on in that neighborhood. Les has info if anyone is interested.

The notice of decision on Norm Scott's proposal was sent out. The final land use approval (pending inspection, building permits, etc.) is for four houses plus the right to split his into two residences. There is a good chance to acquire some of the wetland area to make a park instead of development. Metro would be a good candidate, since it is on the Springwater. Nature in neighborhood is also a good opportunity.

Announcements

Carlotta Colette - in Portland Monthly magazine Ardenwald was voted one of top 10 neighborhoods. The article will appear in the April issue.

The Sellwood Bee has written two editorials about light rail in inner southeast Portland and Milwaukie. If neighborhoods want to submit more letters in favor of light rail (as we did last fall), the Bee will also print them.

Marianne Colgrove announced that there will be a plant relocation work party in the Tideman Johnson Park February 18th.

Lisa Gunion-Rinker distributed a sign up sheet for the Garden Tour Committee.

Sherrri Campbell discussed plans for a 3 Bridges Opening Party

Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno announced volunteer sign-up for Spring Clean-up May 6th – Cheryl

Review and vote on & January minutes

Joe moved to approve

Lisa seconded

The motion passed unanimously

Report from Paul Shirey

Plans came in this week for Safeway building project, so that will finally move ahead.

The Trimet park and ride proposal is at planning commission. Paul has missed last two AJC meetings to be at their meetings. All his staff have to go to that too, so there is no one left to come to our meetings.

McLoughlin Blvd. Has new base pavement down, so the worst of the rough road is past. That project is ahead of schedule, should be done on June 8th.

Sherrri asks that Paul look into permits and fee waiver for sign at 32nd and Tacoma.

Moved to adjourn at 8:05