



# Hector Campbell NDA

**November 10, 2008 Meeting Notes**  
Public Safety Building, 7pm

**Presiding: David Aschenbrenner, Chairperson**

## **Introductions and welcome**

8 neighbors, Pat Duvall (Staff Liaison), Officer Ron Glenn (Milwaukie PD) and Principal Mark Pinder (Milwaukie HS) attended.

## **Police and Fire Reports**

Officer Ron Glenn advised neighbors that the K-9 dog has been purchased and has begun his training. Officer Glenn also advised neighbors on questions regarding Homewood Park's use by teens. Just congregating in the park or near it is not illegal. Officer Glenn explained it would very helpful when neighbors phone in to complain that they are able to give more information about offenders, such as what they're doing that is wrong, what direction they are heading, what clothes they are wearing and so on. Residents requested that more obvious patrol is made around the park. He said that this is already being done as often as can be done within normal routine by police. He also explained the law about concealed handguns and non-concealed guns. He advised that two officers will be present at the Balfour Street facility meeting at Ardenwald School on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

No one attended from Clackamas FD1.

## **Guest:**

Principal Mark Pinder, new this year at Milwaukie HS, spoke about the goals they have for helping students to achieve graduation, to earn advanced placement credits for college, and to achieve their educational fulfillment whatever their level of abilities. He advised that the bond levy has built a new track and field and made improvements to the gym area as well as improving the classroom space in the performing arts building. Visitor passes are required to use the track while classes are in session, so that the security of the area can be maintained. The Willard Street gate is unlocked so visitors can use the track outside of school attendance hours. He mentioned the Mustang Success Academy, a one week program for 8<sup>th</sup> graders introducing them to life as a freshman, and then mentoring throughout their freshman year by seniors and staff. He thinks this program will be very successful in aiding students to get through their first difficult year in high school and set the tone for the remainder of their high school experience. He also mentioned he has started parent meetings to further parent involvement with their students and the high school. One issue he has found already is that parents who do not speak English need to be able to speak with someone on the phone in their own language who can direct them to the right person at the school. He answered questions, including comments on recent Oregonian articles about how the wealthier school districts are doing better at



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winning sports championships. He commented that parental involvement and leadership in volunteer aid to the sports programs is very important and he is hopeful that more community involvement will be forthcoming. He was complimented on the Living History Day held at the High School, and the honoring of Veterans. He felt that this was a real benefit to the students as well as the community.

## **Grant Requests:**

Hector Campbell School submitted paperwork to request \$1500 funding toward a reader board in front of the school. Due to questions about the budget, action was deferred. The proposal will be discussed with school Principal Curtis Long.

**Action: David Aschenbrenner**

## **Grants:**

The multiple-NDA grant proposal paperwork is being completed for the grant request to support the 2009 Milwaukie HS Graduation party.

Homewood Park's project received 11 bids and a bid from contractor Structures for Landscape at \$59,653.50 was accepted. This proposal will be recommended to City Council at next Tuesday's meeting. This bid does include a considerable amount of volunteer work factored in. A motion to apply for \$5,000 grant money was made by Sarah Smith, seconded by Willie Gentile. It was approved. Work should begin this winter. Funding from Metro of \$50,000 is already available for the project, and additional funds already are earmarked within our grant budget.

## **Project Reports:**

Nothing new to report

## **Parks Report:**

An additional work party will be needed prior to construction and landscaping work. More plants need to be moved. We are looking into possibly removing the large maple in the parking strip in front of the park on Home Ave.

## **Public Safety Advisory Committee Report**

Mary Weaver asked Principal Pinder if MHS is receiving any funds from the sale of small bears bearing MHS's name, being sold by Rite Aid. He stated they were receiving some funds but was unsure whether the Rite Aid sales were part of it.

Proposals for funding of projects by the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program have been considered, and projects to increase crossing safety on Washington Street by the High School, on Oak and 224, on 43<sup>rd</sup> and King Road and at 35<sup>th</sup> and Sellwood are all being considered. The proposal for a footpath up a portion of Home Avenue was considered to be too expensive.



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The registration of sex offenders seems to show an inordinate number of sex offenders in Milwaukie, but Officer Glenn explained that Milwaukie is often chosen by sex offenders from Clackamas County and east side of Portland as the place to register because it is easier to register at Milwaukie Police Department due to longer hours, and most offenders shown on the log as having registered in Milwaukie don't actually live within the city.

David Hedges advised that the police department will be promoting internally for a new captain's position.

## **Other Issues and Information**

1. Land Use Committee

The location at Home and Harrison where tree removal was requested has had its sidewalk repaired but the trees remain. It is unclear why this has happened.

2. New HCNDA Logo

The two proposed logo designs are available on the website for voting through the end of November 15<sup>th</sup>. All attendees at the meeting favored the oval design. Once the voting is finished, the new logo will be adopted for use on business cards, letterhead and the website.

3. Flashing Lights on Railroad Avenue

There is a city engineer who has taken the responsibility to investigate all the issues surrounding putting flashing lights in the school zone on Railroad Avenue. These issues include who is responsible for the lights, the cost involved in putting them there, whether the lights from Wichita School could be used, whether or not a zone actually needs to exist there and who will maintain the lights. Getting answers to all these issues will take about two months.

## **Upcoming Events:**

A public meeting regarding the proposed Balfour Street Residential Treatment Facility will be held November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Ardenwald Elementary School. County and state officials, and a representative from ColumbiaCare, the facility owners, will be there to respond to questions.

City Council will decide at next Tuesday's meeting what to do about filling the Mayor's position after he takes his new County Commissioner seat in January.

**Next meeting** - December 8, 2008, Public Safety Building, 7:00pm

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