



December 8, 2008 Meeting Notes

Public Safety Building, 7pm

Presiding: David Aschenbrenner, Chairperson

Introductions and welcome

9 neighbors, Pat Duval, City staff; Officer Ron Glenn, MPD; Capt. Ryan Hardy, CCFD1

Information

- a) NDA/MHS Food Fight
Milwaukie HS and the 7 Milwaukie neighborhood associations are holding a food drive Dec. 13 and 14 at Safeway and Albertson's from 9am-6pm daily. To make it more interesting, there is a challenge between the neighborhoods as to which will donate the most food. All food will go toward MHS's goal to collect 150,000 food items to be donated to The Oregon Food Bank this year.

- b) www.sellwoodbridge.com
Information on the website regarding proposed designs for a new bridge, and a survey to gather public opinion about it. Also, an informational meeting will be held at OMSI December 13th.

Police and Fire Reports

No Clackamas Fire District No. 1 Captain Hardy was able to attend. He said that he and others will soon be relocated to other stations. Operation Santa, a parade of fire engines through the neighborhoods while firefighters collect donated toys and food, will be held on December 14th, between 6pm and 9pm. The route and more information is available on the CCFD1 website.

Officer Ron Glenn of MPD attended briefly. There was nothing to report.

Grant Requests:

- a) There was a motion to donate \$500 to the MHS 2009 Graduation party by Mrs Criss, seconded by Sarah Smith. It passed.



Parks Report:

Sarah Smith reported that the contractor will begin work on the park upgrades and play structure around Christmas and should be completed by the end of January. Funding for this project was provided by Metro and City of Milwaukie and our neighborhood association. The contractor was able to include all items within the cost of the bid. There may be the possibility for volunteer work to offset some of the cost. Information will be posted on the NDA website. There is a large maple tree sited in front of the Home Avenue entrance which should be removed. A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously in support of removal of this tree. The permit request will be submitted to the city for approval.

Projects Report

a) Light Rail Project

Chairman Aschenbrenner is serving on the Citizens Advisory Committee which is now reviewing the assessments and reports, including the Willamette River bridge designs. Over half of the committee comes from Milwaukie citizens. The committee has stated that all plans for the Light Rail project must work with the terminus at Park Avenue. The \$5million that must come from the city of Milwaukie will probably be funded by bonds. This money is not due until 2012. The Budget Committee and Finance Director are working on this funding.

b) Open Mayoral Seat

Mayor Jim Bernard was elected to serve beginning in January 2009 on the County Board of Commissioners. The City Council must appoint an interim mayor to serve January-May 2009 until an election can choose the next mayor. Only one candidate has filed so far, Jeremy Ferguson. Filing can be made until noon on December 12th. Chairman Aschenbrenner has decided not to file because of his commitments to the NDA, Budget Committee and Light Rail CAC.

Public Safety Advisory Committee Report

David Hedges reported

- a. The Traffic Management project submitted to the Public Safety Advisory Committee chose 5 projects for funding from the \$13,000 budget. The proposed path along Home Avenue was calculated by City Engineering to be too expensive and was not included. The PSAC



has proposed continuing this project next year, with a rise in the budget.

- b. Steve Bartol was promoted to the second Captain's position, and Floyd Marl to sergeant. There are currently several vacancies within the department. Failed background investigations is causing difficulty filling the patrol officer positions.
- c. The PSAC Committee will be sponsoring the Officer and Reserve Officer of the Year dinner again in March 2009.
- d. Stores in the area have been experiencing quite a lot of shoplifting, particularly of prescription. Organised gangs of shoplifters are operating in this area. Shoppers be aware – put shopping in the trunk or cover it up, watch your shopping cart and purse at all times, report any suspicious activity to store employees.

Other Issues and Information

- 1. New HCNDA Logo
The oval design was selected by unanimous vote.
- 2. Winter Solstice gathering Friday December 12th at Riverfront Park
- 3. A farewell for Jim Bernard will be held from 5-7 Friday December 19th at the Masonic Lodge.

Next meeting - January 12, 2009, Public Safety Building, 7:00pm

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Approved by David Aschenbrenner 12/9/08

