

MINUTES FROM THE ISLAND STATION NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

January 19, 2006

ATTENDEES: Alicia Hamilton, Molly Hanthorn, Beth Ragel (City of Milwaukie), Scott Martin (Milwaukie High School), Mary Hupfer, Lisa Batey, Greg Chaimov, Carolyn Tomei, Gary Michael, Rick Bantz (Lake Road Assoc.), JoAnn Herrigel (City of Milwaukie)

- Meeting opened at 6:35 p.m. with introductions
- No approval of minutes from last month as Secretary forgot hard copies. Will bring them next month.
- **UPDATES:**
 - Clearwater: applicants needed for Advisory Council. Applicants must live in Service District #1 to be considered. If you or anyone you know is interested please contact Greg Chaimov (gchaimov@comcast.net).
 - Gramor: application has been approved to move forward. New name is anticipated to be "Oak Street Square". The 3 buildings are expected to be filled by Walgreens, retail and a restaurant.
 - Southgate park-n-ride: Planning commission to meet on February 14th re: the demolition of the building and replacing it with parking spaces, bike lockers and improved bus stops and landscaping.
 - Prison release facility at "Your Host" Motel: The county is looking for a solution to the lack of transitional housing facing people supervised by corrections officers. The owner of the motel offered to rent rooms to the county at a reduced rate. The motel could house former inmates by March of 2006.
 - MHS band uniform fundraising: Scott Martin from the Milwaukie High School Band came to solicit donations for new band uniforms. Molly Hanthorn motioned to donate \$2,000 to cover the purchase of 5 band uniforms with the request that the band consider putting together a group to play in the River Daze parade this summer. Motion was unanimously approved.
 - ODOT: No news re: status of the River Road/McLoughlin intersection. Gary Michael has created several proposals which he is willing to share upon request.
 - Traffic Calming Measures in Historic Milwaukie: the City of Milwaukie is slated to build bulb-outs on Washington and Monroe streets. Lisa Batey recommended we keep close tabs on the project to determine the success of this traffic-calming method and whether it might provide a good model for River Road and 22nd.

- **SPEED MONITORING UNIT:** Alicia Hamilton informed everyone that the grant application to purchase this unit was formally approved by ACTS Oregon in December. Estimated costs including shipping and a data collection unit are approximately \$8000. We will determine which other neighborhoods would like to allocate funds to share the costs and use of the unit at the next NDA leadership meeting on January 25th.
- **OPEN CHANNELS INITIATIVE:** Greg Chaimov, in hopes of improving communication among Public Officials (city councilors and/or the mayor) and city employees, has drafted a document titled "Open Channels Initiative". It lists a set of bylaws that will hopefully serve as a guideline for communications within the City of Milwaukie. If you have any questions and/or comments please contact Greg at (gchaimov@comcast.net).
- **RENAMING OF KRONBERG PARK:** Discussion as to whether or not the Island Station Neighborhood agrees that the open space area south of the railroad trestle on McLoughlin Blvd. Adjacent to Kellogg Lake be formally named ROBERT KRONBERG PARK. Gary Michael suggested that we only approve the Kronberg Park name for the section known to be sold by the Kronberg family. Gary did not want to vote on naming the entire section of land whose ownership has not been clarified as yet. A motion to name the portion of land sold by the Kronberg family Kronberg Park was made and approved with the stipulation that we withhold approval of naming the rest of the land that would surround the Kronberg parcel.
- **ATTENDANCE OF CANDIDATES POLICY:** It was determined that there is no current policy re: attendance of candidates at our neighborhood meetings. A motion to allow candidates a limited amount of time to speak and for question and answer at the discretion of the Chair was unanimously approved.
- **OPEN FORUM:** Mary Hupfer was concerned by the disappearance of picnic tables and benches at Dogwood Park. JoAnn Herrigel mentioned that the city brings them in during the winter months and will determine that this is the case.
- **SPRING PARK:**
 - **Grant Proposals:** Two grant applications are pending for Spring Park. The City has applied for a Community Development Block Grant from Clackamas County that usually facilitates wheelchair/handicap accessibility. Lisa Batey submitted a "pre-application to the Metro-sponsored Nature in Neighborhoods program in mid-January. We will know if we have been approved to apply for this grant in February. The idea is to help fund the removal of invasive plants, wetlands delineation and restoration. It does not include monies for play structures or picnic facilities.
 - **SOLVE Earth Day event on April 22nd:** It was discussed whether we should continue our SOLV event at Spring Park to help solidify our grant applications. It was

suggested that we continue to encourage corporate involvement to increase participation.

- PAT LANDO, volunteer landscape architect, reviewed his revised landscape drawing for Spring Park. Some of the concerns he addressed were opening up the circle perimeter to enhance viewing in and out of play area. He also added using native species to encourage a restoration-like development. Pat said that we could make the changes in phases if we needed to break out the demolition/construction process to help with the financing of the project. Estimated costs for the current plan are approximately \$55,000 which would include everything but the play structure. A motion to approve the current design by Pat was made and unanimously approved. Next steps would be to submit the Master Plan and Community Service Overlay to the Planning Department, and simultaneously to try to secure funding through grants and donors.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10 p.m.