

MINUTES FROM THE ISLAND STATION NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

March 16, 2006

ATTENDEES: Alicia Hamilton, Molly Hanthorn, Greg Chaimov, Lisa Batey, Bonnie Mishler, Eric Miller, David Kohl, Carolyn Tomei, Michael Eaton (Multnomah County), Ian Cannon (Multnomah County), Joe Cartino and one other (SEIU).

- Meeting opened at 6:35 p.m. with introductions of attendees.
- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** No change. Balance is \$13,309.18
- **MINUTES** from February approved.
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - ISNA has not paid the Grange in a year and a half. In lieu of a cash donation it was recommended that we do something for the facility to help with upkeep. (If we donated money they, in turn, donate it to something else.)
 - Milwaukie High School is looking for donations to support the MHS Grad Night Party. This is a unique party that offers a non-alcoholic destination for all graduates. Donations are tax deductible (tax ID # 93-0359-9624) and can be made out to "MHS Grad Party 2006 and mailed to Janet Putnam, 12521 SE Northview Drive, Milwaukie, OR, 97222.
 - Milwaukie building boom: During Feb. the Building Dept. processed permit applications worth a total value of more than 5 million dollars. This brings this year's total to \$20 million with 4 months still left in the fiscal year. (Yearly average has been approx. \$11 million.)
- **SELLWOOD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT:** Michael Eaton and Ian Cannon from Multnomah County came to discuss the future of the Sellwood Bridge. The bridge was originally built in 1925 and is currently the busiest two-lane bridge in the state. Average daily traffic is 30,000 vehicles a day. Many parts of the bridge are in an advanced state of destruction (large cracks discovered in both east and west end of bridge has required bridge loads to be reduced to 10 tons in 2004. This forces approx. 1400 trucks/buses to use an alternative river crossing each day.) Multnomah County is meeting with local neighborhoods, businesses, cities and counties as well as the state and federal governments to determine how best to find a solution to this problem....rehabilitate the current bridge or replace it. Neighbors discussed concerns with the safety of the current bridge as well as concerns keeping the bridge in the same place (which is known to sit on a slow-moving land slide). Molly Hanthorn suggested

to look into building a bridge in Oak Grove to help shift some traffic to another area. Carolyn Tomei inquired about the amount of people in Clackamas County that use the bridge. It is estimated that approx. 70% of traffic begin or end their trip in Clackamas County. Multnomah County is looking to create a task force that will study solutions over the course of the next year and a half (meeting monthly) so if you or anyone you know is interested in signing up or learning more about the project please contact: Michael Pullen, Public Affairs Office, 503-988-6804, e-mail: mike.j.pullen@co.multnomah.or.us. Visit Multnomah County's bridges website at: www.co.multnomah.or.us/bridge.

- **SPEED MONITORING UNIT:** Unit is arriving on Wednesday, March 22nd. Lisa and Alicia are working on protocol for usage of the unit.
- **ODOT/RIVER ROAD/McLOUGHLIN INTERSECTION:** Lisa Batey, Carolyn Tomei, Gary Michaels and William Jenks, the owner of the guitar shop have been meeting to discuss neighborhood concerns re: ODOT's proposed changes to this intersection. ODOT has agreed to keep Bluebird a 2 way street, they will move forward with stopping traffic in BOTH directions on McLoughlin and River Road intersection, and they've agreed to put in sidewalks from the apartment building on the east side of McLoughlin down to the Sweetland House (stopping at the big redwood tree.) They will also put in a 5 foot bike lane to help slow down traffic.
- **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE:**
 - Representative Bonnie Mishler mentioned that the police department is trying to reduce overtime hours. They hope to change the amount of shifts and hours the officers will work moving to 5 8-hour shifts from 4 10-hour shifts.
 - Bonnie also mentioned that there is a big push to train teachers and students at the Milwaukie High School to be aware of any gang activity. The hope is to enable the faculty and students to identify gang signs, language and clothing in the hopes of discouraging any gang activity.
- **SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION (SEIU)** members came to discuss their hope to work with METRO to establish a community voice in regional healthcare. SEIU is trying to establish a "Health Care Needs" board that would make hospitals responsible for providing the community impact statements for any changes within the hospital system (openings/closings of facilities, change of types of services, etc.) SEIU is encouraging everyone to show support by signing up to tell Metro Councilors that you support the Make Health Care Work Plan. For more information please go to: www.MakeHealthCareWork.org.
- **SPRING PARK:**
 - We have a final set of plans from the architect and due to the turnover of employees in the Planning Department it was recommended that we review these plans with them to

make certain we are all still on the same page. We hope to be able to move forward with Phase One of the plans sometime this spring or summer.

- SOLV date this year is April 22nd. Spring Park is an official site on the SOLV list. More details to follow, but save the date for a work party/clean up that day.
- Unfortunately, we did not get approvals for two grant applications for which we applied. Both the METRO Nature in Neighborhood grant and the Community Development Block Grant were not accepted as finalists.
- ST. JOHNS CHURCH is looking for suggestions for charitable causes with which they could be involved. Lisa Batey had recommended an after-school program, but felt they were lukewarm to the idea. Lisa thinks a homeless or meals program might be more what they are looking for.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.