

MINUTES FROM THE ISLAND STATION NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

April 21, 2006

ATTENDEES: Alicia Hamilton, Janet Koch, Beth Ragel, Lisa Batey, Jim and Bonnie Mishler, Carolyn Tomei, Gary Michael, Mary Hupfer, Eric Miller, Nolan Chard, Rich Hamilton, Bill Hoelz

- Meeting opened at 6:35 p.m.
- **TREASURER'S REPORT:**
 - Grant #433 is complete and closed out (Jim Mishler's lawn mower maintenance grant).
 - Band Uniform grant check received from City and sent to Milwaukie High School (\$2,000)
 - Grant #385 for Spring Park - Lisa Batey issued a \$278 check for plants and materials for 2005 SOLV event.
 - **BALANCE IS \$12,948.23**
- **MINUTES** from March approved.
- **QUICK UPDATES:**
 - Meetings next week (week of 4/24):
 - Citizens Advisory Council (sewage treatment), Monday 4/24 at 6:30pm at the County Service center at 9101 SE Sunnybrook Blvd., 4th floor (map at www.co.clackamas.or.us/WES/local.htm)
 - "Budget 101" class led by Milwaukie's finance chief, Stewart Taylor. This is your opportunity to learn how the process works and how to read the actual budget. Wednesday, 4/26 at 6:30pm at City Hall.
 - Guests next month likely to include the new Planning Director, Katie Mangle (meet and greet) and other City staff who plan to come in connection with streets survey and outreach (approximately a half hour discussion).
 - Candidates needed for **ELECTIONS** next month!!! Chair, Treasurer and Secretary all ready to step down and make way for any interested parties!
- **BUDGET** - There is a Budget Committee meeting tonight as well as on May 18th. Lisa Batey wrote a letter on her behalf (see attached) and wanted to know if the neighborhood would like to weigh in on any issues, including:
 - Creation of dedicated funds for parks and traffic calming
 - Increasing per-year allowances for NDA grants

- Any projects needed in the Capital Improvement plan (water, sewer or stormwater problem areas)
- Prioritizing River Road/22nd Avenue over the currently planned Bluebird RR crossing improvement

It was determined that the we would like to prioritize safety and traffic-calming on River Road/22nd Avenue although how that would occur remains up for discussion. There was no consensus regarding whether that should be through police presence, construction of curb bulb-outs, creation of islands or building of sidewalks.

- **ORDINANCE** restricting storage of inoperable cars. On March 22nd Les Hall (Code Enforcement Coordinator) presented a memo to the City Council to Amend Title 8 of Municipal Code to address inoperable vehicles in private property. The change would amend title 8.04.070 (B) to include “inoperable vehicles” in the list of materials that are prohibited to be stored on private property AND title 8.04.010 to define “inoperable vehicles” as “any vehicle which has no current valid state vehicle license, or which cannot be moved without being repaired or dismantled or which is no longer usable for the purposes for which it was manufactured. This definition shall not include any vehicle kept in an enclosed building or any vehicle kept on the premises of a business lawfully engaged in wrecking, junking or repair of vehicles.” The Ordinance amendment was put on hold to allow further discussions and is expected to be considered in May. Lisa Batey requested a motion to write a letter in favor of ordinance. Motion had the majority approval with one opposer, Bill Hoelz. Lisa Batey also suggested that we invite Code Enforcement to discuss this issue and others in further detail.
- **SPEED MONITOR UNIT UPDATE:** Alicia Hamilton has the unit in her possession, but has been trying to resolve getting liability insurance prior to putting it out for use. She hopes to be able to obtain insurance from the company that insures the farmer’s market, but won’t know definitively if this option will work for several weeks. Thoughts to help solve this problem....have the City buy the unit which will allow them to cover the liability....Unfortunately, because the City isn’t moving the unit, this isn’t a possibility. Alicia will continue to pursue options until this issue is resolved. Nolan Chard said he would be willing to put the unit in front of his house on 22nd for 4-5 days every couple of months.
- Neighborhood Nite Out is officially August 1st. Due to conflicts with some neighbors it was recommended to move the date to either a weekend date or to August 8th. General consensus was to move the Nite Out to August 8th (coincidentally, Jim Mishler’s birthday).
- **SOLVE** Earth Day clean up this Saturday from 9am – 1pm. We are anticipating a group from Albertson’s to show up as well as the Milwaukie High School Principal and some City Councilmen/women. There will be a need for people to help plant native plants, pull reed grass from the wetlands, pruning, cleaning and hauling plant materials and garbage. There was a motion to approve the \$119.25 to purchase native plants. Motion was approved and carried.

- SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT ISSUE:** Residents, Rich and Alicia Hamilton, discussed their current experience with the City as they attempt to obtain permits to remodel their home. The City is asking them to widen the street to 20 feet as well as putting in sidewalks, curbs, planting strips, and parking strips, or pay a fee to the City in lieu of building any of the above. The issue presented to the neighborhood association was whether or not to make a statement that the neighborhood is officially for or against sidewalks and the widening of all streets to a minimum of twenty feet. Under Milwaukie code this would be the financial responsibility of the homeowner fronting the street. It was the majority consensus of those attending the meeting that both the widening of streets and the adding of sidewalks is not desired by Island Station residents. Because there are many people potentially affected by this issue and the associated monetary impacts, it was felt that the neighborhood should be surveyed so each neighbor could weigh in on the issue. But it was also noted that individual letters or a petition to support the neighborhoods or specific street residents desire not to have sidewalks and/or widen the street could always be submitted on a case-by-case basis. The sidewalk issue had been discussed at a prior ISNA meeting in June of 2004 when it was raised by a resident from the east side of River Road whom had specifically come to the neighborhood association meeting to encourage building of sidewalks. It was determined that the majority opinion of those attending the meeting was that sidewalks were not desired throughout Island Station, although areas of intense traffic such as 22nd Avenue and River Road might be possible desirable locations
- SCULPTURE AT NORTH CLACKAMAS BALL PARK:** Gary Michael is on a committee to find an artist who will create a sculpture for the new ball fields. They currently have a budget of \$10,000, but the committee would like to approach the NDAs to see if they would be willing to donate \$300 for the cause. There was some feeling that neighborhood monies should stay in the neighborhood although the general consensus was that this was a good cause to which we could contribute. A motion to donate \$300 to the cause was made and carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.