

MINUTES FROM THE ISLAND STATION NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

September 21, 2006

ATTENDEES: Alicia Hamilton, Beth Ragel, Annie French, Greg Chaimov, Molly Hanthorn, Carolyn Tomei, Gary Michael, Lisa Batey, Kelly Carlisle, David Kohl, Charles Bird, Mary Hupfer, Bill Hoelz, Barb Sitt

- Meeting opened at 6:35 p.m.
- **KELLY CARLISLE** Principal of Milwaukie High School spoke about the importance of the North Clackamas School Bond (MEASURE 3-229). In summary, the bond measure would finance capital construction, improvements at all local schools. Specifically this measure would:
 - Make health, life safety upgrades such as fire alarms, security systems, electrical wiring.
 - Renovate, update existing facilities, including replacing leaking roofs, upgrading heating, ventilation, plumbing, technology, Internet access.
 - Construct, equip, furnish:
 - Additional instructional space in existing buildings, including several elementary schools; Rowe Middle School; Putnam, Milwaukie High Schools; Sabin-Schellenberg Center.
 - Two new elementary; two new middle schools; purchase land for these and future school sites;
 - Two elementary schools, replacing, on same sites, schools originally built in 1917 and 1924.
 - Establish citizen oversight committee to ensure funds are used as intended.
 - Pay bond issuance costs.

Estimated yearly property tax cost is less than \$ 1.10 per \$ 1000 assessed value for first four years, estimated average about \$ 1.25 per year over life of bond.

Several neighbors had questions for Kelly. Mary Hupfer wanted to know why it seems that the schools wait until the facilities/equipment are in such disrepair before fixing them. Kelly responded that it is the Principals job to be on top of all current and potential problems and they try to address all these problems in order to keep the schools open and safe. Bill Hoelz wanted to know who is responsible for not adequately projecting the numbers. Kelly replied that he feels that the district has to present a palatable number that they think the public will accept.

It may not be representational of the money needed. Kelly also believes that the lack of land use developer fees is a big factor. Gary Michaels wanted to know why the west side is paying for all the east side development. Carolyn Tomei responded that when she first moved to Milwaukie she did not pay for the schools because they had already been paid for and thus she felt it was her turn to pay for the schools. Lisa mentioned the after effects of Measure 5 and how capital improvements differs from operating costs.. Mary Hupfer also wanted to know where the potential property would come from. All the places that they said were unfit for use are now being used by other schools (i.e. Milwaukie Middle School is now the Waldorf School, the old Oak Grove School is now the Sojourner School, etc.) Charles Bird mentioned that he feels the issue is something that should be dealt with in the State Legislature. By not addressing this at the state level we end up being reactive instead of proactive. Charles also wanted to know what the plan is if the bond measure does not pass. Kelly indicated that it's not an "IF" it will pass but a "WHEN" it will pass. It must be done as the funds don't currently exist. Any fix (i.e. changing school boundaries) would only be a temporary fix that will still need to be addressed in the near future.

For more information on the bond measure go to: www.nclack.k12.or.us

- **KELLOGG TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE:** Lisa Batey has attended most of the Citizen Advisory Council meetings and reported that despite the many studies presented that indicated closing Kellogg would be the cheapest option in the long run, and despite the fact that the public weighed in as wanting Kellogg closed the council recommended that they keep Kellogg open and build a new facility at an undetermined site in the future. Lisa thinks the motivation for the council is they want to own their own plant and keep control and governance over the plant. Lisa mentioned that work is underway to form a group from Milwaukie to discuss next steps. More info will be provided as Lisa receives it.
- **SPRING PARK:** Lisa Batey reported that the Master Plan and Phase 1 Community Service Overlay (CSO) will be heard by Planning Commission on October 10th at City Hall at 6:30p.m. Phase 1 includes the pocket park work. Phase 2 will be restoring the wetlands and nature plantings.
 - Parking continues to be an issue. Bill Hoelz expressed concern over the fact that there are only 3 spots versus the 5 he thinks are needed. He also expressed concern that the parking isn't on Sparrow right in front of the park. It was mentioned that the parking spots on the plan (on 20th Street) are in the City's right-of-way and not RR property. If it was the RR's property then there could be greater restrictions regarding activity allowed (you could enforce the park's hours, no drinking, etc.) Beth Ragel reminded

everyone that the Master Plan presents OPTIONS for parking and is not finalized. Lisa encourages anyone concerned to come to neighborhood meetings to discuss.

- Charles Bird expressed concerns re: the plant list on the master plan. He would like to spend more time determining an APPROPRIATE plant list (if not native). He does not want to derail the progress of moving the master plan forward, but wanted to acknowledge the need for further discussion re: plants. We are not tied to plant list, but are using it as a starting point.
- Lisa recommended that the ISNA write a letter in support of the plan. A motion was moved to have Lisa draft and send a letter. Nine approved, 1 opposed. Motion carried.
- Lisa also discussed setting up a non-profit to help in the fund-raising process for the park. This would allow people to write off contributions. Greg Chaimov indicated doing so is an easy process. The neighborhood also discussed the possibility of setting up a food tent at the annual Winter Solstice event on the riverfront. More discussion re: these 2 topics will take place at the next meeting.
- MINUTES from June approved.
- TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Bonnie Mishler was out of town. We will go over the report next month.
- GRANT APPLICATIONS:
 - Greg Chaimov presented a \$500 grant recommendation to apply herbicide at Kronberg park. David Kohl presented a letter written to encourage careful application of any herbicides as well as having a strategy for the park plans. Greg and Charles Bird ensured that the application has been well thought out and will be applied with the utmost of care. Motion was moved to approve \$500 grant....9 approved and 1 opposed. Motion carried.
 - Meals on Wheels grant for \$200. Motion moved to grant this money for the program. All approved. Motion carried.
 - Bike Helmets: Carolyn Tomei wanted to know if we could apply for a grant to provide some of the neighborhood kids with bike helmets. Alicia Hamilton indicated that we still have helmets from last year's safety fair. It was agreed that we would donate the helmets to these kids with the agreement that they sign a document in which they agree to wear the helmets at all times.
- STOP SIGNS AT RR CROSSINGS: Lisa reported that there is now a federal requirement that there are stop signs at ALL RR crossings. Lisa expressed that this will happen at all RR crossings in the city sometime in the near future. We discussed, again, the possibility of RR arms at Bluebird Street. The city did a study within the last year to assess costs. It would cost approximately \$200-\$300,000 PER intersection to make this happen. More discussion regarding this issue will take place at next month's meeting.

- **TRAFFIC SLOWING ON 22nd AND RIVER ROAD:** Brenda Schleining from the city did not attend due to illness. We will discuss at next meeting. Alicia Hamilton did report that she met with Kenny Ascher as a last ditch effort to keep the speed monitor display unit. The future of the unit has to be determined by September 30th.
- **FARMER'S MARKET RELOCATION;** Annie French, neighbor and owner of Annie's Plant Foods (a vendor at the Farmer's Market) came to discuss the feasibility of moving the market and her concerns about doing so. Logistically she feels that the riverfront is not a good location for the market due to access, the need to cross McLoughlin, the incline and power issues. She is also concerned about the city's rush to sign the Inter Governmental Agreement with Metro about the Texaco property and the Farmer's Market parking lot. She indicated that in a discussion she had with Mayor Bernard he mentioned that the "City needs taxes from this development and it is a done deal." She is concerned that the City is not honoring the code that indicates buildings must be built under a certain height restriction. She is also concerned about DEQ cleanup issues as the environmental cleanup has not been finalized. In the IGA it indicates that Metro would complete cleanup, but Annie mentioned that the Mayor has indicated that they will relieve Metro from this obligation. Gary Michael's mentioned that he recently walked around downtown to review possible locations. He thought there were quite a few alternatives....the Waldorf School parking lot or Main Street would be good options. Lisa mentioned that there will be 2 groups discussing these issues....One has already been meeting re: the use of the Texaco site and one will be formed to discuss the possible movement of the Farmer's Market. If you would like more information from Annie French she can be reached at: anni@anniesplantfood.com
- **CANDIDATES FORUM:** The City of Milwaukie will hold a candidate's forum at St. John's Church on Monday, October 16th from 7 – 9pm, to be moderated by Clackamas Review Editor, David Stroup. Questions about the forum should be directed to Beth Ragel at (503) 786-7568.
- **OPEN FORUM:**
 - Mary Hupfer mentioned her concerns re: the tow truck and numerous cars parked on River Road. She said they are working on the cars in the driveway and she thought this was not in compliance with the code. Lisa Batey suggested that she call Tim Salyers, the new Code Compliance Officer, to discuss.
- **MEETING ADJOURNED** at 8:50pm.