

Linwood NDA Meeting Notes February 10, 2005

Matt Gilbert, MPD, discussed the recent graffiti activity around Harmony, King and Linwood and advised an officer is working on identification and checking for gang affiliation.

John Gessner, Planning Dir., updated folks on the Gramor proposal for rezoning at Milwaukie Marketplace on the opposite side of Oak St. He said there were to be significant improvements to the left turn lanes and that these improvements would be paid, in part from city funds. He indicated that most of the residents in the area are selling to Gramor to accommodate the proposed development. He said ODOT had been queried regarding the Highway 224 pedestrian cross time and may choose to adjust the timing of the lights so folks can actually cross during a walk light.

John also said that the Ukrainian Bible Church had gotten Planning Commission blessing for the proposed build-out of the church and the addition of more parking at their Stanley Ave. church location. Parking enforcement on the church grounds, and coordinated with the school by agreement, will be up to Linwood School and the Church to work out. Apparently Federal Law allows churches a great deal of leeway regarding how they interact within neighborhoods.

We welcomed Sara Hall (971-404-7886), a new resident to Linwood. Sara is a piano teacher and will be giving lessons in her home. She invited anyone interested to give her a call.

Pam Girtman, NCPRD, and Rick Frank, youth sports representative, presented a plan for changing the configuration of the youth softball fields at N. Clackamas Park. The reconfiguration adds one more ball field, keeps the horse arena, picnic areas, etc. and is designed to make the best use of granted State funds for improvements at this park. According to Mr. Frank, Clackamas County needs to add some 22 ball fields in order for youth to be able to schedule enough practice time to remain competitive with other counties' youth teams. The actual reconfiguration of the fields, while adding a new ball field will use less land than the current configuration.

Joe Sandfort, Ledding Librarian, related how funding will be cut for next fiscal year. He encouraged folks to attend budget meetings to help support curtailing further staff cuts at the library and indicated Friends of the Library are trying to help keep the library current with materials purchasing.

The bylaws changes proposed at the last NDA chairs meeting were basically approved. The wording is similar to that proposed by Neighborhood Services, Jason Wachs, and will go to Council for approval in the future.

Chris Richford, St. Paul's Methodist Church, sounded out folks regarding possibly having a community garden on church property for neighborhood use. There seemed to

be enthusiasm for at least looking into the project, and some of the members agreed to perhaps meet and throw some ideas around.

Meeting adjourned.