

Linwood Meeting Minutes May 12, 2005

Ed Zumwalt opened our May meeting by requesting volunteers for various positions for the July 23rd Riverfest. Ed explained that the Riverfest theme will be a "Fitness Fair" with vendors, community booths, entertainment and a beer garden. The parade will be held as well as the fireworks. It was mentioned that Linwood will be contributing \$500 in grant funds for the fireworks and folks should turn out to see what they paid for. Ed claimed that the fireworks display was the best in the entire county. Contact Wanda Drendel (503-654-3065) if you would like to spend just a few hours volunteering, meeting neighbors and doing your bit to make the event a success.

Next year's principal for Linwood, Kevin Spooner, was on hand to meet folks and get acquainted with neighbors. Kevin brings 17 years of N. Clackamas District experience to our community having most recently been the Vice-Principal at Aldercreek and we think he will be a good fit. Debbie Schneider, Linwood's PE teacher was also on hand. We bid goodbye to Ina Rae as she leaves our school for another location.

One of our newer police officers, Tom Garrett, introduced himself and fielded a couple of questions. We appreciate the attendance of officers when they have time during shift to drop by. Tom will report back to us soon regarding a burglary reported in the Clack. Review on Grove Ct.

John Sena, Juvenile Assistance Program & Clack. Fire District #1, presented some information regarding gang awareness, a growing concern county-wide. He showed many examples of graffiti, clothing worn by gang members and other items found on youth, and drove home the point of why graffiti needs to be cleaned up as soon as it appears in our neighborhoods. The thrust of the Program is to reach youth before they get involved in gangs and to be proactive in keeping kids on a positive track. Contact John at 503-709-3173 for further information.

On hand also was Bill Nylund, pastor of the Milwaukie Covenant Church, to answer questions regarding the church's youth activities planned for the summer. Among the questions asked was why it takes so long for the church to respond to complaints from neighbors about youth misbehaving on the property. Nylund advised that the church was not aware of the ongoing problems and that they thought that the Exclusionary Trespass agreement with the police dept. had cleared the problems. It was pointed out that this was certainly not the case. He promised that youth activities for this summer, at least, would be well supervised but would give youth from the area something to do this summer. He also said that equipment used for the Skate Park, planned to open in early June, would be put away each night, but that the church did plan to proceed with the activity. He also said he would agree to meet with immediate neighbors regarding ongoing concerns at a special meeting.

We did not hold officer elections, but plan to do so at our September 8th meeting.