

## **Neighborhood Leadership Meeting March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

### **Attendees:**

Alicia Hamilton, Island Station  
Lisa Batey, Island Station  
Greg Chaimov, Island Station  
David Aschenbrenner, Hector Campbell  
Kathy Buss, Lake Road  
Ed Zumwalt, Historic Milwaukie  
Dolly Macken-Hambright, Linwood

### **Staff Present:**

Beth Ragel, Program Services Coordinator  
Grady Wheeler, Public Information Coordinator  
JoAnn Herrigel, Community Services Director  
Kenny Asher, Community Dev. & Pub. Works Director  
Katie Mangle, Planning Director

### **Guest Speakers:**

Mike Pullen, Multnomah County  
Phil Selinger, TriMet  
CJ Grimes, Make Healthcare Work Campaign

## **Announcements and Updates**

- Landlord Training – April 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:00-11:00am, Public Safety Bldg. Topic: Notifying tenants.
- Budget Training – Finance Director will offer training on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00pm— location to be announced (may be at PSB.)
  - Lisa thought it would be helpful for a basic class to talk about the process
  - Beth said she would look into inviting Engineering Director Paul Shirey to talk about the CIP
    - Dolly thought it might be best to just keep it to the Budget
    - David wanted to make sure the Neighborhoods had input on the CIP. He wants buyoff from the Neighborhoods to make sure they are the projects that the citizens are most interested in pursuing.
    - Dolly suggested having a separate meeting focusing on that.
    - Lisa said the CUAB reviews the CIP, but not all Neighborhoods are represented on that and might not always reach the Neighborhood Leadership.
    - David didn't think it is too late to give input on the CIP. He said the CIP is in a DRAFT form, and it's worth looking into.
  - Beth provided a copy of the Proposed City Budget and the CIP to each Neighborhood.
- PARB needs a member – Those interested should contact JoAnn Herrigel (503) 786-7508.
- Volunteer Recognition Event, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 to 7pm at City Hall. Beth sent invites and explained the nature of the event.

- ODOT Open House for Hwy. 224 Preservation Project Thursday, April 6th 5:00-7:00pm at City Hall– Beth provided a handout about the project and the Open House.
- SOLV Cleanup at Spring Park and at the Riverfront, Sat., April 22
- Kronberg Park clean up, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 6th 9am-noon: Will primarily be a garbage cleanup. Beth will provide further details.
- Community booth volunteer training Weds. May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30pm at City Hall– The first Farmer’s Market is May 21<sup>st</sup>, and Beth wants to make sure they’re ready for the season.
  - Beth met with David and the Mayor and discussed booth layout. She will develop a series of talking points about the City’s many projects.
- Down To Earth Day Cleanup Event, Sat., May 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am to 1:30pm at Ardenwald, Linwood, and Lewelling Schools – Beth provided flyers for the event to hand out to their neighbors. Curbside pickup is available for the elderly and disabled.
  - Beth said volunteers are needed, and those interested in helping out should contact her at (503) 786-7568.
  - This year’s event is for residents only, and ID’s will be checked.
    - Dolly said Overland is having an event of their own on June 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - David said it would be good to have flyers for future like events so people aren’t turned away without any alternatives.
- Ledding Library fundraiser plant sale, Sat. May 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Portland Waldorf School
  - Ed said the event might be held just at the Waldorf School because of all the construction.
  - Several asked how they could donate plants. Ed suggested calling Terrie Darling at the Annie Ross House, Jennifer Wells at the Waldorf School, or Nancy Wittig at the Library.
- Greg said the Library Board would be making the rounds to the Neighborhoods to try to raise the profile of the library to make sure people know of the available programs. Part of the reason is because money from the County is allocated in part from circulation numbers.
  - Lisa asked when the fountain will be finished: Beth followed up with Jack Perry and the sculpture will be installed soon—by May. However, the water won’t be turned on right away. There will be decorative/engraved rocks adhered to the outside of the fountain as well and they will be selling them as a fundraiser—people can have their name engraved on a rock. They hope to have the fountain finished by July. They are not waiting for North Main to be complete.
- David gave everyone an announcement regarding a planting work party in Homewood Park, Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to noon.
  - Ed asked what happened with the vandalism? David explained sod had been stolen and no one was ever caught.

### **Project Updates:**

- Southgate Park & Ride, which was unanimously approved by the planning commission, will be appealed to Council, April 18<sup>th</sup>
- CAC meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 6:30 p.m., 9101 SE Sunnybrook Blvd., Suite 441 (4<sup>th</sup> Floor)
  - Lisa encouraged everyone to attend at least one meeting because at the beginning of every meeting they take attendance and note who is there--and it’s good to demonstrate Milwaukie has a solid interest.

- On April 10<sup>th</sup> City Manager Mike Swanson will be making a presentation at the CAC meeting.
- King Road Safeway –Building permits have been obtained and they are in the process of getting their contractors lined up—construction to start soon.
- Three Bridges – On schedule to be opened to the public late summer/early fall
  - JoAnn explained it can't be opened earlier because they have to wait for work to be completed on the Lents Interceptor.
    - Beth said there will be a grand opening, details aren't available just yet.
    - Beth noted that it's still a construction zone, and people should not get near it unless made arrangements with the construction manager previous.
- David said there's a traffic control change at 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and King.
  - Grady will pass along the information to Beth and she'll send it out in her Friday message.

### **Introduction:**

Kenny Asher introduced new Planning Director Katie Mangle

- Kenny said in his estimation the Planning Director position here in the City is one of the most difficult in the organization, and he's thrilled to introduce Katie and is excited to have such a capable and talented person in the position. He said Katie would be going out to the community in the near future to meet everyone. Katie passed out her cards and encouraged folks to contact her at (503) 786-7652 to set up a time for her visit each NDA.
- Katie gave a brief background of her work experience.
  - She said she has been working in Portland for the past 10 years and has a Masters in Urban Design.
  - She explained much of her experience is dealing with transportation issues.
  - She's worked both in the public sector and in the private sector, the last seven years as a consultant. After those seven years, she said she wanted to get back to working with people and get back to working with land-use issues.
  - She said she will be making her way to the Neighborhood Meetings.
  - She encouraged people to contact her and help her learn the City's history and primary issues.

## **Presentations**

### **Milwaukie Street Maintenance Funding:**

JoAnn explained that finding funding for the City's deteriorating streets has been identified by the CUAB as the City's greatest priority.

- That priority has been carried to Council by City Manager Mike Swanson and Council has instructed staff to pursue this.
  - JoAnn said it has become a top priority amongst all the departments
  - Staff has developed the following:
    - Problem Statement – Milwaukie's streets are in a state of rapid decline, and some have failed, and funding is not available to turn the situation around.
    - Do Nothing Statement – If nothing is done, the roads will worsen and the cost to remedy the situation will skyrocket.
  - JoAnn explained there are several options, but the funding solution will be local and it will lead to some difficult discussions.
  - A long process will follow and staff will be approaching the Neighborhood Leadership for help in getting the word out, and in spreading the word beyond those who attend the Neighborhood meetings.

- Mike Swanson, City Manager, is striving to make a recommendation to Council by July 15<sup>th</sup> so we're on an aggressive timeline.
  - Ed asked if there wasn't some funding coming from the County?
    - Kenny said there is not County funding for operations and maintenance of City roads.
- Kenny noted this is one of the primary projects for this year. He said he's not sure how Council will move, but staff will make a recommendation.
  - He explained the streets system is a \$65 million asset the community has invested in, and it's a system that's in disrepair.
  - The urgent thing is that there is not a mechanism to make sure the good roads don't fall into a state of almost complete disrepair.
  - Maintaining a road in more severe disrepair is exponentially more expensive than maintaining the road upfront earlier and often.
  - Kenny said the recommendation will largely be determined by the pulse of the community-- by what the community is willing to support.

### **Sellwood Bridge Project:**

Mike Pullen from Multnomah County talked about the state of the Sellwood Bridge and let people know how they can get involved in the public process that will be working to figure out the best strategy of preserving it or finding a better location.

- The County had already been to the four Milwaukie NDAs closest to the bridge.
- He explained a rating system that's based on 100 has the Sellwood Bridge rated as a 2.
- Right now they have employed measures to keep the bridge open and safe for the next 5 to 10 years and monitor the bridge monthly. They have limited weight on the bridge to 10 tons (which means nothing larger than a delivery truck can use the bridge)-- hence deterioration has slowed vastly and fixes (e.g. injecting glue into cracks) have been made to keep the bridge safe.
- Long-term solution looks at replacing the bridge, which could be in a slightly different location.
- Mike noted that they have heard from Milwaukie/Clackamas County residents that the bridge would be better farther south near Milwaukie. He explained that since Multnomah County owns the bridge, the bridge remain in Multnomah County.
- A two-year outreach process will kickoff this year:
  - Big issues in the planning phase:
    - What do with the commuters? Those who use the bridge are from outside the nearby neighborhoods.
    - What kinds of traffic can use the bridge
    - How does it connect to Tacoma Street on the east side, Highway 43 on the west
    - If you repair the bridge it would have to be closed for over a year--that would substantially impact traffic flows in nearby communities.
  - Elected officials will be on the policy group, Paul Shirey will be on the technical group and will see if a City Councilor will want to be on the policy group.
  - Community task force will be 15 citizens and he's a recruiting resident from Milwaukie to make sure this City and area has a voice. The deadline for applying is April 17<sup>th</sup>.
    - One person from Ardenwald/J.C. has applied, and he encouraged others to apply by April 17<sup>th</sup>.
    - These people will help develop and rank options in coming up with a recommendation.
    - Neighborhoods, business associations, N. Clack. Chamber, bicyclists & pedestrians, trucking groups, will comprise the Community Task Force.
  - There probably wont be alternatives to rank for about 10 months, at which time he would be willing to come and report back.

- David commented that he drives that bridge everyday and he said the traffic on Tacoma is getting worse and people are using the side streets and then trying to merge back in.
  - David and Kathy noted that the Tacoma reconfiguration made things worth.
  - David hopes the study will look at moving traffic through there better.
- Ed suggested making Spokane and Tacoma one lane (couplet).
- Mike stressed that the residents of Sellwood in the immediate area will certainly have a voice but that it's a regional facility and other perspectives will be consulted.

### **TriMet TIP/bus routes in Clackamas:**

Phil Sellinger showed TriMet's Transit Investment Plan (TIP), which is a 5-year revolving plan detailing what the agency will be pursuing in the near future. He highlighted projects pertaining to Milwaukie:

- Relocating the Transit Center out of downtown Milwaukie is a top priority for TriMet and Milwaukie City Council and TriMet has worked extensively on this. He explained TriMet is trying to reinvent the role of the transit center in communities. The place where people transfer between busses doesn't have to be the same place where busses idle/layover, conduct business, wait for connections. Since 2004 they have reduced the number of bus routes parking at the transit center from 10 to 4. This opened up parking along Jackson St.
- Creating a Park and Ride at Southgate would also help in freeing up parking in the downtown area—which will be better for businesses and employees of the downtown. The Milwaukie Planning commission approved the plan but currently North Industrial businesses are appealing the decision to Council. TriMet does not know what will happen—if any decision would be appealed to LUBA or not.
- Since Milwaukie's Transit Center is not going to be at Kellogg Lake, the community will have to come up with another location.
- The goal is for light rail to come to downtown Milwaukie, and these transfers will be just as important.
- Phil said TriMet is committed with the rest of the region in following through on figuring out if, how, and when light rail comes to Milwaukie.
- An environmental impact study is underway for the South Corridor light rail line and Metro is heading that.
  - The study will look at how light rail will be threaded into Downtown Milwaukie.
  - Design issues exist as to how a light rail line would exit downtown Portland.
  - A lot of that work was done with I-205 project, but issues still exist.
  - Collectively need to figure how to get more punch for the project to gain federal approval.
- TriMet will not be putting out any new service because of strapped funding.
- It's forecasted that in Sept. 2009 TriMet will increase service to the Milwaukie and Clackamas Town Center line.
- Also look into extending the 33 service and making that more frequent and extending the line to Clackamas Community College.
- Handed out a general fact sheet, and a fact sheet for the I-205 and mall project, and a sheet about the Portland to Milwaukie light rail project.

## **Make Healthcare Work Campaign**

CJ Grimes from the Make Healthcare Work Campaign explained a number of coalitions are working to remedy the health care problem in Oregon.

- She asked how people related to the problem and several shared personal stories.
- CJ said these are concerns she's heard from many different areas.
- She said her group and coalition is working to increase access and decrease costs.
- The idea is that a community should have say in where resources for health care are dedicated and this would happen through a board convened by Metro and it would be made up of a number of interests that would review plans that would affect health care provision.
  - She explained that it would not be a regulatory board, but an advisory board.
- Ed questioned whether or not Metro was the right vehicle and wondered if any board would just be populated by a bunch of bureaucrats.
  - CJ explained Health Care is a regional problem and service provision is often supplied on a regional basis.
- CJ explained that this is not a Metro initiative but is a citizen-lead initiative.
- Dolly thought Metro already had a lot of authority and was weary of giving them more authority.
- Kathy thought it would take a lot for Metro to take it on.
- CJ wanted to be able to come to the Neighborhoods and ask for their support.
  - Dolly said that her Neighborhood heard the presentation and was hesitant to give Metro that kind of authority and warned CJ that she thought a lot of people felt the same way and she would be facing an uphill fight.
- Lisa explained she isn't skeptical about Metro, but was curious how Metro's charter could assume this kind of responsibility.
  - CJ thought it would take a vote of MPACT to revise the charter.
- CJ wanted to have more one on one conversation in the future.
  - Dolly suggested contacting Beth to coordinate future meetings.

## **Speed Trailer sharing protocol**

Alicia and Lisa B. shared information about setup and operation of the trailer.

- Lisa asked about insurance, and that is something Beth will follow up with on the City end—but it is unlikely that the City can provide coverage.
- Dolly suggested calling insurance companies trying to get some sort of vehicle coverage.
- Alicia contacted Farmer's Insurance and they said no.
  - Dolly said Farmer's was pretty conservative and might not be the best company to contact.
  - Kathy suggested visiting one of the downtown providers to see if some face time might help the situation.
  - Beth said she would check with Barb to see if Neighborhood insurance would cover something like the trailer.
- Lisa noted there are some strategies to prevent theft.
  - There are two padlocks, a chain to secure it to a tree, and a boot for the wheel.
  - There will also be an alarm for the unit, but is activated only if the box is broken into.
- Lisa asked what people's feelings were about moving it inside on a nightly basis.
- Dolly thought the unit should really be moved in every night.
- Kathy said the trailer is less effective at night, because there are fewer pedestrians on the road. She thought the trailer should be out in the daytime when kids are coming to and from school and when there are a lot of people out and about.
- David and Kathy thought taking small steps would be a good idea and to keep it during daylight hours and bringing it in at night.
- David asked where it would be stored.

- Beth said there is no City location it can be taken inside.
- She also said JCB is frequently broken into.
- She said there's a storage facility at 40<sup>th</sup> and Harvey and it's gated and has a lock and the City has said it could be stored in there.
- The unit can't be stored at City Hall because there's not enough room in the garage to still comply with OCEA standards.
- Dolly suggested checking with public storage firms and renting a space for a period of time.
- Dolly said she would check into costs for storage.
- Issue of cycle for moving it around. Lisa promoted a monthly basis, but people are saying two-week cycles.
  - Alicia thought with taking it in every night, it might be too much to ask to do that for a month.
  - Dolly also thought keeping it in the same location, motorists would stop seeing it. Lisa said the Neighborhood's can move it wherever they want within their cycle. Lisa said Neighborhoods should contact her if they're interested.
- Alicia asked if the Neighborhood's have checked to see if someone had a space available.
  - Dolly said they have, and one person in her Neighborhood said they have a space, but only when they have it.
- David suggested putting wrenches in the box for setting it up. Alicia said there is a tool kit.

### **Mission Statement Review/Discussion**

- Kathy liked the statement except for the word "growth" and wanted to just leave it at "future of the City" rather than "future growth of the City."
- Dolly concurred and the rest of the group agreed that that was fine.  
The mission statement thus reads:  
"To unite and strengthen our community through service and leadership that both inspires and empowers citizens to promote and direct the future ~~growth~~ of the City of Milwaukie."

### **Other Issues**

David said that he had inquired about how amendments were incorporated into updating Neighborhood bylaws.

- Beth explained that when amendments are made they haven't been compiled into a single document.
- Beth said she would work with Pat DuVal to see how the changes can be incorporated.
- David explained the bylaws on the web are out of date which can create problems if people consult the web and they're out of date.
- David wanted to remind everyone that elections are to be held in May. He suggested getting the word out in The Pilot.