# ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK
# NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
# APRIL 10, 2012

**Call to Order**

Co-Chair Matt Rinker calls the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in Ardenwald Elementary School, Room 101.

**Attendance**

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Steve Bartol,Milwaukie Police
Macy Bishop, PSAC
Sherri Campbell, Vice Chair
Joe Campbell, Treasurer
Marianne Colgrove, Southeast Uplift
Jeff Davis, Co-Chair
Chris Davis, At Large 6
Bryan Dorr, Secretary
Jennifer Finn, Arts Committee
Betty Fulmore
Lisa Gunion-Rinker, At Large 2
Dave Hedges, Milwaukie City Council
Jay Higgins
Rita Linn
Ed Murphy
Matt Rinker, Co-Chair
Sonja Souder

**Introduction**

**Police report (Steve Bartol, Milwaukie Police Captain)**

A police crime stat map was handed out. April 28, 2012, is prescription drug turn-in event at the Public Safety Building (3200 SE Harrison St.) Bike renovation project: asking for old bicycles that can be donated to the Milwaukie Police Dept. A receipt will be given for the donation. He also mentioned West Linn executed a warrant on a subject in Milwaukie wanted for car prowling.

Matt commented that a past meeting Chief Jordan attended a meeting and followed up at following meeting that crime stats gone down after the arrest. Cpt. Bartol said this particular warrant execution did not significantly impact the crime statistics.

Macy asked for definition between larceny and burglary. Larceny involves vehicle break-ins and burglary involves homes.

Cpt. Bartol said the bike program would include a bike, helmet, a security lock, and an inventory sticker with each bike.

Betty asked about the Officer of the Year dinner. Cpt. Bartol said there was a good turn out, it went well, and it was a packed room.

**Municipal Court Relocation – Ed Murphy**

Mr. Murphy discussed the topic about moving the municipal court from the city hall. On Wednesday morning, they have trials. In afternoons, it arraignments for traffic violations. There is truancy courts on Mondays. There is lack of space in the City Hall. The Public Safety Building (PSB) is a better location with bus access. Mr. Murphy discussed the land use approval requirements and the criteria. There will be a application submitted, then a public hearing in June or July. He also commented that the wall on the south side may be a safety issue because of visibility to the east. Bryan commented there was a pole that had a mirror, but the mirror is gone.

Dave Hedges mentioned about changing the parking restrictions along SE Railroad Ave. across PSB from No Parking to No Parking for vehicles over 10 feet high.

The move won't gain anymore space for court use, but it's for reducing disruption to staff in city hall. Mr. Murphy recommends paying attention to the parking study.

**Neighborhood Main Street – Jay Higgins**

A draft vision statement was handed out. The draft vision goes out to NDAs and on the website. There will be an open house in early May (exact date and location to be determined). He is requesting feedback from residents and businesses. A report would be online soon. The online survey will close Friday.

Russ attended the workshop, which was good, but was missing was discussion to downtown becoming more vibrant. If the city had the money, we could do all three projects. He commented that the city should look at the priority of spending on the projects. For example, pursuing baseball when the Riverfront cannot be done.

Jennifer Finn said she had the same question, but it's likely that we are focusing on 32nd Ave. because of the new MAX line.

Russ commented that 32nd Ave. was tougher because the street is narrow. 42nd Ave has more potential. 32nd Ave. is broken up by residential homes and no parking. Envisioning Hawthorne in Milwaukie isn't practical.

Sonja asked about bus frequency. Jay said 32nd has frequent bus service (No. 75) versus infrequent bus line on 42nd Ave.

The intent is not to compete with Sellwood. It is about ease of access by foot.

**Grant Request: Milwaukie High School Graduation Night**

Matt researched the minutes. We did not do this in 2011, but donated $300 in Feb. 2010. Joe said there was $6,762.38 in grant funds. Question was asked about what students do at the party? Matt said it covers for the venues. Macy said the events are also funded with PTA/PTO funds.

**MOTION TO DONATE $300 TO MILWAUKIE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION NIGHT. Russ Move, Matt Seconds. Yea: Unanimous. Nay: None. Motion passes unanimously.**

**Board Elections Next Month (May 8, 2012)**

Matt discussed all positions that will be for elections at the May 8, 2012 meeting. Joe and Sherri Campbell will be stepping down from Vice-Chair and Treasurer. There will also be openings for Public Safety Advisory Committee and Membership.

After mentioning the neighborhood brochure, Russ talked a little about the Tacoma St. renaming to Johnson Cr. Blvd. He says there a public safety issue when reporting locations. The viaduct is technically S.E. Tenino St. that most people think is Tacoma St. GPS and GIS recognize the viaduct as S.E. Tenino St.

Bryan asked about board members that are on the board and not have been to meetings for over a year and have not contacted the board. Matt will contact the board members to see if they are still interested in serving on the board.

**Committee Reports**

Russ handed out a Creek Committee report. He said the committee wants to reach out to the original charette participants for the fundraising efforts to raise $300,000 for the salmon habitat. The plan is to transform the first 3 miles of the creek from mouth to Tideman Johnson Park.

Russ said Catherine Goode is active on the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail's Citizens Advisory Committee. Lisa said Catherine wanted to invite Claudia Steinberg at the next NDA meeting for light rail update.

Matt announced the Sunnybrook Medical Clinic opening. He also mentioned the baseball meeting. The baseball task force may be extended for one more meeting.

Sherri Cambell brought in the Walk Safe umbrellas that were purchased with grant money. They were handed out to attendees tonight that do not have an umbrella. Sherri says the next (May 2012) meeting will be her final meeting.

Bryan Dorr said he and Matt met with Beth Ragel regarding Community Services resources. Bryan is also participating in a seminar on May 29, 2012 for communication tools training. It will be a training course to present to NDAs on using websites, emails, and social media applications.

Bryan also mentioned about political candidates attending NDA meetings, which was brought up at March NDA leadership meetings. It was noted that if we invite a candidate, then we have to extend an invitation to all candidates. With one NDA meeting a month for a few hours, it was best that we do not invite candidates to present during meeting time. This has been brought up in

the past, as noted in Feb. 12, 2008 Ardenwald meeting minutes. Candidates are welcome to attend and speak with attendees before or after the official meeting, but not during the meeting.

Joe Campbell said Wells Fargo balance is $6,762.38. Dropping off the $300 check for Milwaukie Party. Received a thank you note for the Milwaukie Police Dinner donation. The grant money was spent on mulch for terrace along Johnson Creek Bldg.

Dave Hedges commented on the budget and the payment to TriMet. An Oregon law states that law cannot be passed to negate a contract. The first payment to TriMet should be in July, which is expected to be $250,000 to $300,000. Dave commented on a possible bond measure being on the ballot in May or November.

Dave also commented on The Oregonian's story regarding the county water/sewer rates details. If anyone should have questions or concerns to see him.

First budget meeting is April 26, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. There was concerns about NDA grant funds in the budget.

Marianne Colgrove said there is much going on with the trains at Brooklyn. They were under gag order at the last SEUL meeting regarding the trains. Another issue arising is moving coal trains through the cities, especially the route to Coos Bay which passes through Milwaukie. Coal trains are usually long, frequent, and the loads are uncovered.

Marianne also mentioned Casa Diablo had their hearing and the decision has been delayed. A local newspaper said Casa Diablo was in Ardenwald, but it is in Sellwood-Moreland.

Southeast Uplift Bowl-a-Rama is May 1st. Tideman Johnson was fun. There wasn't much ivy pulling. June is the last cleanup for the season. There's a plan for mussel count in the creek.

Jennifer Finn announced the Bike Milwaukie this Sunday at 9:00 a.m. At City Hall. Ride is to Three Creeks. She also mentioned the film festival at Milwaukie Masonic Fri. 13, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. The films are locally produced and are about the Three Creeks area. Two other films are about sustainability. The festival is sponsored by MUST. The Three Creeks area is a wetland that's threatened by a proposed highway.

Macy Bishop was absent at last PSAC meeting. She reports she is moving out of the neighborhood. The upcoming meeting will be her last meeting. Sherri asked about the parade and walk to school day. There is another emergency preparedness meeting in May. Planned self-defense training.

Sherri asked about the concerts. It was discussed last month. There are five Thursdays this year in August. Tentative bands are listed on Ardenwald.org website.

Chris Davis handed out the draft neighborhood brochure and had a brief discussion about it.

Jeff Davis mentioned anyone interested in the mural program, Beth did a workshop last week with an update on the survey. The survey were available in April 3 Milwaukie work session e-packet.

Lisa said city council won't have a sidewalk on Balfour St. will be used for ADA access on sidewalks throughout the City.

Russ Stoll commented on changing the "Tacoma St. Station" title to “Creek Committee” on future agendas.

Jennifer suggested a sustainability tour as a alternate to garden tours.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 13, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**. Sherri Campbell moves, Betty Fulmore seconds. **Yea: Unanimous. Nay: None. MOTION PASSES.**

**Meeting adjourned: 8:52 p.m.**

Minutes prepared and submitted on April 12, 2012 by:

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Minutes approved on (tba): **Yea:. Nay:.**