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**ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK**  
**NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014**

**Call to Order**

Vice-chair Matt Rinker calls the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Milwaukie Grind (9401 SE 32th Ave., Milwaukie)

**Attendance**

Steve Bartol  
Laura Berg  
Wayne Bradley  
Marianne Colgrove, SEUL  
Bryan Dorr, Secretary  
Betty Fulmore, BMAL  
Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Land Use  
Fiona Gwozdz  
Dave Hedges  
David Hyman

Jeff Johansen  
Joaquin Olson  
Holly Prideaux  
Beth Ragel  
Matt Rinker, Vice-chair  
Russ Stoll, Creek Committee  
Sonja Souder, PSAC  
Kacey Teel  
Karen Tolvstad

**Public Safety Report - Cpt. Steve Bartol**

Cpt. Steve Bartol is acting police chief. A cadet was hired as a full time officer. More candidates being interviewed. Records clerk being interviewed. Officer of the Year Dinner is on Feb. 27, 2014, and information is on website. An officer is being appointed to school resources. He also discussed department staffing.

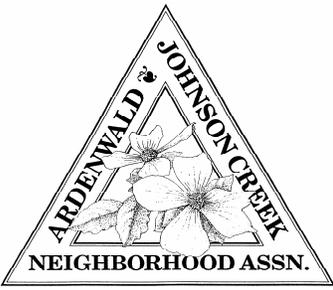
Officer Bartol reported on the pursuit this morning. Subject sped down SE 32nd Ave, cut across the field, over the tracks and into a concrete wall at SE Campbell and SE Myrtle.

The CrimeMapper was discussed. We will receive a link to the website.

**City Liaison - Beth Ragel**

Beth reported in January. Open house about capital improvement plan. Update on Moving Forward Project, Betty Fulmore and Kacey currently sit on. Monroe Greenway Conception planning project was discussed; planning process will kick off this spring. Beth is asking who would be primary and secondary for Monroe Greenway Planning Project. Some city staff would like to visit next meeting. The bond measure to finance the \$4 million debt for light rail was discussed. The 1990 Public Safety bond was paid off in 2011.

Betty commented about the rail crossing dividers. Sonja said PSAC has contacted to engineering.



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#### **North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District - Fiona Gwozdz**

Fiona provided a presentation pertaining the master planning process. She gave a background on the history and overview of the various parks and facilities. The funding sources were presented. The tax breakdown was presented.

A question was asked about a skate park being put in. Skate parks have been dropping in trend in recent years. It was claimed Ardenwald Park in the summer has "potential customers" for a skate park. The Three Creeks had park development proposed, but taken off. One comment was to keep Three Creeks Natural Area "natural." Handouts were available for anyone to take.

#### **Oregon Passenger Rail - Russ Stoll**

Russ has been attending the Oregon Passenger Rail meetings. The route alternatives have been narrowed down to two routes. There isn't anticipation of running a new rail line in the metro area. The cost would be about five to seven times in the Portland area. There would be two additional trains running daily. Russ says the daily passenger ridership between Portland and Eugene is less than a thousand. The project would be federally and state funded.

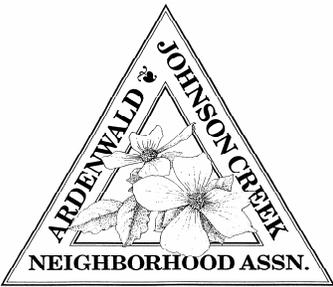
#### **Eastmoreland Racquet Club Estates Homeowners Association President, David Hyman**

David Hyman discussed the past history of the Eastmoreland Racquetball Club (located on Portland side of Ardenwald) owned by Terry Emmert. Until last year, the facility was a racquetball club and renamed "The Courts in Eastmoreland." Recently, the facility has been repurposed for basketball tournament use.

The complaint is the heavy traffic on SE Berkeley Place. Photographs show cars have been parked illegally on SE Tacoma and SE Berkeley, and on planter strips. "The Courts" allows car parking on the tennis courts.

David has brought the issue to Portland Code Enforcement. He showed photos of traffic density around The Courts. Fire marshal and police have been contacted regarding fire truck access. David said Portland commissioners Amanda Fritz and Nick Fish are aware of this.

Lisa said they have talked with Bob Kellet at Southeast Uplift. The concern is if there was a 20 percent expansion "change abuse" or whether the facility is a "main event entertainment." The Courts is not part of the homeowner's association. Portland



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Transportation may need to monitor traffic and Code may have to step in. The plan is to get more motion on the issue.

**MOTION:** The AJC NDA will proceed to adopt a resolution to satisfy the Eastmoreland Raquet Club Estates Homeowners Association regarding the "The Courts in Eastmoreland." Matt Rinker moves. **Yea: Unanimous. Nay: none.**

*(A draft letter from the president of the Eastmoreland Raquet Club Estates Homeowners Association was provided and attached at the end of this minutes.)*

**Committee Reports**

**Vice Chair:** No report.

**Secretary:** Bryan reported his meeting at SRTF. One resident leapt from SE 32nd Ave. bridge and onto Springwater Trail. Resident is in hospital.

**Land Use:** (Covered earlier.)

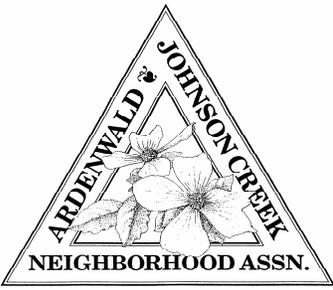
**Southeast Uplift (SEUL):** Marianne reported SEUL helping out land use on Berkeley Place. SEUL director is retiring soon. Creative arts projects. Neighborhood grants is one of successful program, but it has been cut in the budget. Friend of Tideman Johnson meets this coming up this Saturday. March 1st would be a Watershed-wide event for planting.

**Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC):** Sonja report Clackamas Fire was at last PSAC meeting. She presented "File of Life." You can pick one up at fire station on SE Fuller Rd. She also reported on some PSAC expenditures on bikes for bike programs. She also updated on the K-9 donations and CERT. Monroe Street project. PSAC will have a business owner training for disaster or emergency situations.

**Treasury:** Treasurer is not present. We will have a board meeting in February to decide on donation for Officer Dinner when Treasurer returns. Donation amount to hope donate is \$200.

**Parks:** Lisa discussed the Parks meeting's RFQ. She will find out tomorrow more on RFQ. There's \$4,500 raised for the park. A plant sale is in the future, but not before June.

**Creek Committee:** Fundraising for boardwalk has been extended but deadline is not known. Original deadline was January 21, 2014. Russ briefed on the project for the new attendees. About \$150,000 has been raised so far.



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**Other Discussions**

Dave Hedges discussed the draft 2014 Funding Goals. Police vacancy must be filled. Second measure is to amend the charter about city manager's residency requirement. Library expansion. Train horns have been raised. If there is no appeal by Union Pacific (UP), the train horns should cease on main UP crossings at Harrison, Oak, and 37th Ave. by February 5, 2014. Mailwell crossing quiet zone will implement when light rail is completed.

**Meeting Minutes Approval**

November 12, 2013, regular meeting minutes approved as-is. Matt Rinker moves, Betty Fulmore seconds. **Yea: Unanimous. Nay: None.**

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned: 8:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted on January 28, 2014, by:

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Minutes approved on (tbd): **Yea: Nay:**

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Dear Neighbors,

Some of you may be aware of the changes at the Eastmoreland Racquet Club over the last year. For those of you who are not, it has gone from being a neighborhood tennis and fitness club to a tournament venue for sports leagues, called "The Courts in Eastmoreland". As homeowners on SE Berkeley Place, we have watched with dismay as our quiet little cul-de-sac has transformed on tournament days into a gridlocked boulevard. We have recorded as many as 2,200 cars driving past our houses on a single day often backing up all the way to the McLoughlin overpass and east on Johnson Creek. We have tried without success to negotiate with the owner, Terry Emmert and the manager of the facility, Steve Suttich to reduce their activity levels. **NOW, WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP.** As much as this affects the livability of our street, it also impacts the entire neighborhood.

The Courts has been allowing their patrons to park illegally on the outdoor tennis courts for the past year, and the City has finally cracked down. They are requiring them to either stop parking there or apply for a Non-Conforming Situation Review and defend their need for additional parking. They have chosen the latter. We are told that they are in the process of preparing an application and that once it is accepted as complete, it will be open for public comment. This will be an opportunity to make our voices heard. **WE HOPE YOU WILL WRITE IN TO THE CITY AND OPPOSE THEIR REQUEST,** and we offer the following reasons:

- The club is located in an R-5 (single-family residential) zone. It was approved in 1976 as a Conditional Use, based on the assumption that its membership would not exceed 300 members and that it would primarily serve the neighborhood. The purpose of those conditions was to limit the negative impacts of traffic, congestion and noise on the neighborhood.
- The street was never designed to handle that volume of traffic. It is narrow and has no sidewalks, making it hazardous for pedestrians and inaccessible to emergency vehicles should the need arise.
- Allowing parking on the tennis courts does nothing to alleviate the problem. They are parking there illegally now, and the number of cars still far exceeds their capacity to contain them on-site. Berkeley Place is completely filled on tournament days and parking spills out onto adjacent streets.
- More on-site parking at the facility only makes the traffic volume worse.

We are urging the City to require "The Courts" to become a good neighbor by either:

- reducing their activities on tournament days to a level of traffic that can be legally accommodated on-site without adding parking on the tennis courts.
- requiring them to find an off-site lot for overflow parking and provide a shuttle service to bring patrons to and from the facility.

#### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

- Write to the City of Portland regarding Land Use Notice #\_\_\_\_ TBD. Express your frustration w/ the traffic/parking/safety situation, and support our neighborhood. **Ask the city deny their request to park on the tennis courts and encourage them to limit the size of events at The Courts.**
- How to write the city: \_\_\_\_\_address TBD
- Deadline: Input must be received by \_\_\_\_\_date TBD.

Thank you for taking a stand for neighborhood livability.

Sincerely,

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