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January 14 2008 Meeting Notes

Public Safety Building, 7pm

Presiding: David Aschenbrenner, Chairperson

Introductions and welcome

Councilor Greg Chaimov, Police Chief Larry Kanzler, Officer Ron Glenn and Reserve Officer Speedman, Gavin Hales and Pat Duval all attended, plus 9 neighbors.

Police and Fire Reports

There was no representative from the fire department.

Chief Larry Kanzler confirmed that the Risk Manager at North Clackamas School District has chosen not to allow the police department to act as its agent for the purpose of dealing with nuisance and crime on its properties, except in the case of Milwaukie High School, where Principal Kelly Hood agreed to work with the police department. The police can act only if they observe a crime taking place or if they are called by a citizen who has observed something criminal. They cannot act just upon the suspicion of a criminal action taking place.

Chief Kanzler reported that the Photo Radar and Photo Red Light projects have been approved by the State legislature and will be implemented shortly. The programs are expected to be revenue neutral, in other words, self financing. He was able to negotiate with the company that supplies the equipment to piggyback onto Portland Police Bureau's rates of revenue sharing, which is more beneficial for us. The system uses wet film rather than digital technology so as to have better clarity in photographs. Initially the Photo Red Light project will be at Hwy 224 and Oak Street and at Hwy 99E and Ochoco. The Photo Radar program will be implemented first with warnings, and then will be used around the city, focusing a lot on areas around the 11 schools in the city. The equipment has to be moved every 4 hours.

Two new officers will be sworn in on January 15th: 1 motorcycle officer and 1 photo radar detail officer.

The Chief has written to Tri-Met's manager, Fred Hansen, with a proposal that could produce sufficient funding to provide appropriate levels of policing to make Tri-Met safer to ride. An additional 25 cents per adult ride would generate over \$24m annual revenue. The Chief supports light rail in Milwaukie as a viable and



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important transportation asset for the citizens of Milwaukie, but he said he cannot support light rail without sufficient funding for law enforcement coverage.

The campaign to raise \$25k to fund the purchase, training and equipment for a new K-9 unit is about halfway there. Several suggestions were made by neighbors as potential moneymakers and to create a “doggie endowment” fund.

The City is investigating turning the fire bay in the old Main Street fire station into a municipal courtroom. This would provide needed capacity for traffic court, which will expand in caseload to about 10,000 per year with the new photo radar and red light programs, plus it could allow for a criminal misdemeanor court, which would increase the number of crimes prosecuted and court-managed, as many misdemeanors are plea-bargained or dismissed due to lack of resources at the county court level.

The Chief suggested that Homewood Park should have signs posted with specific hours of use, such as 6am-10pm. This will allow the police to eject people using the park outside of these hours.

Grants:

Hector Campbell Carnival

A request by the Hector Campbell PTA for a donation of \$500 toward the carnival scheduled for March 15th was approved. Jeff Loudon and Kim Fritts from the HC PTA reported that the March carnival will be titled “It’s a World O’ Wheels” and will have rides, booths and cars, trucks and equipment from a variety of representatives. The Neighborhood Association will have a table/booth.

A neighbor asked if this year’s grant to Meals on Wheels had been made. It was noted that they have not applied for the money this year and were encouraged to complete the necessary paperwork to receive funding.

David Aschenbrenner will check on the current status of funds in our budget available for grants.

Action: David Aschenbrenner

Parks Report:

There will be a work day at Homewood Park on January 26th, 9-noon.

Public Safety Advisory Committee Report

Mary Weaver and David Hedges reported that the Chief had covered the main issues. Mary suggested that neighbors should have an emergency preparedness kit in their homes.



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South Downtown Plaza concept

Pat Duval distributed a concept drawing for the proposed south downtown development area. This is not something currently budgeted for, just a concept at this time, as discussion is on-going regarding the development of property and location of light rail stations.

City Council Seat

New Interim Councilor Greg Chaimov introduced himself and asked for any issues that people might wish him to work on.

- a) code enforcement asked to do more
- b) suggested councilors attend more neighborhood assoc. meetings
- c) Monroe Street's poor state of repair, which is included in the Transportation Plan, but which is farther down on the list of projects than many would like

Note: Ballots will be mailed in February for the March 11th election for the councilor's position currently held on an interim-basis by Mr Chaimov.

Transportation Website

Gavin Hales attended to report that there will be an updated Transportation Issues section in the City of Milwaukie's website. It includes important links and meeting dates and should make it easier to find information and to communicate with Gavin.

Projects Update – no new information

Additional Discussion

The Fire District's pre-Christmas toy and food collection efforts were disorganized and poorly advertised. Many neighbors missed the opportunity to see them and to contribute because the route was not clearly communicated.

A thank you was received for our donation to the lights for the Main Street Christmas tree.

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