



## Meeting Notes

June 9, 2014 6:30pm

Milwaukie Public Safety Building Community Room

**Introductions and Welcome:** David Aschenbrenner, Chair, opened the meeting at 6:29pm. Present: Police Chief Steve Bartol, Councilor David Hedges, City Liaison Gary Parkin, HCNDA Parks and Garden Director Sarah Smith, Lars Campbell, Vice-Chair, Linda Hedges, HCNDA Secretary-Treasurer, Ruby Inman, Darlene Albertson, Frank Lamp and James Rogers. Guests were Mike and Kendall Fowler and their daughter from Ardenwald Elementary, and Fionz Gwozdz from North Clackamas Parks District.

### **Milwaukie Police Update:**

- Chief Bartol reported that Kathryn Meier was sworn in today and she and Bill Snell will be starting the academy in July. Hector Campos graduates from the academy this week.
- The Milwaukie Police Cadets are holding a yard sale at the Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison, on Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9-5. If you have donations contact Sgt Luke Strait during M-F daytime at 503-793-9109 or Officer Crystal Hill at 503-502-6553.
- Tim Salyers, Code Compliance, reports the problem house at 42<sup>nd</sup> and Jackson has been sold and repair work has already begun on it.

**North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District** Fiona Gwozdz distributed a flier about the parks district and briefly explained they may go to the November ballot to create an independent parks district. Their website contains several brief surveys which they would appreciate we complete.

**Grant Request - Ardenwald Elementary Computers** for K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Mike Palmer, who teaches at Ardenwald, presented a grant request for \$500 as part of funding from several sources to purchase 36 Samsung Chromebooks for use by K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders. The computer allocation for the whole school is too small at this time and older grades often pre-empt the use of computers by the younger grades. NCS Technology unit, Ardenwald PTO has already funded a large portion of the \$11000 needed, and they are now looking for the last \$1000. The computers have already been ordered. After the Palmers left it was moved, seconded and approved unanimously to award \$250. **Action: Linda Hedges to deliver check**

**Councilor Hedges and Gary Parkin** reported upcoming events in the City

- Library Summer Reading program begins June 1<sup>st</sup> and run through August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Groundbreaking for Riverfront Park was on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Funding is still short of the lowest bid for the park by about \$400,000 but staff are looking to cut what they can from the project and effort is on-going to acquire funding
- Clackamas Co. Transportation budget has been cut drastically as federal funding for transportation to the states has been cut by 90%, to 46 million in 2014-15, which means many projects that had been planned using federal and state funding will be postponed or even cancelled. It could mean that the Kellogg Creek dam removal and road replacement may not occur.
- City Council has approved four downtown parklets for restaurants. These are 3 angled parking spaces taken up as outdoor seating for restaurants. They will have a deck and will be roped off for safety. So far Cha Cha Cha and Wine 30 have been approved. Only one parklet will be allowed per city block and only four total in downtown.
- The budget for 2014-16 has been approved by the Budget Committee and will go to Council for approval this month.

- A volunteer heritage tree program is being pursued by other NDA leaders, who will be looking into mining the best parts of other cities' tree programs

**Secretary's Report – Linda Hedges** The minutes for the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved unanimously with no changes or additions.

**Treasurer's Report – Linda Hedges** reported that we have a balance of \$8286.74 with \$1404.73 earmarked for the Campbell Community Garden and \$1500 for emergency preparedness equipment, leaving a working balance of \$5382.01. The city budget does contain \$4000 per year to our city grant in the upcoming budget.

**Homewood Park and Campbell Community Garden:** Sarah Smith reported that one garden plot is still available for rent. About 25 lbs of vegetables per week are being harvested for donation. 24 blueberry plants have been planted. OSU Master Gardener program donated \$500 to the garden which paid for the blueberry plants and a load of compost. The cost of compost has risen dramatically this year and the grant from the OSU Master Gardeners will not cover the anticipated cost of a load that will be needed in the fall.

#### **Boards and Commissions reports:**

##### **Public Safety Advisory Committee**

- There is a Fall Prevention Seminar scheduled June 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30pm at the Public Safety Building, offered by OHSU's ThinkFirst Program. To register for this seminar call Shelby Martin at 503-312-5074 or 503-494-5353 or email [matterofbalance@ohsu.edu](mailto:matterofbalance@ohsu.edu).

#### **Other Business:**

- **Monroe Street Greenway project** - ODOT has hired CH2MHill and work is going forward to set up the initial meeting with the group of representatives and the consultant. This project is for planning the design only and is intended to slow traffic to make it safer for pedestrians and bike riders. Lars Campbell and Rebekah Phillips are representatives for HCNDAs on the committee. Some discussion occurred over the elements of design, with one neighbor expressing concern that it could lead to commercial development along Monroe and ruin the neighborhood as did development along King Road change the nature of that area. He felt Railroad Avenue was a better choice for upgrading and development. Considerable discussion and agreement that Railroad is very dangerous for pedestrians and bike riders and since it is scheduled for street resurfacing next year or 2016 it could well become even more dangerous as traffic may speed up even more than it does now. Lars Campbell commented that the city should be looking at ways to fund Railroad Avenue improvements.

The same neighbor commented on the large proportion of our water bills that are stormwater charges and that he did not see where the money was being spent on storm drainage improvement. Gary Parkin reported that the first big project has started on Stanley and is a \$1 million plus cost storm drain improvement project.

- **Moving Forward Milwaukie** has not had any recent meetings. There was some discussion about the scope of this project and that 32<sup>nd</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> commercial districts have largely been ignored.

#### **Neighborhood Goals 2014**

- Discussed a pedestrian-activated crosswalk at King and Home. **Action: Aschenbrenner to request further information from City Engineer Jason Rice**
- Traffic analysis reports to be requested for 42<sup>nd</sup> and Monroe (separately) **Action: Linda Hedges to request reports from Milwaukie PD Traffic Division**
- Other goal options were discussed and not prioritized at this time

### **Other Information**

- Beth Ragel, the City's long-time Neighborhood Coordinator, is leaving at the end of the month for a position as Arts Coordinator for a city in California
- Chair Aschenbrenner requested that we renew our membership with the Milwaukie Museum. David Hedges moved and Linda Hedges seconded the motion to pay \$100 for an annual membership. The motion was unanimously approved. **Action: Linda to write check**
- The HCNDA Picnic is scheduled for Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at Campbell Elementary School's upper level next to the Community Garden. If anyone wants to help please contact David Aschenbrenner.

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm

Next meeting: July 14, 2014, 6:30pm, Milwaukie Public Safety Building Community Room

**Members of the HCNDA are those who live in, own property in, work in, or represent a business or nonprofit organization within the Hector Campbell NDA boundaries. Only members are entitled to make motions and to vote. Others are welcome to attend and to contribute to discussion. Find your appropriate neighborhood at [www.cityofmilwaukie.org/nda/ndamap.html](http://www.cityofmilwaukie.org/nda/ndamap.html). Hector Campbell NDA's website: [www.hectorcampbellnda.org](http://www.hectorcampbellnda.org).**

**Draft minutes dated June 11, 2014  
Linda Hedges, Secretary**