

Island Station Neighborhood Development Association (NDA) – Wednesday, August 20th, 2014 Meeting

Attendance:

- **6 Neighbors**
 - Lisa Batey, Jo Anne Bird, Milo Denham, Aileen Harmon, Cindy Miguel, Karin Power
- **4 Guests**
 - David Hedges — City Councilor
 - Steve Bartol — Police Chief
 - Michael Read — Interim Director, Water Environment Services
 - Tonia Burns – Natural Resources Coordinator, North Clackamas Park & Recreation District (NCPRD)

Island Station Officer & City Committee Member List

This list is provided to assist Island Station neighbors to understand who they can contact within our neighborhood regarding certain City matters. You can also visit the City of Milwaukie website for additional committee and board contact information.

ISNDA Officers:

Karin Power, Chair; Cindy Miguel, Vice Chair/Treasurer; and Milo Denham, Secretary

City Committee & Board Members:

- **Kellogg Good Neighbor Committee:** Charles Bird; and Karin Power
- **Land Use Committee:** Lisa Batey; Ellen Chaimov; and Pam Denham
- **Moving Forward Milwaukie:** Alicia Hamilton, Lisa Batey (alternative)
- **Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC):** Meg Elston-Power
- **Milwaukie ArtMob:** Rebecca Banyas

ISNDA Ad-Hoc Committees:

- **ISNDA Emergency Preparedness:** Mary Weick; and Jo Anne Bird
- **Traffic Calming:** Charles Bird; Meg Elston; and Milo Denham
- **Public Restrooms in Parks:** Pam Denham; Bill Hoelz; and Cid Blasé
- **Access to ISNDA Communication:** Pam Denham; Cid Blasé; and Carolyn Tomei

If you don't wish to serve on a committee or board, please inform an Island Station officer so that we can find a replacement for you. Thank you!

Prior Meeting Minutes

Jo Anne noted that at the last meeting the discussion about the picnic occurred after the meeting, and Milo noted that he needed to correct the spelling of Carolyn's name.

Lisa moved to accept last month's minutes as modified, Karin seconded.
Last month's minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Cindy Miguel reported.

Current Bank

- Account balance: \$12,217.68
- Available balance: \$10,852.68

Allocated Funds

- \$600.00 – Set aside in August for the annual Picnic (see discussion in August's minutes)
- \$500.00 Set aside in August for bags and printing of communication to Island Station Neighbors (see discussion in August's minutes)

Outstanding Checks

- \$250.00 – Milwaukie Grange – *for meeting room rent* [#1 Organizing/Organizational Development]
- \$15.00 – Mary Weick – *for emergency preparedness* [#2 Physical Improvements]

FY204-15 Checks Cleared

- \$5,000.00 to NCPRD – Paid in June [#2 Physical Improvements]
- \$294.36 – Alicia Hamilton – *for emergency preparedness supplies* [#2 Physical Improvements]

FY204-15 Income

- \$4,000.00 Annual grant from City – Received in June

Cindy talked about the report that she has to fill out at the end of each fiscal year that shows how the ISNDA spent its money. The key to the report are the four categories that each expenditure needs to be binned into.

1. Neighborhood Organizing/Organizational Development
2. Neighborhood Physical Improvements
3. Neighborhood Preservation
4. Neighborhood Cultural, Social and Recreational Initiatives

See explanation for the four categories at the end of this month's minutes.

Island Station Annual Summer Picnic

Open Discussion

This year's picnic will be held on September 6th, at the SW corner of Kellogg Creek Park (corner of SE 19th Avenue and Eagle Street).

It was noted that in the past the ISNDA officers did most of the footwork to put on the picnic.

Typically flyers are walked around the neighborhood. No one was sure how much was spent last year on printing.

The person who did face painting last year (Jo Anne is contact) is willing to do it again this year for \$100.

Door prizes were discussed, but it was noted that when prizes were offered in the past that they did not increase attendance.

Gary Michael's band is available and will play. Cost is \$150.

In the past, ISNDA has provided fried chicken, soda pop, potato salad and fruit salad.

The need for hornet traps was discussed.

Cindy moved, and Jo Anne seconded, a motion to create a \$600 budget for the picnic, with no allowance to go over the budget. The motion passed.

Police Report (including City Announcements)

Steve Bartol, Police Chief

- **Bonds**

The bonds from the measure voted on and passed in the last election were issued at a 2.86% interest rate with a A2 credit rating.

Community Development Director position needs to be filled.

- **Park Master Plans**

Master plans for four City parks are under development:

1. Witchita (SE 59th & Monroe)
2. Bowman & Brae (south of Lake Road on Where Else Lane)
3. Balfour (SE 32nd and Balfour)
4. Kronberg (at south end of Light Rail bridge over Kellogg Lake)

Kronberg Park, located within Island Station, is at the south end of the light rail bridge over Kellogg Lake. They are trying to keep the Kronberg Park development plan separate from the potential Kellogg Lake Park planning, which could be created if the Kellogg Creek dam was removed.

- **Waterfront Trail Open**

The Waterfront Trail is open again within Kellogg Creek Park (surrounding the Kellogg Waste Water Treatment plant). It was reported that the chain link fence that blocked the trail at the north end of Kellogg Creek Park was cut, and since the plan was to open the trail in a couple of days they went ahead and opened it up.

Steve Butler and Jason are aware of the issues surrounding the Trolley Trail detour created by the work on Riverfront (aka Milwaukie Bay) Park.

- **Police Cadets**

The police cadets that recently graduated from the police academy won 2nd place overall in performance, with several cadets winning individual performance awards.

It was noted that Hector has returned from the academy, there are two cadets in the academy and that the City is interviewing candidates for two open positions. There is also the possibility of a retirement coming in several months.

- **Pedestrian Struck by Automobile**

On August 5th a pedestrian was struck by an automobile on McLoughlin Boulevard. She is still in the hospital. There is an open investigation by the District Attorney. Jason Rice, a traffic engineer, is looking into the report to see if there is a need to make a change to the highway or sidewalk.

- **Neighbor Beat Up for Yelling “Slow Down”**

As was noted last month, a neighbor was beat up for yelling at a car to “Slow down!” The beating was captured on video and the suspect was arrested about a week later.

The case is going to Grand Jury and the DA is moving forward with the prosecution of the case.

Announcements

Karin handed out a report for the various City committees and boards.

- **Moving Milwaukie Forward (Lisa reporting)**

The committee is looking three areas:

1. “Central Milwaukie” area, which runs from the Market Place over to the Hospital
2. Downtown
3. Neighborhood Avenues, such as 32nd Avenue, and 42nd Avenue

Proposed city code changes are going to Planning for review. The City Council is looking at a work plan.

There will be some Open House meetings to review the proposals and get feedback from the public.

- **Light Rail (Cindy reporting)**

It was noted that the new Tri-Met Light Rail liaison has not been very communicative, as compared to the prior liaison who retired several months ago.

It recently came to light that the southern sound wall is only 10' tall, not the 14' originally proposed. Tri-Met said that the light rail tracks ended up being set 4' lower than planned, so they lowered the height of the sound wall by 4'. Several ISNDA members commented that the current wall does not look like it will effectively deflect the sound coming from the tracks below. There was discussion regarding having ISNDA send Tri-Met a letter requesting that the wall be adjusted such that it is increased in height to the original 14' height. Tri-Met will have a meeting in September where the height of the wall is to be discussed.

- **Residential Parking**

The City is looking for volunteer members to help review the issue to determine if a parking program needs to be developed.

- **NCPRD Board**

There will be a ballot measure this fall regarding the creation of a NCPRD Board. There are two parts to the ballot measure: one to create a bond, and another to create a board, which is causing some confusion.

NCPRD – (Tonia Burns, NCPRD Natural Resources Coordinator, reporting)

- **Park Planning**

The City of Milwaukie and NCPRD are moving forward with the planning of four parks.

1. Witchita (SE 59th & Monroe)
2. Bowman & Brae (south of Lake Road on Where Else Lane)
3. Balfour (SE 32nd and Balfour)
4. Kronberg (at south end of Light Rail bridge over Kellogg Lake)

They are creating master plans for these four parks. A consultant has been hired and open houses will be held to obtain public input.

- **Spring Park**

Phase II Implementation

As reported last month, Phase II implementation has been delayed until next year. The grant money has not been lost due to the delay, and is still in place.

The implementation phase needs to go to the Planning Commission in 2014. There is not a scheduled meeting at this time, but expect it will occur before the end of the year.

Tonia plans to enhance the “Design and Specs” portion of the Master Plan to avoid any delay in the implementation of Phase II, as she saw with Mt. Scott.

The current trail access impacts the natural area.

Trail Counts

Tonia has trail counts from July 2010 and 2014. The average daily count has gone up from 78 to 176. The total count has doubled from 2010. Tonia plans to keep the trail counter in place and continue to measure park visits.

Friends of Spring Park

Tonia met with a “Friends of Spring Park” group last month, a group of Island Station neighbors.

Tonia noted that a porta-potty has been placed at Spring Park for the summer, and will be removed this fall.

Some of the issues facing Spring Park are homeless camps, restoration efforts, and encroachment.

Elk Rock Island Park

The focus by Portland Parks and Recreation (who manages Elk Rock Island) is on restoration.

Jo Anne commented that this year she has seen less garbage on Elk Rock Island than in prior years.

Police Reports for Elk Rock Island Park and Spring Park

Karin asked if it is possible to get police reports for the two parks. She noted that last weekend she had to call the police about violent kids in the park. Tonia was not aware of how we could obtain any police reports that pertain to the two parks.

Traffic Calming

The group discussed the proposed letter to the City Council and Mayor regarding speed limit signs in lower Island Station. It was requested that the first paragraph be made more general, in hopes that the City Engineer would decide where to place speed limit signs. Karin moved and Lisa seconded that the amended letter be sent to the City Council and the Mayor.

Jo Ann moved to close the meeting, and it was closed.

Handed Out At the Meeting

- Attendance Record
(Used to track attendees to the ISNDA meetings, and it lists neighbors that are members of various City of Milwaukie committees)
 - Agenda
 - Draft of Last Month’s Meeting Minutes
 - City Announcements
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Use of NDA Funds Categories

1. Neighborhood Organizing / Organizational Development

- Activates, services and materials that generate new neighborhood membership, grow the organization to educate neighborhood leadership toward the organization's development and continued operation

2. Neighborhood Physical Improvements

- Materials and services to be used toward playgrounds, minor park improvements, community gardens and other facilities, neighborhood markers, identity signs, banners, trash cans, benches, etc.

3. Neighborhood Preservation

- Materials and services that sustain or enhance the health, public safety and welfare of the neighborhood such as crime watch, traffic management, or home weatherization programs; or contribute positively to the neighborhood aesthetic quality such as design guideline development, community property maintenance programs or beautification programs.

4. Neighborhood Cultural, Social and Recreational Initiatives

- Materials and services that promote diversity, family literacy programs, neighborhood computer labs, after school enrichment programs, youth athletic leagues, career preparation, services for the needy, disabled or elderly and cultural activities such as music, dance, or art programs.