

Present:

Dave Hedges, Chair – Campbell Neighborhood Association
Bob Jordan, Chief of Police
Ray Bryan – Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association
Mary Weaver – Campbell Neighborhood Association
Don Wiley – Linwood Neighborhood Association
Susanna Pai – Lake Road Neighborhood Association
Joanne Bird – Island Station Neighborhood Association
Pepi Anderson – Lewelling Neighborhood Association
Brad Albert – City Engineer
Kenny Asher - Community Development/Public Works Director
Pat DuVal, Acting City Manager
Alex Campbell – Community Development

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Dave gave a brief summary of the issues regarding the subject of this meeting – the Walk Safely Milwaukie projects and PSAC's involvement.

The Chief said he has a list of what has been said in previous PSAC meetings regarding this topic – seven years worth of notes. He said there is documentation of the City's staff consulting with the PSAC regarding various projects. He said he wasn't clear at what stage the PSAC was informed about the WSMP.

Kenny explained that the WSMP is different from the Neighborhood Traffic Management and Pedestrian Safety program. It focuses on pedestrian safety and livability issues. It's funded through additional gas tax money. They first brought up the topic with the Council in February. Some of the council members approached the NDA's and got feedback and then gave the green light to Community Development. The program was adopted by Council in July. They didn't intend to make the PSAC members feel left out of the project.

Alex explained how the program was developed. They felt it was more appropriate for the City staff to do the scoring/ranking of the project ideas.

Mary went over how projects were presented/ranked/approved in the past.

Alex said that the proposals all come from the NDA's – not City staff. Dave feels that the PSAC and NDA's should be a part of the scoring/ranking. The Chief feels that Council should be asked to change the proposal to say that PSAC's role is in the first steps of the process.

Pepi asked if the NDA's could get help from staff in writing up their proposals. Kenny said yes, they can and Nicole is prepared to do that.

There was a discussion regarding technical merit versus ranking, etc.

Kenney asked if they could go back to the office and come up with some alternatives. The Chief suggested that they email the choices to the PSAC members so that they can vote before the next meeting.

Susanna went over the Walk to School Plan and what has happened in the past.

Dave suggested that PSAC have another meeting to cover the topics that were supposed to be covered in this month's meeting. Everyone agreed.

There was a discussion regarding police response to non-emergency calls on Elk Rock Island since it is technically in the City of Portland. The Chief proposed that our officers not respond to non-emergency calls on the island if we are at or below minimum staffing, and calling Portland to have their officers respond. He feels a representative from Milwaukie should go to Portland City Council and make them aware of the situation. Ray made a motion that the PSAC Chair write up a letter to the Mayor of Portland with this information. Joanne seconded the motion. Agreed unanimously. Susanna said when she was a volunteer to do foot patrol on the island they were told to contact the Parks Department if there was an issue. The Chief said they are down to one employee now.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

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**Next regular meeting will be on October 28th.
