ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK
NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 2011

Call to Order

Co-Chair Matt Rinker calls the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in Ardenwald Elementary School, Room 101.

Attendance

There were 22 people in attendance:

Jean Baker
Macy Bishop, PSAC
Tom Bowman
Kristen Brown
Sherri Campbell, Vice Chair
Joe Campbell, Treasurer
Jeff Davis, Co-Chair
Chris Davis, At-Large 6
Bryan Dorr, Secretary
Jennifer Finn, Arts
Patrick Finn, Transportation Asst.
Lisa Gunion-Rinker, At-Large 2
Dave Hedges
Michole Jensen, Transportation
Bob Jordan
John Plov
Ginger Plov
Matt Rinker, Co-Chair
Sheila Shaw
Sonja Souder
Leah Souder
Carol Wilkins, At-Large 3

Introduction.

Police Report - Bob Jordan, Chief, Milwaukie Police Department

A crime statistics map was handed out. Discussed was the new technology photo radar van has been deployed, the hiring of two new officers to the department that will be attending police academy, and the level of staffing at the department.

A question was raised about a rape incident noted on the crime statistic map. Chief Jordan response is that this incident turned out to be a sexual assault.

North Clackamas Schools Local Option Discussion – Sheila Shaw

Sheila Shaw (Ardenwald Elementary School principal) explained the purpose of tonight's presentation is to get opinions from the neighbors regarding the North Clackamas Schools Local Option Levy. She presented a slideshow with the details.

Ms. Shaw explained there is a downward trend in the school's budget due to the state of the economy. Schools years have been reduced by five days, 90% of textbook budget has been lost, and teachers have been subjected to pay cuts. The question is, how can funds be increased? One option is to hold fundraising events. Another is to adopt a levy.

Ms. Shaw explained the 2006 levy was to fund school buildings. The proposed levy is to fund operations costs. The levy would be effective for 3 to 5 years, raising $3 million to $4 million, from $0.99 to $1.25 per $1,000 of assessed property value. The cost would be from $205 to $256 per household for an average $200,000 home.

Questions asked for the levy: Should funds go to teachers to lower class size? Should school days be added? Should educational programs be added? Does the community support this levy and how should the funds be used?

Matt Rinker asked about the school boundaries. The levy applies to the entire North Clackamas School District boundary.

Jennifer Finn commented there should be better education programs and better food for the student, such as offering healthier organic food.

Macy Bishop said she has supported libraries. She also mentioned that there are three volunteers in a kindergarten class with 30 students. She believes it's important to have smaller class sizes. Nothing, however, would get done without the volunteers. Physical Education (PE) is also important for exercise.

Ms. Shaw responded that there are 9,000 plus volunteers in North Clackamas School District. Students get two 30-minute PE classes per week, with one class being a double class size. She also mentioned the photocopier cost about $10,000 per year and there's also an additional 75 students in Ardenwald because of school boundary changes.

Lisa Gunion-Rinker commented that the priority needs to be for teachers.

Patrick Finn said the huge class size is depriving students the attention they need from the teachers.

Ms. Shaw responded that despite the boundary changes and additional students, the kids are great. There are classes with 34 to 36 kids.

Matt commented that some residents don't have children and may not know what the school needs.

One questioned raised was what is the purpose reducing school day? Ms. Shaw responded that it was to save money.

There was a discussion on between adding more school days, or more teachers. Smaller class size could mean teachers spend more time with the students. There was a discussion about between adding more school days or more teachers to the school and having smaller class sizes. A point was raised that a smaller class size could mean teachers spend more time with the students.

Audience was asked which is better: $1.25 per $1,000 on assessed home value to raise $4 million or $0.99 per $1,000 provide $3 million?

A survey was handed out and it is also available online. Survey ends in December and the school board will then review the comments. There are two Local Option discussion sessions: One is Oct. 13 at Rex Putnam high school, and second on Oct. 17 at Scellenberg Center.

The neighborhood has not taken a position on this issue.

Informational website and survey is online at
http://www.nclack.k12.or.us/18231082920148420/site/default.asp?

Tool Library – Patrick Finn

Patrick explained the tool library. It is where one in Milwaukie can borrow tools for gardening. There is a meeting at the Public Safety Building on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2011, 6:30 p.m. There's no location for housing the tools yet. Tools are supported by grants and donations.

Patrick also handed out a card for the Milwaukie Understands Sustainable Transition (MUST).

Donating Funds Milwaukie High School Dance Team

Jeff Davis said it's been up to the dance students to raise money. The team has to pay for costumes, fees, and bus fuel for transportation to events from their own funds.

Macy Bishop commented the basketball teams have been funded by the school budget, but the dance team has to fund their own way. The dance team is also all year round.

Jeff said outreaching to the NDAs for funding is a new thing for the dance team. Matt said this is not a sustainable funding mechanism for regular funding.

One comment was raised that if the Ardenwald Neighborhood Association can spend $1,300 on summer concerts, and additional costs for the signs, sounds, bathroom, etc., we should be able to help out funding the dance team.
Jeff said the dance team is asking for $500.
A comment is that the Summer Concert is a huge event for the Ardenwald Neighborhood and the community. The Milwaukie High School Dance Team also raise money at the concerts with their concession.

One suggestion was to sponsor one dance team student. Macy suggests funding to an individual student is not a good idea and could create some friction between dance team members.

No action was taken by the board to allocate funds to the Milwaukie High School Dance Team.

Audience Discussion

Jean Baker, Historic Milwaukie resident, raised a comment about the proposed Milwaukie Baseball stadium and the passage of the $300,000 for the baseball stadium planning. Her concern was that there was no environmental impact study. She said there was discussion that the baseball stadium will also be used for concerts and the noise impacts. She wants the noise study done first. How much will it cost and how are we going to live with it. She commented that the City of Milwaukie's noise regulations do not apply to parks and athletic events. How will the noise study be paid for? She is sending the Milwaukie City Council a letter and she asking the neighborhood to join in sending the letter.

Ms. Baker wants the financial study and disclosed, and environmental study and disclosed.

Dave Hedges commented that you can't do a noise study unless a site has been determined. An EIS study cannot be done unless there's a site. They also have to have an architect to determine how the stadium will be built depending on the site. The contract is cancellable month by month and the plug could be pulled at anytime.

Dave Hedges said he was challenged by Kenny Asher about the planning cost that the cost is now $300,000. We have in the September 13, 2011 minutes that the planning cost was $100,000. Macy and Lisa both recalled hearing at September's meeting the planning cost was about $85,000 to $100,000.

Dave Hedges said he was dissatisfied with a $10,000 win bonus in the contract. The contract has already been signed, but they can be cancelled at any time.

The AJC NDA board said it will revisit this topic at the next meeting in November.

Committee Reports

Vice Chair - Sherri Campbell

Sherri Campbell presented a Sellwood Bee with Ardenwald Parade and Summer Concerts. She also talked Walk to School day that had some bumps with scheduling and communications.

Secretary – Bryan Dorr

Bryan asked for Pilot writer. Lisa will write November's *The Pilot*. He said the email list subscriber has been holding steady. He's also asked for contribution for the website.

Treasury – Joe Campbell

Joe Campbell reported expenditure of $33.90 for pizza . The balance is $1,448.40 Grants, $6,762.38 for Wells Fargo. Checks were received: $41.00 from Southeast Uplift (SEUL) for communication, and $400 from Providence for Summer Concerts.

Southeast Uplift (SEUL)

Bryan announced Tideman Park cleanup on Saturday, November 5th.

Transportation – Patrick

Patrick presented the Bike Milwaukie Harvest Ride that takes tours around farms in Milaukie on Sunday, Oct. 16th at 9:00 a.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) – Macy Bishop

Macy Bishop began with announcements from the Parent Teacher Organization: Bingo night at Ardenwald, Sat. Oct. 22, 6 p.m. Bring donations to make baskets. There will be food for fundraising. Nov. 19 is Winter Wonderland Bazaar. The Jog-A-Thon and Walk-a-Thon.

MOTION: MOVE TO DONATE $50 FOR BINGO NIGHT BASKET. Sherri moves, Chris Davis seconds**. Yea: Unanimous. Nay: None. Passes unanimously.**

PSAC: Any suggestion for the speed signs? Macy will come back with the sign placement rotation schedule. She has gone through the CERT training. She is also expected to be confirmed to PSAC by Milwaukie City Council next week. The schools don't have proper equipment for crossing guard. They may ask the NDA and the PTA for donations. The current equipment are worn down.

Membership

Matt talked about the brochure created by Liz Young and Russ Stoll. Bryan said he and Liz will have to work on it some more.

Art – Jenifer Finn

The ArtMOB Scarecrow contest is going on at the Milwaukie City Hall this month.

Davis Graveyard is up and running. This year is Halloween only. S.E. 43rd will be closed between JCB and Roswell on Oct. 31. Milwaukie High School Dancers will be there to sell food. Bishop Cemetery display is up along S.E. 32 is up, too.

Balfour Park

No updates. She's on the Milwaukie Parks Board. The terrace needs some care because a plant is obscuring the sign.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. Sherri Campbell moves, Bryan Dorr seconds. **Yea: Unanimous. Nay: None. MOTION PASSES.**

Meeting adjourned: 8:49 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted on October 13, 2011, by:

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Minutes approved on November 8, 2011: **Yea: Unanimous. Nay: None.**