

## **Island Station Neighborhood Association – July 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

1. **Minutes:** June meeting minutes were approved without opposition.
2. **Treasures Report:** Currently, there is \$14,497.44 in the account. \$5,000 is committed to Spring Park, and \$250.00 to the Grange as a use fee.
3. **Announcements:**
  - It's been brought again to our attention that parking has been an issue near Spring Park. There are no reports of blocked driveways, but neighbors are reporting a lack of street parking especially on weekends. Only 3 spots are dedicated to the park. NDA and others are continuing to explore options.
4. **Police Report:**
  - Crime Update: The monthly crime report was handed out.
5. **Liaison Report:**
  - July 8-15: Harrison between 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> will be closed. August 16-19<sup>th</sup>, McLoughlin will be closed.
  - A stormwater master plan has been approved and will be going to City council. Rate levels were discussed in order to accomplish projects.
  - City received a grant from Metro for Commercial Core Enhancement; Marine Board match for Riverfront Park. The clay pipe project is also nearly done, as is Harrison. There will be work on Main Street in late August.
  - Spring Park – Parks and Rec applied for a number of grants and received some of them. They will need to be matched, however – and they are still looking for sources of funding.
  - September 6: Diamond Jubilee event will be held downtown commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of City Hall. It will coincide with First Friday, and will begin at 5pm.
6. **Bond Question:**
  - City has already transferred appx \$900,000 out of its general fund to pay for TriMet-related obligations It's looking at a \$4.1 million shortfall. Many vacant or retiring staff are not currently being replaced in order to conserve funds.
7. **TriMet Update:**
  - Next week, July 15<sup>th</sup>, girders are arriving for the Kellogg bridge overpass. 26<sup>th</sup> has been closed permanently as of August 1<sup>st</sup>; bikes and pedestrians can still go through.
  - TriMet is also putting up barriers related to the McLoughlin closure on the 16<sup>th</sup>; the Park Ave. garage construction will begin in September.
  - Meetings: Sound wall meeting in late July; Milwaukie monthly meeting next Monday; Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting next Monday.
  - Trolley Trail: A July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting asked that TriMet account for the loss of the large, park-like setting. TriMet offered to plant some of the large trees along the property. Jo Anne drafted a thank you letter from the NDA to send to TriMet and the city. All members present were in favor of sending the letter.

- Art: The new design for Park Ave is final; it uses a metal canopy made to look like oversized oak leaves to create shade. The Trolley Trail will have six sculptures made out of wood from trees removed from the trail.

**8. Annual Picnic:**

- The picnic will be held August 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm. We will have fried chicken, soda, water. Neighbors are asked to bring their own plates and cups. We'll bring wasp traps for those who may be allergic. Karin will walk flyers around to the neighbors. A motion was made to pay Gary's band \$150.00 to play during the picnic was made and passed. A motion for a budget of \$400.00 for music, food, and drinks was approved.

**9. Emergency Preparedness:**

- A reminder that in hot weather, please do not leave your pets in cars!

**10. Reports from Committees and Boards:**

- Tree ordinances are still in the works.
- Cindy is looking into how to name our neighborhood creek.
- PSAC – Noted their concerns about being down 3 policemen. It takes 18 months to train a police officer.
- CAC – concerned about parking and loss of parking at Tacoma. They are working to evaluate pros and cons of permitting programs in residential areas, and how to run a program in such a way that it would not cost city monies to run it.
- Two openings on the Parks board will remain open until filled. Neighbors are encouraged to apply.