

MINUTES FROM THE ISLAND STATION NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

June 21, 2007

ATTENDEES: Molly Hanthorn, Greg Chaimov, Bonnie Mishler, Mary Hupfer, Lynn Welsh, Lisa Batey, Bruce Smith, Mike Gronholm, Kyra Collins, Alicia Hamilton, Larry Blake, Beth Ragel, Mark Wilson, Sgt. Dave Rash

TOTAL ISNA RESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE: 10

- Meeting opened at 6:35 p.m. with introductions.
- TREASURER'S REPORT:
 - Bruce Smith gave the following report:
 - \$4485.21 balance
 - Bruce mentioned there is some extra money (approx. \$325) in the account. He is in the process of determining it's origin.
 - Bruce met with the bank and noticed that there are several authorized names on the account. A motion was made to remove Rick Farasy and Eric Hayes from this list. 10 votes yes. 0 votes no. Motion carried.
- ELK ROCK ISLAND:
 - Mark Wilson of Portland Parks and Rec came to give an update on ERI. He has applied for a \$40,000 grant through Oregon Fish and Wildlife to conserve the grasslands and Oak grove on the island. He should know the status by August.
 - Mark discussed the 4th of July holiday and said they have beefed up patrols on the island both with park rangers and security people. He mentioned that if there is a non-criminal concern on the island you can call ISNA resident, Charles Bird, with concerns. His number is 503-653-0857. Charles is the liaison between Portland/Milwaukie and the residents. It was reiterated that if there is unlawful activity you should call 911.
 - Residents discussed whether or not they wanted to meet on the island as a group to watch the fireworks (in hopes of deterring undesirable activity). No one was interested at this time.
- CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY:
 - Sgt. Dave Rash reported that he would like to see a representative from each NDA at the Citizen Police Academy this year. ISNA has never had a resident involved before. Greg Chaimov said he highly recommends the Academy as he did a similar one in Salem and it was an amazing learning experience. The classes take place beginning September 5th and go through the 5th of December. They meet most Wednesdays for 3 hours with an occasional Saturday class. Class topics include "Police Ethics", "Drug Enforcement and Identity Theft", "Patrol Procedures", "Gang Awareness and

Enforcement". You must be at least 18 years of age. For more information contact Sgt. Rash. At 503-786-7400.

- POLICE UPDATE:

- Sgt. Rash responded to questions regarding the ammonia leak response. Alicia Hamilton mentioned her concerns re: the procedures followed on that day. She was not allowed to return home and could find no news regarding the status of the emergency. Sgt. Rash said they had just been debriefed and that they will contact news media immediately in the future. He also said he would make certain that the Chief is aware that Alicia only received the "all clear" phone call and not the initial emergency phone call alerting neighbors of the leak and to close all windows and stay inside.
- Neighbor Terry Martin had a dishwasher stolen from his porch. A report has been filed and police are on the lookout for the item.
- It was reported that a neighbor confronted and harassed a Park Ranger in Spring Park. The Ranger apparently received an apology from the neighbor.
- The police department is fully staffed for the first time in almost 10 years.

- RAILROAD UPDATE:

- Larry Blake, City Prosecutor, spoke about the recent meetings taking place regarding the train idling issues. He mentioned that after the January 16th snow storm the City of Milwaukie cited the Portland RR for a noise violation. The trains idled in the neighborhood for close to 24 hours. Months of correspondence led to a meeting with the City of Milwaukie, the President of Portland RR, Bruce Carswell, The Portland RR's attorney, the Federal RR regulator, an ODOT representative and approximately 7 ISNA residents. Larry managed to get Bruce Carswell to agree to the following: 1. provide the City and residents with an aerial photo indicating where trains will park depending on their length 2. provide the City and residents with the orders being sent to Operating Managers from the President explaining what is to happen and where trains should park when idling. 3. a contact list and plan for communications when the residents witness trains not following procedures.
- Lisa Batey recommended that residents keep a log of train activity so that we can continue to put pressure on the RR to follow aforementioned protocol.
- Lynn Welsh mentioned that the Sellwood Moreland Neighborhood Assoc. was successful in suing the Union Pacific Railroad for excess noise occurring at night at the Brooklyn Railyard. It was suggested that we contact them to find out how best to proceed with the RR.

- TRAFFIC SAFETY AND RR QUIET ZONE:

- Gavin Hales presented information culled together during the last 9 months of studying the implementation of a RR Quiet

Zone along the Tillamook Line which runs parallel to HWY 224. He explained in detail the affects of the changes that would need to take place at the following intersections: 37th and Railroad Avenue, Oak Street and Campbell Street and Harrison Street by Purdy's Car Wash. The total figure for construction would be \$285k, \$200k of which has already been funded for the pedestrian improvements. Molly Hanthorn commented that that seemed like a low cost for the improvements it would provide. It was mentioned that 82% of the city is impacted by the train noise on the Tillamook line. For more information on the proposed intersection changes please contact Gavin Hales at: (503) 786-7643 or by e-mail at halesg@ci.milwaukie.or.us.

- Mike Gronholm asked what the neighborhood's options are for creating safer RR crossings. Gavin mentioned that a similar issue was raised in Eugene and they worked with ODOT rail to close 4 of 9 streets to allow for safer crossings. Lisa Batey mentioned that last fall this issue was raised but there was opposition to closing Bobwhite and Wren streets. Kira Collins said she drives down to Bluebird anyway because it has the clearest view of the train tracks. She doesn't feel safe crossing the tracks at Wren Street despite living on the street. She also mentioned that the trains have been traveling at excessive speeds recently. Gavin Hales said he would find out what the train speed limit is for our neighborhood and if there is a way we can gauge the speeds with a radar gun.
- ODOT PROJECT:
 - The project is progressing. It is now open for bids. An open house is slated to take place in late summer.
- SPRING PARK:
 - Lisa Batey reported that the survey is complete and the City of Milwaukie has agreed to hire an architect to figure out how to place parking on Sparrow and 20th street (approx. 7 - 9 spots total).
 - Lisa also reported that Joanne Herrigel confirmed that Spring Park is the recipient of \$80k from the Metro bond measure that recently passed. Lisa thought this would help fund Phase 1 of the Master Plan.
- NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS: Mike Gronholm reported that the neighbor, Paul, at 22nd and Wren has removed all the overgrowth blocking the travel site lane.
- NEIGHB ORHOOD NITE OUT: It was agreed that the neighborhood nite out will take place on August 7th. Alicia Hamilton said she would work with Beth Ragel to orchestrate getting tables, chairs, recycle bins and street closures.
- CLACKAMAS ANIMAL CONTROL: Kira Collins reported that in anticipation of the July 4th holiday that brings in large amounts of stray/lost dogs the center is euthanizing animals to make room. If you would like to foster an animal or adopt an animal now would

be a great time to do so. PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR ANIMALS INSIDE DURING THIS HOLIDAY. For more information please go to the Clackamas Animal Control website at:

<http://www.clackamas.us/dogs/adopt.htm>

- Mary Hupfer reported that the Milwaukie High School Band won first prize in the Rose Festival.
- MAY MINUTES were approved. Motion by Mary Hupfer, Bonnie Mishler seconded. 10 votes yes. 0 votes no. Motion carried.
- Bonnie Mishler reported on behalf of the PSAC that we should all consider an evacuation route in light of the recent ammonia leak. Depending on the cause of the leak it was determined that the Grange might be a good spot at which to meet. If the cause is due to a RR issue it would be wise to head towards town via the Riverfront Park area.
- It was reported that there is new asphalt on 21st and Bobwhite. The driveway at the corner of 22nd and Bobwhite has been relocated. Lisa Batey was curious if a permit has been pulled for the work.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:40pm.