

**MINUTES FROM THE ISLAND STATION NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**MEETING**

**Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

- **ATTENDEES:** Carolyn Tomei, Bruce Smith, Greg Chaimov, Faye Levinsohn (New Century Players), Kelley Marchant (New Century Players), Beth Ragel (COM), Lisa Batey, Jim Mishler, Bonnie Mishler, Bill Hoelz, Alicia Hamilton, Charles Bird, JoAnn Bird
- TOTAL ISNA RESIDENTS: 10

Meeting Opened with Introductions at 6:30 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bruce Smith reported that there is \$6926.00 in the ISNA account

APRIL MINUTES: Motion made to approve minutes. Motion seconded, 10 approved, motion carried.

NEW CENTURY PLAYERS: Faye Levinsohn introduced herself as the new Development Director. She and Kelley Marchant discussed how the building they rent for \$1/year that is owned by the City needs a certain amount of improvements per year per their lease. This year they need to redo the concrete staircase and handrail as well as some landscape improvements. Down the road they will need money to replace the roof and the furnace. Gary Michaels asked if this was backwards and why doesn't the COM make the improvements since they own the house. Lisa Batey mentioned that the idea of neighborhood grants is to give the neighborhoods say in how they would like money spent. Charles Bird asked who can audition for their plays. Kelley said anyone from 20 to 70 years old although they have had younger children in certain productions. Carolyn Tomei motioned to donate \$100 for the cause. Motion was seconded, 10 approved, motion carried.

SPRING PARK UPDATE: Pat Landau provided Beth Ragel with new drawings that marked the water line, 1 ADA parking spot and 2 regular spots. Beth Ragel said they are waiting to hear from Engineering re: pavement alternatives and final approvals of the drawings. Once approved the RFP will go out. The current budget is \$80,000. We don't yet know how far that will take us. Jim Mishler asked if that money will include the berm removal. He said he is willing to do the work for free. Everyone agreed to look at the drawings after the meeting.

ELK ROCK ISLAND WORK PARTY: The date for the work party is May 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – NOON. This event is put on by the Portland Parks and Rec Dept. as they have earmarked ERI as a "Protect the Best" project within the Portland Parks system. Bruce Smith asked about the sanitation issue since there are no porta-potties. Lisa Batey said they could use the one in her front yard and that she knows when the Youth Corp. or Corrections Crew is working they bring their own porta-potty. Bruce mentioned that it might be worthwhile to look into this issue. Charles said he encourages the pack it in pack it out method. Alicia Hamilton mentioned that she has been surprised by the use of Lisa Batey's porta-potty. It has been used by bikers, walkers and workers. Alicia asked if someone wanted to research this to please do so and bring back this information.

FISH LADDER UPDATE: Bill said they removed the first log, but there is another one in the upper portion of the ladder. He also said that for the first time in MANY years he saw a fish traveling up the ladder. Neighbors were extremely encouraged by this news!

LAND USE UPDATE: Charles Bird gave an update on the Land Use Approval of the dock going in down on 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Bill Hoelz said he read the document and the only concern he had was that the owners claimed the entire dock and the property on which it sits is privately owned. Bill wanted to make certain that it goes on record that this is not the case as Oregon Law states that all water access is public. Gary Michaels mentioned that the COM has informed waterfront property owners that they are going to update flood information in accordance with FEMA. Gary and Carolyn are going to meet with City Planners to find out how this will affect these properties and report back.

UTILITY BOARD: Charles Bird gave an update as a member of the CUAB. He said that there is an issue in which the service on the eastern edge of Milwaukie (inside the Urban Growth Boundary, but outside the COM.) would like the COM to connect them to our wastewater system. Carolyn Tomei is adamantly against this. She said that we have nothing to gain and a lot to lose by doing this. She said these people don't want to annex to Milwaukie yet they want our services. Lisa Batey mentioned they discussed this at the last City Council work session. Bruce said he has spoken to Oak Grove property owners and that they are dismayed by the 50 million dollar price tag on improvements for their treatment plant. Jim Mishler said that we have up until 2010 to upgrade Kellogg Treatment Plant. The neighbors agreed that the City and County should not allow one more hook up. Lisa Batey reported that Deb Barnes has been dealing with this issue and that the meetings are very heated, but it sounds like they are coming around to the idea of closing Kellogg and working on the Tri-City Plant solution. No matter what, there is probably a rate increase on the horizon. Milwaukie will probably have to shoulder costs to shutter the plant. Carolyn Tomei said to write or call the County Commissioners whenever the plant is malodorous.

Charles also wanted to laud the COM for it's innovative solution to fund street repair through the gas tax and utility rate charges. He said that other cities are looking to Milwaukie as an example of how best to handle this issue.

#### LIGHT RAIL UPDATE:

The entire Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement is available to download online at:  
<http://www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=27496>

- The project team will accept comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Section 4(f) Evaluation from May 9, 2008 until noon, Monday, June 23, 2008.
- Comments can be submitted on comment cards at public open houses (May 28<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 pm at Milwaukie High School).
- Testimony can be provided at the public hearing.
- Comments can be emailed to [trans@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:trans@oregonmetro.gov).
- Written comments should be sent to: Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Project, Metro, 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, OR 97232.

Comments can be recorded on Metro's transportation hotline at 503-797-1900, option 6.

ELECTIONS: Bruce Smith was re-elected as Treasurer and Alicia Hamilton was re-elected as Secretary. Beth Ragel said that Grady was going to feature Island Station in the Pilot in an effort to increase awareness and encourage someone to step up as Chair and Vice Chair.

NEIGHBORHOOD NITE OUT: It was agreed that the Annual Neighborhood Nite Out would take place on the first Tuesday of August. Gary Michaels said he would be willing to have his band play again.

MILWAUKIE DAZE PARADE UPDATE: Alicia Hamilton said that they are receiving lots of positive feedback and participation from people. She mentioned they are trying to increase the scope of the parade and will have more information as things get confirmed. She also encouraged involvement from people outside of the city. The idea is to create a positive event that promotes community and should be open to all people.

MHS TRACK: Someone asked about the status of the track work (installing artificial turf) at MHS. Lisa Batey mentioned that the project came through the Planning Committee and the hope is to have the work done in time for the football season.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00PM.