

# MINUTES FROM THE ISLAND STATION NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

September 18, 2008

**ATTENDEES:** Bruce Smith, Lynn Welsh, Mary Weick, Molly Hanthorn, Carolyn Tomei, Lisa Batey, JoAnn Herrigal (COM), Gary Barth (Clackamas Cty), December Carson (Waldorf School), Joe Sandfort (Friends of Ledding Library), Doug Harbaugh (WES)

TOTAL ISNA RESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE: 6

Bruce Smith opened meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Gary Barth presented information from the County Commissioners regarding the upcoming **LIBRARY BOND MEASURE**, and distributed several handouts. On July 1, 2009, if the measure doesn't pass, the three libraries in unincorporated areas close, and the amount going from the County to the cities will reduce by 20% per year. If the measure passes, the three libraries will still eventually close, but with a longer transition to allow city libraries to expand their services to residents of the unincorporated areas. Joe Sandfort, on behalf of the Friends of Ledding Library, encouraged neighbors to support the measure, and brought lawn signs which he made available outside after the meeting.

Doug Harbaugh discussed two issues regarding the Kellogg Creek **SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT**. First, he addressed recent **ODOR COMPLAINTS**, noting that recent scheduled maintenance on one of the digesters created odors over a several-day period. But this work is complete, so if odors continue to be a problem, Harbaugh asked that neighbors call the plant at 503-794-8050 to report any odors. If you get voicemail, please leave a message, specifying where (on which side of plant) the odor was noted. Harbaugh also offered a plant tour for any Island Station resident who wanted one. He then moved on to the second issue, that **CONSTRUCTION OF PLANT UPGRADES** was anticipated to start in February or March. These upgrades will be done on the existing footprint of the plant, but will involve noise and increased truck traffic during certain phases. These upgrades account for 8-9 million of the \$11.6 mil that the County Commissioners recently approved for needed services for CCSD#1.

December Carson provided information on the OLD-TIME SQUARE DANCES that will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month at the Waldorf School. These are open to anyone who wants to participate – from 7-8pm will be family dancing, slower paced for beginners and for children, then the serious dancing runs from 8-10pm. Music to be provided by the Foghorn Stringband (<http://www.foghornstringband.com/index2.html>) and professional callers Bill Martin and Caroline Oakley will call the dances. Admission contribution of \$5 suggested for adults. Carson was seeking support from the ISNA and other neighborhood associations to help cover the costs of putting on the dances. The idea of applying for a small grant to support the dances was discussed. Carolyn Tomei suggested that the square dances should be supported by the people who participate in them. Molly Hanthorn suggested that we table the issue until the November meeting, when perhaps we would have more residents in attendance. There was consensus that this made sense, so the matter was tabled.

JoAnn Herrigel briefly discussed the COHO-for-KELLOGG initiative, which is the new name for an ongoing project to remove the dam and return Kellogg Creek as a salmon-bearing stream. The City had held a community meeting on Sept 9<sup>th</sup> to bring citizens up to date on the project, and the reaction was overwhelmingly favorable. The dam removal project will be in planning and design until 2011, with construction anticipated in 2011-12.

Herrigel then went on to update residents on the SPRING PARK project. She said that there had been a meeting between the Parks District, the City, and landscape architect Pat Lando to make some modifications to the plantings in the pocket park area (all still native plants). City planning and engineering staffs were working with Lando on final details and permits so that when the project is put out for bid, the winning bidder will be ready to go forward. Herrigel anticipated that the bidding would be complete and contract awarded by the end of 2008. She committed to finding the necessary funds for the project.

Residents then discussed with Herrigel the pros and cons of placing a PORTAPOTTY in front of Spring Park during the warm months. Herrigel noted that a portapotty could be a target of vandalism, but that it could be tried if the neighborhood were interested in funding it from neighborhood grant funds. She also noted, in response to a resident's question, that other neighborhood parks do not have bathroom facilities. The only Milwaukie parks with bathroom facilities are North Clackamas and Riverfront Parks. Some neighbors noted that Elk Rock Island attracts more visitors to the park than other neighborhood parks have, and that they stay longer than a typical playground visit. Others suggested that providing a portapotty was incompatible with the neighborhood pocket park and could encourage more outside visitors to come. Some felt that insofar as it was Elk Rock Island and not Spring Park that prompted the need for a portapotty, it

should be a City of Portland responsibility. No resolution was reached, but it was agreed to revisit the issue as spring draws near.

Lisa Batey circulated a THANK YOU letter to ODOT for the improvements to McLoughlin and the River Road intersection, in particular. Several neighbors signed the letter.

Lisa Batey mentioned the need to find a new neighbor to serve on the Public Safety Advisory Committee, from which Bonnie Mishler had recently resigned. A representative was also needed for the TriMet Citizens Advisory Committee for the new light rail line.

The July minutes were approved without objection. There was no treasurer's report.

After reminding everyone that the next meeting would be on November 20<sup>th</sup>, Bruce Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.