

## ISLAND STATION NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MINUTES

January 8, 2009

Attendees: Carolyn Tomei, Greg Chaimov, Ron Passmore, Mary Weick, Mary Hupfer, Gary Michael, Robin Gunderson, Charles Bird, JoAnne Bird, Lisa Batey, Bill Hoelz, Eric Miller, Beth Ragel, Alicia Hamilton

1. Meeting opens with introductions at 6:35pm. Neighbors welcome those new to the meeting.....Ron Passmore (our new PSAC rep) and Robin Gunderson (of Happy Basket fame).
2. Treasurer's Report: Alicia Hamilton defers Treasurer's Report until next meeting when Bruce Smith will be there to present it.
3. Alicia introduces Ron Passmore, new neighbor and PSAC representative for ISNA. Neighbors reiterate their thanks to Ron for stepping up as the neighborhood representative. Ron presents information from his first PSAC meeting. He mentioned that road improvements in the city is a priority. Bluebird and 22<sup>nd</sup> is on the list, but it is currently last on the list. Ron mentioned that if there is not enough money to cover the improvements at this intersection the City hopes to use grant money from the ISNA. Ron also mentioned concerns from Safeway management that citizens be cognizant of loiterers and report any suspicious behavior to management as they are witnessing an increase in shoplifting.

Alicia mentioned that it would be important to e-mail Ron the current ISNA traffic management plan. Charles Bird said he would take care of this.

4. Beth Ragel presents information about the interim Mayor of Milwaukie, Jeremy Ferguson. He is a member of the Linwood NA, a dad of two, a Scout Leader and a member of the Budget Committee. He has aspirations of being on the City Council.
5. Beth Ragel presented status of the Spring Park Master Plan. She said that the Request for Bids has been put out and the deadline is January 16<sup>th</sup>. The plan is to present the winning bid at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> City Council meeting. She mentioned that she has been discussing with the City of Portland whether or not they will be able to keep park access open to people during construction. Beth said that the COM has liability concerns re: allowing people into the park during construction. Charles Bird strongly suggests that the COM has a plan and that they attempt to keep the park open and have a game plan to direct the inevitability of people trying to get to the island. He mentioned that people will be going to the island and he does not want them to trample through wetlands or other areas that could be damaged. Neighbors suggested that a possible entrance could be on Lark Street.

Lisa Batey discussed her Nature In Neighborhood grant that is primarily geared towards signage and restoration at the park...Specifically \$13k towards signage and \$3k towards restoration. Lisa mentioned the grant proposal has \$34k in matching grant funds. She also discussed the different types of signs that could be part of the grant; 1. a welcome sign 2. interpretive signs 3. park rule signs. She hopes to start a working group in the next few months to help work on this project whether or not the neighborhood is awarded the grant. If you are interested please contact Lisa via e-mail: [lisabatey@msn.com](mailto:lisabatey@msn.com). Lisa also mentioned several schools

that have been volunteering with work parties on the island and park. Alicia Hamilton brought up the interest of Sojourner School in a stewardship program that would be long-term and involved with the neighborhood, the City of Milwaukie and the City of Portland. Alicia hopes to meet with interested teachers at the school to discuss the details. Carolyn Tomei mentioned that there was a video available of a PSU Geology Teacher discussing the geology of ERI that may be of interest to some Sojourner faculty.

Lisa also mentioned that she had gone to the initial meeting regarding the possibility of creating a Kellogg Watershed Council. She said that a group from the Friends of North Clackamas Parks (a group that represents ALL parks in N. Clackamas) hopes to tackle environmental issues. At the meeting the following was discussed: 1. Context for Kellogg Creek Watershed Council formation 2. Information from OWEB on resources available to new and existing Councils 3. Input from Johnson Creek Watershed Council on challenges faced during their formation 4. Brainstorming of roles the new Council would play 5. Next steps and task delegation.

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6. Alicia Hamilton provided Mark Pinder's response to the School Boundary Issue brought up at the November meeting. She read the e-mail he provided that stated that the reason neighborhood children are sent to Oak Grove, Alder Creek and Putnam is due to the high enrollment at Milwaukie Elementary. He said that when enrollment wanes they will redraw the boundaries. Several neighbors expressed their frustration with this response. They felt that we should be a part of Milwaukie and the proximity of the schools is an important reason to have our children go to these schools. Alicia Hamilton responded that now that she has a child in an elementary school (the magnet, Sojourner School) she would like think twice about trying to separate her child from classmates due to proximity issues. Neighbors discussed trying to find out what the local high schoolers think about this issue.
7. Alicia Hamilton decided that in this new year it would be an appropriate time to ask all neighbors if there are issues aside from the usual issues that they would like to see addressed.
8. Neighbor, Mary Weick, mentioned that she had recently been a part of an Obama Transition Tea that focused on the importance of neighborhood meetings and preparing for the "what ifs" of the world. She mentioned that it would be great if our neighborhood could think in these terms, preparing for emergencies, creating a plan to watch out for our neighbors. Alicia said this was apropos considering the snow storms we have just experienced. Questions of implementing this plan were raised. Alicia mentioned that she would ask every neighbor if they could be a part of the compilation of this plan by being responsible for checking in on at least five neighbors. She will send this request out with the minutes. Beth Ragel said that there would be a GERT trainer at the January 28<sup>th</sup> NDA meeting to discuss emergency training for anyone interested.
9. ANNOUNCEMENTS;
  - a. Mary Weick mentioned that Friend of the Ledding Library Chair, Carol Kay, hopes to have the Pond House "booktique" open by the end of January.

- b. CUAB – Charles Bird discussed the latest goings on at the CUAB. He said he would discuss what transpired during this last snow blast and how there were certain areas of the city (namely River Road) that seemed to take a long time to be plowed.  
He also mentioned that he is proposing that the COM does not sit on the gas tax money and that they spend the money raised to improve the streets, hopefully stimulate the local economy and possibly get more done for less money.
  - c. Bill Hoelz mentioned that someone had dumped garbage under the RR tracks on Sparrow. Greg Chaimov said that he was aware of this issue and Metro will take care of it.
  - d. Someone inquired about the garbage fees and if we would have to pay for additional bins of garbage or the weeks we didn't receive service. It was determined that we would pay for the weeks during which we did not receive service, but we would not have to pay for additional bins of refuse.
10. NOVEMBER MINUTES: Caroly Tomei motioned to approve the minutes.  
Motion was seconded, non opposed, motion carried.
11. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.