

ISLAND STATION NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MINUTES

March 12, 2009

Attendees: Bruce Smith, Aileen Harmon, Jeff Waltz, Mary Weick, Paul Faiman, Greg Chaimov, Alicia Hamilton, Beth Ragel

1. Meeting opens with introductions at 6:30pm. Alicia Hamilton welcomed three new faces to the ISNA!
2. MINUTES: Alicia forgot to bring extra copies of the minutes (minutes had been forwarded via e-mail), but Greg Chaimov motioned to approve the minutes as written. Motion seconded and carried.
3. SPRING PARK UPDATE: Alicia brought the new attendees up to speed on the Spring Park Master Plan. Beth mentioned that the contractor has been selected and is slated to begin work in 2 weeks. Work should be done by end of May.
4. COMMUNITY BOARD: Alicia asked if anyone would be interested in putting up a community board that could be located at the light post/mail box site at the southern entrance to the Kellogg Treatment Plant path to Milwaukie. She thought it would be a great place to put up info about ISNA meetings; plans for Spring Park; info about lost animals, and other goings-on in the neighborhood. Greg Chaimov said we might be able to get one from the N.Clackamas Parks and Rec that is no longer being used. Beth Ragel said she would look into it.
5. ELK ROCK ISLAND WORK PARTY: Alicia mentioned that there is a work party that will take place this Saturday from 9am – noon. She mentioned that it is part of the “Protect the Best” program that Portland Parks is organizing to try and prevent invasive species from taking over Metro area parks.
Paul Faiman inquired if it would be okay to remove blackberries in the park and in the neighborhood. Greg Chaimov let him know that not only is it okay, but it would be greatly appreciated.
6. EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE: Alicia and Mary Weick met several weeks ago to discuss moving this idea forward in the event of a natural disaster, train wreck, power outage, etc. It was determined that a postcard requesting information might be a good method. Suggestions regarding what to include on the postcard included: are they renters or owners, address, home/cell phone, emergency contact info, important info we should know (are they mobile, do they need prescriptions regularly filled, are there animals in the house, how many people live in the household, are there special services they can provide). Beth Ragel mentioned that the Clackamas County Fire District is planning to offer a CERT training that would provide a full day of Emergency Preparedness training. More details to come as they become available.
7. COMMUNITY GARDEN: Alicia and Mary also discussed the possibility of starting a community garden that would be accessible to the entire neighborhood. Questions regarding possible locations were raised. Thoughts included the land as you go from Bluebird Street down to the river. Concerns about the affect of the sewer pump station were raised. Other ideas included the public land as you follow Wren Street towards the river as well as the triangle of grass at the corner of 21st and Bobwhite.

Questions were raised regarding water access. Options vary depending on the site selected. Alicia offered use of her hose/water...if the water usage was minimal she would donate it, otherwise the usage could be part of a grant. Other suggestions included a rain barrel or two. Greg Chaimov recommended contacting Charles Bird for help. Paul Faiman indicated interest in the community garden. Beth Ragel said she would provide information regarding how to start one.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Jackson Street Bus Shelter Improvement Project Open House, Monday, 3/16 from 6 – 8pm at City Hall.
- Ledding Library Plant Sale: May 9th at the Pond House
- Greg Chaimov gave an update on City Council happenings. He said that the stimulus money will be used for bus shelter upgrades. Despite this not being a high priority on the City Council's agenda he was happy to have the money go towards Milwaukie improvements. He mentioned that the 5 priorities are currently funding the Riverfront Park, removal of the Kellogg Creek Dam, instilling Quiet Zones for the train line that runs by HWY 224 and Harmony Road. This would require substantial Train Crossing Improvements. The last 2 issues on the list include the Lake Road Improvement Project and updating the JCB Facilities.
- Paul Faiman inquired about street improvements in the neighborhood. Specifically, he wanted to know if they can widen the road by his house (21st and Wren) as the roads do not align and everyone drives on his front yard and makes a mud pit. Greg mentioned that he can try to have the city dump their leftover asphalt by his house.....they need to dump the asphalt at the end of each job and Greg tries to use the asphalt to address road concerns for all citizens of Milwaukie.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT: Bruce Smith gave an in depth update of the records and current balance of the ISNA bank account. He mentioned that he has gone through all the records available to figure out which monies have been spent for each grant number. What he found is that there were some discrepancies with monies spent and record keeping. He indicated that he thought there was some confusion due to the fact that certain grants had not used up all the money and that occasionally money had been spent and no receipts could be found. He said that the only record they have of checks written is the balance book. He indicated that his attempt to obtain copies of the checks from Key Bank proved expensive. They are asking for \$3 per check copy. Alicia mentioned that she gets this information on-line for free with Bank of America. Greg Chaimov said he would contact Key Bank and ask if they can be of help to us. Bruce also mentioned that after a meeting with the Finance Director, Ignacio, and Beth Ragel, it was recommended that ISNA return any money for a grant that has not been used and should be closed. That money would be put back into an ISNA fund which we could access through future grant applications. It was agreed that Bruce should follow Ignacio's recommendations and that we follow this procedure from here on in. Bruce indicated that the amount that would go back into the ISNA fund is approximately \$2700.

10. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8pm.