

## ISLAND STATION NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MINUTES

May 14, 2009

Attendees: Bruce Smith, Beth Ragel, Paul Faiman, Greg Chaimov, Alicia Hamilton, Lisa Batey, Alex Campbell (COM), Beth Ragel (COM), Wendy Hemmen (COM), Jim Young (Meals on Wheels)

1. Meeting opened at 6:30pm with INTRODUCTIONS
2. Jim Young from MEALS ON WHEELS asked the ISNA for money to help fund their program. He mentioned they provide 200 meals a day, 16 different volunteer drivers, \$690k in volunteer labor. Lisa Batey questioned Jim about the purchase of the \$30k electronic sign at the park. Jim was not certain how it was paid and by what faction (the Milwaukie Center Board or the Friends of the Milwaukie group.) Questions regarding whether or not we will vote to donate money on the night it is presented were raised. The general feeling was that we should vote the same night the request is presented, but after the responsible parties leave. Bruce Smith motioned to donate \$500 to Meals on Wheels. Alicia Hamilton seconded the motion. After some discussion, motion carried with 3 for and one against. Lisa Batey wanted it on record that she was not for the donation since money that was spent on the sign could have gone to Meals on Wheels program.
3. KELLOGG FOR COHO Update. Background...The initiative builds on years of studies conducted by Army Corps of Engineers. City of Milwaukie is prepared to spend \$1m of regionally-allocated federal transportation funds to complete the planning phase and begin preliminary engineering and design. Contractor is scheduled to be on board by June 2009. A \$45k grant received in March from American Rivers (a part of NOAA) will fund hydrologic modeling to determine ideal channel widths and design parameters. A federal stimulus proposal was submitted under ARRA for approximately \$12m. We should hear results in June. There will be a meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at City Hall to discuss the details. Neighbor, Paul Faiman, who has a bachelors in Riparian Restoration, offered to help.
4. LIGHT RAIL update. Wendy Hemmen discussed details on the rail path and where it will be elevated and where it will be at grade. She pointed out that the rail line will be elevated over 99E at Island Station and continue it's way up to Park Place. She mentioned possible pedestrian access points to downtown being a pass along the rail line over to Kronberg Park and into downtown at the Lake Road stop. There is a meeting on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Masonic Lodge from 6 - 9pm to address concerns and desires for the Island Station portion of Light Rail. The meetings will leave the second half of the time period as an open forum. Neighbor, Lynn Welsh is stepping down from the Citizens Advisory Board and we desperately need someone to represent ISNA in these meetings. For more details see attached flyer.
5. COMMUNITY GARDEN REPORT: Alicia Hamilton reported that she met with City Employees to determine whether or not a garden at the Bluebird Street (and the river) is feasible. While we await the final word things look good for this location....it has access to water (provided by the city sprinkler system), it has ample sunlight, it would have to be built as planter boxes above ground and we would have to write a grant to cover the costs to build the planter boxes. Alicia said while she is happy to facilitate

the process, if someone would like to move this idea forward they would need to determine costs and write the grant.

6. EMERGENCY NETWORK UPDATE: After a few minor changes it was determined that the postcard will be ready for mailing this week. We encourage the community to be involved in this network aimed to assist and build our community. Beth mentioned that there is a CERT Training on June 27<sup>th</sup> and that there will be a small fee to encourage attendance and commitment as it costs the county money to provide this training. Alicia offered the neighborhood's help to cover these costs for anyone interested. For more details contact Beth Ragel at [ragelb@ci.milwaukie.or.us](mailto:ragelb@ci.milwaukie.or.us)
7. TREASURER'S REPORT: Several of the above topics raised questions regarding how to handle old grants and new grants. After much discussion it was determined that the best way to handle old grants is to close them after several years of inactivity. That money would go back in to the ISNA fund and will be available for future grants. This way all monies are easily trackable even if there is a change of officers. Lisa Batey mentioned that one grant, in particular, requires an e-mail to the originators (the history grant organized by Molly Hanthorn and Carolyn Tomei). Alicia said she would forward this info to them.
8. RIVER ROAD/22<sup>nd</sup> AVENUE PAVING PROJECT: Alicia mentioned that she forgot to follow up on the status of this project. She will invite the City to discuss the details at the next meeting in JUNE.
9. JUNE MEETING!!!! There will be one. With all of the events happening it was determined this would be helpful. Next meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at The Grange!. July meeting will also occur.
10. SUMMER PICNIC!!! Will take place the first Tuesday in August. Time and details to follow, but it will take place at the newly remodeled SPRING PARK. Yahoo.
11. HIGH SCHOOL REDISTRICTING: Alicia reported that she received a letter from the school district asking preferences for high schools. All parents of school-age children received the letter and it was determined that most families wanted to continue to go to Rex Putnam. The school district will not pursue the issue further unless other issues arise.
12. MILWAUKIE DAZE UPDATE: Alicia gave an update on the festival and was happy to announce that there is now a website where you can access schedules, parade applications, donor info, and soon....vendor applications.....[www.milwaukiedaze.com](http://www.milwaukiedaze.com) Alicia mentioned that she is asking all NDAs to donate \$1000 to help cover the costs of music, stage, insurance, etc. Bruce made a motion to donate \$1000, motion was seconded and carried. Beth provided paperwork on the spot to get grant approved. Alicia reiterated her thanks to the neighborhood for it's continued support of this community building event!
13. SPRING PARK UPDATE: The park is in progress and is looking great! Questions regarding fill dirt being moved to neighboring properties was raised, but Beth said it was all taken care of amicably! Alicia mentioned that she had responded to a request regarding how the \$85k bid was being spent. She has the information for anyone interested.
14. MINUTES: motion moved to approve minutes with changes....motion carried.
15. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Light Rail Open House May 18<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7:30pm at Ardenwald Elementary
- b. COM Monthly Light Rail Meetings (see attached)
- c. Annual Junk Collection Day June 6<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 1pm....collection sites are at the former Southgate Theater lot and Crosswhite Industries Park (64<sup>th</sup> and Johnson Creek). Remember to bring your coupon from the PILOT to be able to drop off!!! Volunteers still needed! Contact Beth Ragel for more info.
- d. Bruce Smith reported a COYOTE SITING on 20<sup>th</sup>!!!!
- e. Reports of the baby eagle continue, but no pictures as of yet!!!

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:10pm!!