

MINUTES
BI-ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
NORTHWEST OLYMPIA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Board members present: Erica Guttman, President; Rip Heminway, Vice President; Dorothy Gist, Treasurer; Cathy Visser, Secretary; Jean Mead, Leon Janssen, Jerry Parker, Susan Tuzzolino, David Moseley

Other NWONA Members: Over 75 NWONA members/neighbors and guests.

The first bi-annual NWONA business meeting convened at 6 pm with pizza, salad, beverages and the opportunity to peruse neighborhood project/topic tables and to discuss issues with each table host. Table topics and hosts:

- ❖ Garfield Expansion: Paul Clark, OSD Construction Project Manager & Drew Phillips, Project Contractor and NWONA member.
- ❖ Boys & Girls Club: Joe Ingoglia, CEO
- ❖ Garfield Expansion & Boys & Girls Club, plus other development issues: Steve Friddle, City of Olympia Community Planning and Development
- ❖ Olympia Parks & Recreation's Parks Stewardship Program: Genevieve Becker, Lead Stewardship Specialist.
- ❖ West Central Square/Harrison & Division space planning: Alicia Elliot, Owner.
- ❖ NWONA Summer Fun Fest: Leon Janssen & Susan Tuzzolino.
- ❖ Poetry Posts, Little Library & Place Making Ideas: Dorothy Gist and Jean Mead.
- ❖ Pathways Projects for Woodard & Scammel St: Daniel Einstein.
- ❖ Olympic Regional Clean Air Agency: Dan Nelson.
- ❖ Communications, including "NextDoor" tutorials: Rip Heminway.

Business Meeting:

Shortly after 7 pm, Erica Guttman welcomed everyone and thanked neighbors and guests for participating. She stated that this is the first bi-annual business meeting to be held in 2013, with the second scheduled for October 29, 2013; the October meeting is the main "annual meeting" at which new board members are elected.

By-Laws:

Erica discussed why we are reviewing the by-laws and asked for community input. She reminded the participants that the by-laws had been posted on the NWONA website and circulated via NextDoor for more than two weeks. Rip Heminway shared additional information about the by-laws, and he reviewed the proposed changes.

Article 2: Boundaries

The West Bay Neighborhood Association was formed after NWONA, so to clarify boundaries, NWONA now clearly excludes those who wish to be part of West Bay.

Article 3A & 3B: Purpose

Board members felt the need to define the purpose of NWONA. Are we an advocacy group that takes a stand on issues or are we a group that facilitates communication and promotes neighborhood enhancements and events? NWONA Board members felt that our purpose should be to facilitate communication, promote community safety, help build a great neighborhood, and get word out about community events and developments. Draft language was added to the by-laws to reflect these principles and to clarify the purpose of NWONA.

Article 5: Meetings

Changes were proposed to the last two lines of paragraph one, to state that members shall be given notice of meetings through “standard methods of communication such as email, web posting, and fliers in the neighborhood.”

Article 9: Dues

A clarification was proposed to this section to clarify that “Any proposed changes to the amount of dues will go into effect for the year following the annual meeting at which the changes are approved, and prior to this discussion members will pay the amount set at the outset of the meeting.”

Feedback was given from the membership. A motion to accept the changes as written was made by Dorothy Gist and Susan Tuzzolino seconded the motion. Thirty-three members approved, no neighs and no abstentions.

Other Announcements from Participants in the Open House:

Boys and Girls Club - the next hearing on will be held at the Olympia City Hall on April 29 at 6:30 pm. A staff report is due on April 22, and it or a link to it will be posted on NextDoor.

Pathways updates: Daniel Einstein briefly discussed the current plans for Scammel and Woodard Ave. Check in with Daniel if you are interested in participating in implementing these projects once funded. He stated that the projects would require a lot of community support.

New pedestrian crossing on Harrison: Jerry Parker announced that the City approved pedestrian crossings on Harrison at Decatur and at Rogers. The NWONA Board brought this concern forward to the City last year jointly with SWONA.

Summer Fun Festival: Susan Tuzzolino has been gathering input about a summer party. She emphasized the need for the community to take on tasks and give ideas and time to this project. She will post information on NextDoor. The date is set for Sunday, July 28, 2013. It will likely be on the Garfield ball field and spill out onto Madison and Thomas. The School is likely going to give us permission to use the ball field and we need someone to contact the City to see if we can get the streets closed down for the party. Larry Leveen said he'd volunteer to organize the first annual ball game with the Boys and Girls Club to coincide with this event.

Wood Stove Replacement Program: Dan Nelson of the Olympic Regional Clean Air Agency (ORCAA), asked that we put information in the minutes about this important program. ORCAA will provide \$750 for residents who wish to change to gas fireplaces and \$1000 for qualifying change outs. For more information, call (360) 539-7610. We also discussed that all forms of outside burning in Olympia City limits are illegal. Dan will provide NWONA with the code so members are educated and have access to this important information. Finally, Dan provided NWONA with gauges to test whether firewood is dry enough to burn safely. Those interested can email OurNwona@gmail.com to borrow them.

Following the business meeting, the open house resumed for approximately 30 minutes until the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.