

Northwest Olympia Neighborhood Association Board Minutes

Date & Time: Monday, February 2, 2003 at 6:30 PM

Place: Garfield E.S. Music Room (Plymouth and Garfield Streets NW)

Present: Larry Leveen, Tom Connor (minutes), Frank Fatseas, Paul Brewster

1. Call to Order & Public Communications: Larry mentioned a Native Plant Demonstration Garden Grant available in the City, but it seems that it is targeted to homeowner association that have stormwater detention ponds and not neighborhood associations, which typically, do not own land.
2. Approval of Meeting Agenda: Agenda Paul asks that a proposal to consider a website proposal he has be added to the agenda. Frank moved the amended agenda be accepted and Tom seconded it. **Approved as amended** — item added to New Business.
3. Minutes Approval 12/1/03 Board Meeting: The following corrections suggested: Mr. Gerrish's name was spelled wrong (Garrish). The numbering of items on the minutes were incorrect.

Frank moved the amended minutes be accepted and Tom seconded it. **Approved as amended. Larry will draft a letter on Bowman, Brawne and Rogers redesignation as suggested by Paul.**

4. Commitment Review (see Item 8 of Board Minutes): Stephen still has not re-registered NWONA with the IRS, Paul has not contacted the City about linking their website to ours (though Larry knows they will do this if asked). Tom has been acting as organizer for the upcoming stormwater general meeting with Hugh and Larry supporting as needed.
5. Treasurer's Report: Stephen was not present. Larry announces that Stephen wants to resign, and board members should contact him if folks know of a replacement. Larry reports that the checking balance is \$71.11, and the savings balance is \$1199.90, with another membership just received. Historically, we have never had a higher savings balance.

6. Committee Reports

Communications: Paul has talked with Jason Stambaugh who has volunteered to host our website on his server. We would have some room for files and graphics. Paul has found that we can register our domain name ("nwona.org") for \$18 for two years. [See new business for more on this issue.]

Social & Recreation: Hugh reports that the room is reserved for the Stormwater meeting. There has been a meeting to discuss other event topics, but he was unable to attend and has not heard from Ann Butler (who was there) yet.

Land Use: Ann Butler e-mailed the following update: We are going to try to establish a GNT work group of neighbors who can commit to helping periodically with planting, planning the reveg projects, plant propagation, ivy removal,

recruiting volunteers. The city will work with us on planning the Garfield Trail Overlook site soon.

Also, Hugh and Larry and I were invited by SWONA to meet with TESC faculty who are planning to make “intersection repair” projects part of their class this spring. NWONA might take advantage of this energy to complete a project within our boundaries, as there was significant interest in something like this last year following Mark Lakeman’s presentation on City Repair’s work in Portland.

Transportation & Safety Reports: This committee needs a chair, as Dorothy Gist is unable to take that responsibility this year (thanks for your service Dorothy!). Larry can act as interim contact for the committee – contact him if you want to serve on the committee and/or act as chair. He noted that Monday 2/2, the solar-powered flashing school zone beacons on Division will be activated. This is a crossing improvement that we helped lobby the city for last year. Thanks to all who helped!! Upcoming items are tracking the proposed Minor Collector Street Standards, and also a potential redesignation of Bowman, Brawne and Rogers as Minor Collectors or Neighborhood Collectors. Larry is getting the Draft EIS for the amendment so he can draft a letter to the Planning Commission and City on this issue.

7. New Business

- February Stormwater Meeting Funding Request: Hugh proposed that \$100 be approved to cover the cost of room rental, food and promotion costs. Tom moved to appropriate this amount, and Paul seconded it. **Approved.**
- NWONA Website Funding: Paul requests that \$30 be approved for registering our domain name, and that Jason’s donation of server space for this website be considered an in-kind membership fee for as long as he does so. Paul moved and Tom seconded this appropriation. **Approved.**
- 2004 Vision: Larry asks for a thumbs-up on his notes for what NWONA should focus on in 2004 (more board member involvement, drafting a Communications Plan, working on membership renewal and organization growth, establishing a web page). Those in attendance voice their support.

The issue of how member information can be used still is unresolved. Frank says he thinks this information should be given to all board members. Paul will draft a proposal for the board that recommends who can use member information, and under what “pre-authorized” circumstances. It will include protocols to try and ensure information is used responsibly (e.g. sending mass e-mails via “Bcc”, a provision for members to opt out of being e-mailed, a disclaimer to be included in e-mails to clarify whether information e-mailed is from individuals or is board-sanctioned).

No other major 2004 Vision goals were voiced at this time.

8. Review of Commitments taken at this meeting

Paul: Register nwona.org domain name, and draft a web page for NWONA, and

coordinate with Jason on hosting the page on his server. Draft a proposal for the board that recommends who can use member information, and under what “pre-authorized” circumstances. It will include protocols to try and ensure information is used responsibly (e.g. sending mass e-mails via “Bcc”, a provision for members to opt out of being e-mailed, a disclaimer to be included in e-mails to clarify whether information e-mailed is from individuals or is board-sanctioned).

Tom: Draft language for a Stormwater Meeting poster for Larry.

Larry will draft a letter on Bowman, Brawne and Rogers redesignation

9. Meeting Evaluation & Next Meeting/Draft Agenda