

Northwest Olympia Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: Monday, March 5, 2004 at 6:30 PM

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

Present: Paul Brewster, Larry Leveen, Steve Drutz, Ann Butler, Hugh O'Neill

1. Designate Minutes Duties, Call to Order, Public Communications

Paul Brewster to take minutes.

Larry: Percival and Madison Sewer Project not likely to impact Garfield Nature Trail Overlook Project as the City of Olympia will not do the sewer work for several years.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Paul moved approval of minutes, Hugh 2nd. **APPROVED**

3. Minutes Approval 2/2/04 Board Meeting Minutes

Paul moved approval of minutes, Hugh 2nd. **APPROVED**

4. Commitment Review

Larry reviewed commitments from last meeting – **all completed**

5. Treasurer's Report

Steve Drutz reports: Balance \$1201.39 savings; \$71.11 checking. No membership stats currently available.

Larry will get the database from outgoing Treasurer Stephen Beck and give it to Steve Drutz. Larry currently has email list of members and non-members.

6. Committee Reports

Communications

Paul Showcased a draft website he has been working on. Board approved draft version for posting. Will refine through time. Discussed membership directory use policy. NWONA has its own domain now, "NWONA.org". The domain is registered for two years at the cost of \$35.90.

Social & Recreation

Hugh reported that the committee (Patricia Pyle, Paula Connelly, and Ann Butler) met. SWONA is doing native plant exchange and swap meet. May 8th is No Ivy Day. Ideas were shared for a neighborhood social event like: an annual Labor Day Language exchange idea, Halloween costume parade, bike parade in May to kick off commuter contest. BBQ, kids games, outdoor movie, or a live concert.

Land Use

Ann reports there is no information update about the status of the Garfield nature Trail Overlook project. Volunteers are needed for ivy pulling party

Transportation & Safety

Larry reports that the City of Olympia is amending its Comprehensive Plan to

include a new street classification. The city is considering reclassifying Brawne Ave NW, Rogers Street NW, and Bowman Ave NW from major collector to the new classification, minor collector. Larry explained several problems with the new classification; most importantly it could make the neighborhood streets in question actually wider than their current widths. Wider streets will only exacerbate the current speeding problem. Larry drafted a position letter opposing the new standard and recommends the city reclassify the streets to the more appropriate classification, neighborhood collector [See New Business item below].

7. New Business

Confirming Steve Drutz as NWONA Treasurer

Larry recalled the issue of confirming Steve Drutz as NWONA Treasurer. Steve Drutz has agreed to fill the position of NWONA Treasurer that Stephen Beck is resigning from. A majority of the board voiced support by e-mail for this, but a formal vote is necessary to make it official. Hugh moves to make it official, Ann seconded.

No opposition.

Planning Next General Meeting “Land Use Game”

Ann proposed doing the Land Use Game for the next general meeting. The Land Use Game is a City of Olympia simulation that serves as an educational tool to teach citizens about the process and complexity of planning for commercial and residential growth, especially infill, in the city. Board members agree this would be a useful event for a NWONA general meeting. **APPROVED.**

Bowman, Brawne and Rogers street reclassification letter

Larry presented the letter to the board and asked for approval and input about the content of the letter. Board members suggested adding language to letter to include adjacent land use/roadway functionality. The board agreed that Larry would continue refining the letter, distribute via email for approval, and send the letter to the Planning Commission. **The board unanimously agreed on the content of the letter and supported the position.**

8. Review of Commitments taken at this meeting

Larry: edit Street Reclassification letter, distribute it to NWONA Board for approval, and send to Planning Commission

Paul will continue to work on Website. Coordinate with Olympia planning staff Kathy McCormick on the Land Use Gam.

Hugh agreed to get room reservations for Land Use Game and handle refreshments.

Ann stated she would talk with SWONA about participating.

9. Meeting Evaluation & Next Meeting/Draft Agenda