

Northwest Olympia Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: Monday, March 21, 2005, 6:30 p.m.

Place: 214 Sherman St NW

Present: Tom Connor, Steve Drutz, Erica Guttman, Marla Kentfield, Karin Kraft, Hugh O'Neill, Lyle Tribwell and member C.J. Russo

Absent board members: Margaret Barrette, Greg Black

1. Call to Order, Public Communications Tom called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

C.J. Russo discussed the Woodard Lane Cohousing project. By definition "cohousing" is a cooperative, intentional neighborhood of private dwellings, common facilities and persons committed to living as community with physical design encouraging living lightly on the land and facilitating social contact. The legally organized LLC has submitted plans to the city for the 3-acre site on Schneider Creek and is seeking new members. There are 4 members currently with 12-18 units planned. More information is available at woodardlanecoho@aol.com. News of this neighborhood housing option might also be included in our planned NWONA newsletter or member e-mail.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Approved with addition of discussion of appropriate recognition of contributions of former president and NWONA founding member Larry Leveen.

3. Minutes Approval for January 17 and February 21, 2005 Board Meetings – January 17 minutes should reflect Angel's last name Przybylowicz. January and February minutes will be updated to show correct spelling for Tom Connor. February 21 minutes may be updated to show May 9 as date for Land Use Game meeting. February 21 minutes should have a separate bullet under both Land Use and Transportation & Safety to "Remain focused on West Bay Drive Corridor Plan and West Bay Drive Park Lands".

4. Commitment Review –

- By-laws revision – tabled until new volunteer available to draft update
- West Bay Drive update – Public comment sessions will be scheduled later this summer.
- Wireless Facility Ordinance letter – Signed by Tom and mailed.
- Recognition of Larry Leveen's NWONA efforts – Tom talked to Larry who humbly asked that a plaque not be considered, but we did hear of something that he could make good use of and that would signify our appreciation for the work he's done over his years as president.

5. Treasurer's Report – Steve presented the treasurer's report which shows an account balance of \$645.73. Lyle noted that the balance of \$1350 available from the city for the Garfield Overlook project may be \$200-300 short of needs. Lyle and Steve will meet to make a recommendation for funding, including the possibility of requesting member donations specifically for this project.

6. Committee Reports:

Communications – Marla met with Scott Bishop who is our NWONA webmaster and also updates a number of websites for other community organizations. The board asked that

notice of the next board meeting be sent to all paid members and that the May 9 Land Use meeting be submitted to The Olympian for listing on their Community Page.

Land Use – Work is progressing on the Garfield Nature Trail Overlook (GNTTO) and a great article was included in the South Sound section of The Olympian. Erica mentioned that Lyle is to be recognized for his work at a Native Plant Salvage Foundation meeting in April.

Social & Recreation – Kathleen Byrd of Mariah School and the Village Improvement Project are working through the city's process for creating a permanent street "mandala" (Tibetan inspired artwork for focus and meditation) at the corner of Garfield and Plymouth with a neighborhood meeting planned on April 7.

Transportation & Safety – Karin presented a draft letter asking for neighborhood support of legislation proposed to add controls to sales of substances used in methamphetamine manufacture. With some suggested changes, the board agreed it could be sent to our e-mail listing. Members of the board were cautious about the time and dollar commitment for NWONA to take on an alternative transportation "contest". The city-wide effort to encourage bicycling and other non-motorized transportation alternatives during the month of May was started by Climate Solutions and moved to the Energy Outreach Center but hasn't proven very successful in changing long-term behavior. A similar year-long program at Ecology has its 2nd or 3rd administrator due to the time necessary to promote it. Marla will check with Intercity Transit or the city for a flier that could be posted in the kiosk and/or linked from our website, along with link to carpooling information.

7. New Business

- **Director resignation** – Margaret Barrette regretfully submitted her resignation from the board to Tom. Our current by-laws require a vote of the members to elect any new board members.
- **Treasurer position** – Karin Kraft was nominated and unanimously approved as our new treasurer. A new signature card will need to be submitted to the credit union. The directors listing at the kiosk and website will be updated accordingly.
- **Brawne sidewalk design** – Based on the variation of opinions on design amongst those most immediately impacted along Brawne, the board agreed that NWONA shouldn't take a position on the design. A message should be sent to members informing them of the scheduled May 4 public hearing.

8. Review of Commitments taken at this meeting

- Marla – Updates to kiosk and website; e-mail notices to members on next meeting, proposed legislation, city public hearing on sidewalks; and notice to members and in *The Olympian* Community Page on May 9 Land Use Game.
- Tom – Obtain thank you recognition gift for Larry Leveen.
- Steve – Work with Karin on transferring treasurer's duties and records.
- Lyle – Work with Steve on funding proposals for remainder of GNTTO project.

9. Close and Next Meeting – Adjourned at 8:38 p.m. with next meeting set for April 25.