

## **Northwest Olympia Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes**

Date & Time: Monday, April 25, 2005, 6:30 p.m.

Place: 214 Sherman St NW

Present: Greg Black, Tom Connor, Steve Drutz, Erica Guttman, Marla Kentfield, Karin Kraft, and Lyle Tribwell

Absent board members: Hugh O'Neill

1. **Call to Order, Public Communications** Tom called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Approval of Meeting Agenda** – Approved.
3. **Minutes Approval for March 21, 2005 Board Meeting** – Approved with minor corrections.
4. **Commitment Review** –
  - Marla – Kiosk and website updated with board members (Margaret removed), notice of Mandala project and May 3 Town Hall meeting, plus e-mail sent to member List Serve for precursor drug legislation and Mariah Arts mandala project meeting. No information received or forwarded from NWONA to members on Brawne sidewalk or public hearing.
  - Tom – recognition gift still to be purchased.
  - Steve – still needs to pass on treasurer's information to Karin. Also will need new signature card filled out.
  - Lyle – Worked with Steve on funding for the Garfield Trail Overlook project. Additional funds were provided by the city so costs are essentially covered with exception of signage to be added this coming fall.
5. **Treasurer's Report** – Steve presented the treasurer's report. It was agreed that Hugh should be informed that he could spend up to \$50 for refreshments for the Land Use Game presentation on May 9.

### **6. Committee Reports:**

**Communications** – Information received from Hugh on Land Use Game and will be sent to e-mail list, kiosk, and website, plus May 3 Town Hall information will go to e-mail list.

**Land Use** – Lyle will send a proposal for GTO signage costs to the community sustaining fund (due by May 6). April 30 is National No Ivy Day and work will continue on removal at Garfield Trail. Saturday May 7 is set for work at the overlook. Lyle would like to advertise on the website for volunteers, plus add a listing of NWONA accomplishments. He also suggested displaying (in picture and/or video) clips with points of interest in the neighborhood that are unique and/or attractive. The Land Use committee will be proposing a letter of endorsement for a paragraph in the city parks plan relating to use of flowers and decorative plants in city parks.

**Social & Recreation** – Motion by Greg, second by Lyle and approval that NWONA request a \$150 neighborhood matching grant from the city to complete a permanent Mandala at Garfield and Plymouth. This will be a joint project with Kathleen Byrd of the Village Improvement Project, the Peace Scouts, Mariah Arts and Southwest Olympia Neighborhood Association and Garfield Elementary students who helped with design. The grant request can

be e-mailed to Ken Black, Community Planning Development coordinator. The mandala is completed with paint made of concrete that creates a permanent non-caustic image. The project will be completed on June 26, from 1-4 pm. Food & music will be provided through other donations.

**Transportation & Safety** – Karin reported that the precursor drug control bill did pass at about 80% of the desired strength of enforcement. She is holding a neighborhood block meeting at her home related to apparent on-going illegal drug activity on her street. She hopes to have representatives from the Thurston Co. prosecutors office attend to explain their actions to date. She also encouraged others to encourage the city to actively engage in inter-agency efforts to eradicate drug sales in neighborhoods. The next meeting of the T&S committee will be in May.

## **7. New Business**

- **Sidewalk on Brawne** – There was general discussion. No board action.
- **Mission statement for committees** – Each committee will present a short statement of their core purpose at the next meeting.
- **Director resignation** – Erica Guttman respectfully withdrew as a board member due to other commitments that have prevented her from participating fully.

## **8. Review of Commitments taken at this meeting**

- Marla – Get out information 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 – Submit proposal for GTO signage funding. Draft letter to Parks Commission and City Council for board endorsement.

## **9. Close and Next Meeting** – Adjourned at 8:01 p.m. with next meeting set for May 16