

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

Date & Time: Monday, May 16, 2005, 6:30 p.m.

Place: 214 Sherman St NW

Present: Greg Black, Tom Connor, Marla Kentfield, Karin Kraft, Lyle Tribwell and members Frank Fatseas and Patricia Pyle

Absent board members: Hugh O'Neill

### **1. Call to Order, Public Communications** Tom called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

- Comprehensive Plan Amendment (Plymouth Ave): Frank Fatseas from Foote Street is concerned about proposed change to zoning on Plymouth that would allow more high density housing. He understands that property owner of Mariah Arts building wants more flexibility in future use of the property and that the current conditional use permit is cumbersome to maintain, but he is concerned about traffic, community character and aesthetic impacts of high density. He requested that NWONA conduct more outreach to neighbors beyond the immediate rezone area before arriving at a position on the change. NWONA's board hasn't determined that an official stance on the proposed change is warranted, but will consider Frank's input.
- Sexual Offender in neighborhood: Patricia Pyle reported that sex offender James Ronald La Baum has been placed in a north end home that is supposedly temporary housing. Despite notifications, two round-the-clock caregivers and armed doors/windows in the home, neighbors are concerned and have had one informal meeting and a second meeting scheduled with appropriate officials on June 1 at Garfield School. According to Ms. Pyle, even the official who oversees the monitoring program for Mr. La Baum admits the situation isn't ideal. City official Cathy Butler said that NWONA could be included on notification list for any sex offenders who re-locate within our boundaries. Guidelines for potential NWONA board actions may need to be considered for neighborhood safety issues such as this.

### **2. Approval of Meeting Agenda** – Approved.

### **3. Minutes Approval for April 25, 2005 Board Meeting** – Approved.

### **4. Commitment Review** –

- Marla – E-mails and website postings done for May 3 town hall and May 9 Land Use Game.
- Karin / Marla / Hugh – Transportation/Safety mission statement will be completed via e-mails between with members, Communications and Social/Recreation committee mission statements still to be drafted.
- Tom – Recognition gift purchased. Tom will bring thank you card for board member signatures next month.
- Karin (Steve) – Karin received records from Steve. Steve planned to drop off updated signatures cards at the bank today.

5. **Treasurer's Report** – No changes in treasurer's report from last month. Bank statements are mailed to the president to provide appropriate financial controls. The statements should be forwarded to the treasurer after review.

6. **Committee Reports:**

**Communications** – It was suggested that NWONA membership forms be available at the kiosk. Also suggested (by T&S committee) was a display at Harbor Days of a city map with all the neighborhood association boundaries shown and membership forms/information available. It was noted that the city may have funds available to print neighborhood association newsletters.

**Land Use** – The overlook costs were higher but the parks department added \$600 to cover. The sign will include the city logo and "Overlook of Garfield Nature Trail, Built by neighbors. Please respect it." Lyle hopes to find volunteers to organize a map of Garfield Trail with data recorded on invasive plant removal and native plantings. The city's new park trust fund can help cover re-vegetation costs and donations to the fund can specify the nature trail. Five people worked on ivy removal on "No Ivy Day" and Eagle Scout groups have done work as well.

**Social & Recreation** – Kathleen Byrd is chairing the mandala street painting project and would like help delivering fliers door to door in the immediate neighborhood of Plymouth and Garfield. The painting will occur June 26 from 1-4 p.m.

**Transportation & Safety** –

- Two committee members have volunteered to work on a neighborhood disaster preparedness program and suggest that a presentation by the Red Cross could be made at a future board meeting.
- A neighborhood house associated with known drug sales may soon be seized and put on the market. Neighbors have worked with state representatives, police and county prosecutors to try to resolve this ongoing problem.
- It was noted that, despite new funding available for sidewalks, it is important for the neighborhood to be vocal about high priority needs for sidewalks.
- The committee remains committed to the possibility of sponsoring a bike or alternate transportation contest. The board endorsed this concept and would approve proposal for a sustainable community grant this fall to begin planning for a summer 2006 contest. It was suggested that partnering with other groups doing similar contests might be worthwhile.

7. **New Business**

- **Plymouth proposed rezone** – There was general discussion of the need to understand the timeline for approvals of this change. It was suggested that Frank be invited to establish a NWONA subcommittee on this issue, similar to what was done when the West Bay Corridor NWONA position was established.
- **Standard process for addressing neighborhood issues** – Greg suggested that a better process is needed to allow NWONA members and interested neighbors voice their concerns and suggestions about issues impacting our neighborhood community.

Tonight's meeting provided a good example of how important issues can require more time than the board can reasonably provide at regular meetings.

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

- Marla – Update of organization registration to be filed with Secretary of State. Get membership forms at kiosk.
- Tom and Greg – Submit request for mandala grant.
- Greg – Discuss timing of potential zoning change and subcommittee with Frank Fatseas. Draft proposal for neighborhood process for the association to address issues.
- Lyle – Set date and public relations for overlook dedication.

**9. Close and Next Meeting** – Adjourned at 9:14 p.m. with next meeting set for June 20.