

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

Date & Time: Monday, February 20, 2006, 6:30 p.m.

Place: 214 Sherman St NW

Present: Greg Black, Tom Connor, Jonah Hankin-Rappaport, Carol Juris, Marla Kentfield, Karin Kraft, David Mitchell, Barbara Oswald, Ethan Schaffer, and member Jacob Rosenblum. Absent: Diane Gaile and Lyle Tribwell

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

TESC's Center for Community-based Learning & Action – Vicki Faust explained that this program has been in place for 2 years and seeks to connect Evergreen students with volunteer opportunities in the community. They are working with a number of neighborhood associations and the city to identify specific projects that can be completed the week of April 24, national volunteer week. They will be advertising to students the 1<sup>st</sup> week of March. NWONA committee chairs will send ideas to Tom for submittal to Vicki.

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

### **3. Minutes Approval** – January minutes approved.

### **4. Commitment review** –

- Tom resolved signature card issues with our bank.
- David reimbursed VIP for mandala expenses.
- Marla still to send letter to inactive members.
- Ethan still to check with Scott Bishop on setting up list serves.

### **5. Treasurer's Report** – David presented the treasurer's report. Committee chairs to consider budget needs for discussion at April meeting.

### **6. Committee Reports**

**Communications** - Ethan will have difficulty fulfilling chair responsibilities due to family issues. Marla suggested that we continue as is until we find another volunteer to chair.

**Social & Recreation** – Dance expenses were \$91 and contributions were \$1.50 over that amount, plus \$36 in new member dues. Written suggestions offered on poster displays included at end of these minutes. Greg will be getting digital photos of the event, judged a successful first event by all who attended. They hope to host a plant exchange in early May.

**Land Use** – 8 people attended February 15 meeting. Topics: (1) West Bay Park - Olympia Rotary club has a plan for the WB Park and \$100k in funds available if they can begin work this summer, but the city is having problems purchase Burlington Northern land that is necessary for full access to the property. Unfortunately, access to the park may cost nearly \$1 million due to unstable slopes. (2) Garfield trail - The mud slide at Garfield has closed the park until a study can be completed on its stability. (3) Urban renewal of unused spaces - Jacob agreed to check with the city on guidelines/restrictions to development of unused city rights of way and properties. Jonah's e-mail will be sent (after board approval of content) asking for members' involvement in an urban renewal project.

**Transportation & Safety** – The bike-ability study will be kicked off with a pizza party on Monday, March 13. There will be a meeting Saturday, 1 pm at Traditions to discuss disaster

planning. Bruce Coulter is heading up this effort with suggestions from both the Red Cross and Dept. of Homeland Security. The plan is to organize street by street, starting with Bowman. We discussed the STEPS grant program and Barbara agreed to review the requirements and consider developing a NWONA proposal.

**7. New Business**

Olympia Co-op Survey – Board responses due to Tom by next Monday, February 27.

**8. Commitments –**

- Tom – Will provide TESC's Vicki Faust with volunteer project ideas.
- Barbara – Review STEPS grant requirements and whether to submit NWONA proposal.
- Marla – Record dance attendee suggestions. Send letter to inactive members inviting them to rejoin. Post agenda on website.
- Ethan – Check with Scott Bishop, webmaster, on setting up list serve.
- Committee Chairs – Consider budget needs for this year. Ideas for TESC volunteers to Tom by February 27.
- All – Co-op survey comments to Tom by February 27.

**9. Close and Next Meeting –** Adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next board meeting is Monday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m.

**Suggestions from dance attendees:**

**Land Use –**

- Enclosed Dog Park
- Living Heritage Museum
- More sculptures – everywhere
- More flowers too

**Transportation –**

- Thanks NWONA for sidewalk and traffic calming help on Bowman/Brawne
- Consider redesign of Madison, sidewalk is too narrow & needs a planter strip to reduce road width
- Intersection repair and more mandalas
- Make a walking loop Rodgers-Garfield, Thomas & all the way around
- Connect all sidewalks and include places to rest for elders and others

**Social Activities –**

- “How To” session - Edible landscaping (how to keep berries &/or fruit trees healthy)
- “How To” session - Bike maintenance &/or safety
- Block parties – definitely! Right on!
- Tennis tournament – sounds like fun
- Dancing with the neighbors – a terrific idea
- Softball games – challenge other neighborhood associations?