

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

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

Place: 214 Sherman St NW

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

1. **Call to Order, Public Communications** - Ethan called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.
2. **Approval of Meeting Agenda** – Approved.
3. **Minutes Approval** – February minutes approved with change that budget be considered at April meeting.
4. **Commitment review** –
  - Tom provided TESC with volunteer ideas and survey comments to Co-Op.
  - No proposal submitted for STEPS grant.
  - Suggestions from dance in February minutes. Letter to inactive members not yet sent.
  - Ethan waiting to hear back on setting up list serves.
5. **Treasurer's Report** – David presented the treasurer's report. He noted that last fall's \$100 donation to Capital High Key Club and Overlook cement cost reimbursement to Kurt Kentfield haven't been cashed yet. Marla will follow up.

### **6. Committee Reports**

**Communications** – Jacob has agreed to join the committee. It was suggested that a letter be sent to current members as well as past members, encouraging their participation. The committee still hopes to put out a newsletter sometime this spring.

**Social & Recreation** – It was agreed that Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, would be a good day for a plant exchange. Greg will check on use of space outside the Co-Op.

**Land Use – Jackson Street urban renewal** – It was learned that the city “vacated” ownership of the unused roadway in 1890 since it was outside the city boundaries of 1886. There also was a grant for developing a path on the roadway at point but work never got underway. Jacob is now working with other property owners on developing the path. The Spaces Used for Public Enjoyment & Recreation (SUPER) group will focus on one site at a time and partner with other groups such as VIP, Gleaners and GRUB wherever possible. **Dog Park** – Meeting scheduled for March 23. Garfield Elementary softball fields are informally used for off-leash now. **Parks** – The city only plans a ½-time coordinator position this year to be phased out in 2007. No news yet on re-opening of nature trail. Lyle hope to have TESC volunteers help with plantings (non-native flower okay) at corner of Conger and Rodgers. West Bay Park plans are still in development with Rotary willing to assist with negotiations with Burlington Northern for railway property.

**Transportation & Safety** – The bike-ability study is underway. It isn't known how many attended the kick-off pizza party. **Safety** - Jacob mentioned he received a flier about a neighborhood crime prevention meeting at Garfield Elementary this Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. This was an impromptu meeting with Olympia Police representatives after a couple recent shooting incidences in the neighborhood. **Sidewalks** – It was noted that the city will be

removing and reimbursing the homeowner for the tree damaged during sidewalk installation on Bowman.

## **7. New Business**

Alliance for Democracy – This group is seeking support for new city ordinances setting business permit restrictions based upon “community values”. An article in today’s *Olympian* explained the city council received opinion that such concepts are generally found illegally discriminatory. It was suggested that perhaps the place of businesses in community be considered as a neighborhood forum topic, particularly given local issues such as the potential relocation of the Co-Op. Marla suggested that the Alliance, the Downtown Business Association and the Westside Olympia Business Association could all be invited to send representatives. We could also invite city representatives to explain the permitting requirements and restrictions on home businesses. A Wednesday evening in May was suggested as a possible timeframe for such a forum.

Olympia Fire Department – OFD wishes to partner with neighborhood associations for safety seminars. It was suggested that this concept be forwarded to the Transportation & Safety committee... perhaps for consideration of a presentation at a summer NWONA picnic.

Olympia City Block Grant Program – NWONA has no specific input to this program that primarily assists low income homeowners with critical repairs. Lyle noted that these funds really helped turn around the eastside neighborhood. Marla will e-mail notice out about the March 30 open meeting on the topic.

City’s Neighborhood Tree Planting & Chipper programs – SUPER will check with the city’s Urban Forester to see if trees would be available for their alleyway project. Lyle will check with Karin to see if any of the available wood chipper dates would work for the Trans. & Safety committee’s project to clear brush from sidewalks.

Local Development – A West Bay office/condo project and redevelopment around Mariah Arts were mentioned. Addition of new neighborhood businesses and the process for providing comments could be part of the proposed forum discussion.

## **8. Commitments –**

- Greg – Check on Co-Op space for April 22 plant exchange.
- Lyle – Check with Karin on whether to request city chipper program.
- Marla – Investigate un-cashed checks to Key Club and husband. E-mail notice on March 30 Block Grant meeting. Letter to members re participation. Post agenda on website.
- Committee Chairs – Consider budget needs for this year.

## **9. Close and Next Meeting –** Adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next board meeting is Monday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.