

Northwest Olympia Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: Monday, May 15, 2006, 6:30 p.m.

Place: 214 Sherman St NW

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

1. **Call to Order, Public Communications** - Tom called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.
2. **Approval of Meeting Agenda** – Approved.
3. **Minutes Approval** – Approved.
4. **Commitment Review** –
 - Tom – Draft letter on port's Weyerhaeuser contract was sent to board members.
 - Greg –B&B and SF Bakery did donate for Plant Swap.
 - Lyle – Presented NWONA ideas at 4/20 West Bay Park meeting. Purchased plants for Garfield project.
 - Marla – Plant Swap and SUPER forum notices sent. Kiwanis plants donated for Garfield Trail project and Plant Swap.
 - ALL – Karin received a couple more bicycle surveys from board members.
5. **Treasurer's Report** – David presented the treasurer's report. Most funds were moved to savings versus checking. Ethan volunteered to assist with tax reporting.
6. **Committee Reports**
 - Communications** – Communications committee hasn't met. Marla agreed to try to get newsletter together this week but needs articles. There was motion/second and approval of \$20 annual fee to Jacob Rosenblum for hosting of our NWONA website and listserve. Paul Brewster renewed our NWONA domain name, donating the registration cost.
 - Social & Recreation** –The Plant Swap was well attended. Lots of plants were exchanged. *The Olympian* posted a nice notice next to their Earth Day article. Also swap location was great as people shopping at the co-op had the opportunity to hear about NWONA and the donated coffee and treats provided an added draw.
 - Land Use** – West Bay Park – NWONA comments at the public meeting were well received. Rotary plans include a pier and kayak launch, but the city nixed a pagoda over concerns re shelter attraction for the homeless. Daylighting of Garfield stream will compete with calls for a sports court but the interim park plans won't include either. Volunteers may help with invasive plant removal. Interpretive signs, native plantings and limited vehicle parking will likely be incorporated. Garfield Trail – Erica Guttman has people willing to do bio-engineering work and David Hannah of the city will be working with them. Some privately owned property is also involved. Committee chair – This position is open with Lyle's resignation.
 - Spaces Used for Public Enjoyment & Recreation (SUPER) – 10-15 immediate neighbors and others attended the forum on the Jackson street project and a potluck planning session is set for Tuesday, May 16. There were concerns about including a covered structure as a

“community tool shed”. Another concern was water cost for a garden and water “catchment” was suggested as a potential solution. The group is interested in NWONA involvement.

Transportation & Safety – Bike-ability study – Karin received 33 surveys and summarized results for the board. Rude drivers and debris in bike lanes on West Bay, Harrison and Division were common problems noted. Karin forwarded results to the city’s Bike Advisory committee. **STEPS grant** – Karin will check on hiring Russ Lehman as consultant to assist in administering this grant project. Greg will review contract for that work. Russ is on the school board and can work well with Garfield Elementary administration. Erica Guttman will help in providing native plant seedlings for participants. **Commuter Contest (\$1800 city grant)** – Notice to be sent to e-mail list and included in newsletter. Awards will be presented at NWONA picnic in September.

7. Old Business - None

8. New Business

Lyle’s resignation – All agreed that a letter of thanks and gift would be appropriate and that we should include recognition notice to the city.

Corporation form – Updated registration is due to Secretary of State by June 30. Fee is \$10.

Notices to NWONA – Tom received notice of a new sanitary sewer pump station to be built at Jefferson Ave NW. He noted there are amended bicycle parking standards. Also there is an all day meeting scheduled at Westwood Baptist for discussion on plans to address the community’s homelessness issues.

9. Commitments –

- Tom – Get kiosk key from Lyle. Send Weyerhaeuser and Lyle’s thank you letter (on new “letterhead”). Get president’s message article to Marla. **Check with association presidents (meeting late June) on 501C4 status and event liability insurance.**
- Greg – Send thank you to Batdorf & Bronson and San Francisco Bakery. Get article on Plant Sale & Dance to Marla. Check with Garfield on end of October annual meeting date. Check with city on **September 16** picnic at Woodruff Park.
- Marla – Draft a NWONA letterhead design. Put together May newsletter. Send e-mail notice of commute contest. **Status of un-cashed \$100 Key Club check. Letter to members re participation. Post agenda on website. Check with city staff on website access.**
- **Committee Chairs – Consider budget needs for this year.**
- Jonah (& Jacob) – Get article on SUPER to Marla.

10. Meeting Review and Next Meeting – Great meeting. The next board meeting is Monday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m.