

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

Date & Time: Monday, September 18, 2006, 6:30 p.m.

Place: 214 Sherman St NW

Present: Greg Black, Tom Connor, Marla Kentfield, Carol Juris, David Mitchell, and visitors Robert Martindale and Sandra Romero Absent: Diane Gayle, Karin Kraft, Jonah Hankin-Rappaport, Ethan Schaffer and Barbara Oswald.

### **1. Call to Order, Public Communications** - Tom called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m.

No on Initiative 933 – Ms. Romero and Mr. Martindale presented information on why they oppose this initiative and how it would impact neighborhoods' abilities to influence responsible development in their communities. Similar legislation passed in OR has resulted in \$5 billion in claims and many development regulations being waived to avoid claims. The WA initiative doesn't allow any charges for filed claims and requires the state to pay all legal costs for any claim disputes. It retroactively allows claims for perceived "lost value" from any land use regulations enacted since 1996. They suggested NWONA could assist by informing our membership and that opportunities exist to help in phoning, doorbelling, posting signs, contributing towards media messages. More information is available at [www.NOon933.org](http://www.NOon933.org)

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

### **3. Minutes Approval** – August minutes approved with correction of Grub contact person - Blue Peetz.

### **4. Commitment Review** –

- Tom – Provided fire depart. and School Board contact information to Greg and Marla.
- Greg – Created flier for September 16 picnic. October 23 confirmed for annual meeting.
- Karin – Sent copy of city grant contract to board members.
- Marla – Sent notice to members on September picnic. Sent minutes to Scott for web posting. Received graphics for Garfield dog stations from Thurston County.

### **5. Treasurer's Report** – Dave presented the Treasurer's report. The report lists expenses by calendar year, yet the board's term is November through October. We agreed that was appropriate in that it gives the new board two months to determine budget. Dave will work on restructuring some additional reports to better display monthly expenditures. Tom reported that the Secretary of State's office said we still owe the \$10 filing fee, but per Dave our check was cashed by them. He will resolve it with them.

### **6. Committee Reports**

**Communications** – Newsletter - All newsletters articles should be in by Sunday, September 24. Marla will check with Capital High Key Club to see if they're willing to do distribution. If board members have Olympian plastic bags, please pass them on to Marla (in case of rain during delivery). Dog Station Poster – Marla will send out draft to board before forwarding to Olympia School Board facilities manager, Julie Deruwe.

**Social & Recreation** – Picnic – Lots of great food was enjoyed by the small group attending. The fire department had a truck and medic unit on display and Karin presented awards to all

those attending who had participated in the alternate commute contest. It rained for a short time as they were setting up but then cleared.

Annual Meeting – October 23, 5:45 to 7:45 p.m., is reserved at Garfield Elementary multi-purpose room. Greg will check with Vic's and Rosey's about providing pizzas and salad again this year. Communications will coordinate sign in table, including new member forms, listing of existing members, and cash box. There will be set-up and clean up tasks. Final plans will be discussed at next board meeting.

Land Use – Pedals, Pedestrians & Plants Project – Tom said all invoices were in by August 31, including \$2500 for Russ Lehman's coordination and \$400 for Erica Guttman's assistance with plant location/identification and copying costs. Thurston County Health Department is holding a healthy dinner from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on October 4 and October 5 and is inviting neighborhood members to join them in discussion of the next round of Healthy Step grants.

Raccoons – Now National Geographic is planning to visit the neighborhood as part of a series on nuisance animals.

I-933 – It was agreed that we would send our e-mail list a summary of the issues presented by Sandra and Robert as well as contact information should NWONA members wish to get involved.

Transportation & Safety – Commuter Contest – Karin reported via e-mail that her motivation to encourage everyone to get out of their cars and walk, cycle, carpool, use the bus is to stop feeding the war machine and big oil. She believes we each have a moral imperative to do what we can to stop purchasing gasoline. It is freeing to sever the ties to the machine, the single occupancy vehicle. Results of the first alternate commute contest were impressive. The winner for most days out of a single occupancy vehicle was Rhonda Faber at 92 days - every day of the contest. Dorothy Gist won longest distance without a car – 1700 mi. (included train to Portland). There were gift certificates from Olympic Outfitters, Batdorf & Bronson, Alpine Experience and others for all participants.

GIS NWONA Map – Thurston County Regional Planning has digital files and is looking for a group to pilot access to the files. Angel Pryzbylowicz has the software to read the GIS maps and we have offered to assist with costs with the \$350 from the grant for NWONA streets and sidewalks mapping. Tom will check for any deadlines on when we need to spend the money.

## **7. New Business**

NWONA boundaries – Greg suggested extending our west border to Cooper Point Road. With projects like the Grub's new garden just the other side of Division and the high school on that side, we may be missing a group of willing volunteers from the larger Westside community. With many more businesses and apartment complexes in that area, it would change the complexion of NWONA. Most board members felt it important to first recruit more active members from our existing borders and leave expansion decision to future boards. Change would require vote of our membership but it could be at a special meeting.

## **8. Commitments –**

- Tom – News article to Marla. Draft e-mail for members to consider becoming candidates for the board. Check on deadline for city grant covering NWONA GIS map. **Draft letter to Sam Bradley. Send thank you letter to Lyle (cc to city). Check with association presidents at next meeting on 501C4 status and event liability insurance.**
- Ethan – **Check with Jacob on status of setting up NWONA list-serve on website.**

- Greg – Check with Vic’s and Rosey’s on annual meeting refreshments. News article on picnic and short note about NWONA boundary issue. **Thank you letter to San Francisco Bakery and Batdorf & Bronson for plant swap treats.**
- Karin – News article on Alternate Commute Contest results.
- Marla – E-mail to members re Initiative 933. Notice to members on Healthy Steps October dinner meetings. Draft newsletter and check with Key Club on distributing it. **Draft a NWONA letterhead design. Draft bulletin for Garfield dog stations. Post our letter, the city’s response and Jerry Parker’s contact information on our website and send an e-mail to our list suggesting that members get involved as they feel appropriate. Status of un-cashed \$100 Key Club check. Letter to members re participation. Post agenda on website. Check with city staff on website access.**
- David – Newsletter article on expenses and revenues.
- All – Contact any friends or acquaintances in the neighborhood who might make a good addition to the board or one of the standing committees.

**10. Meeting Review and Next Meeting** – Meeting adjourned at 8:30. The next board meeting is Monday, October 16 at 6:30 p.m.