

NOWNA February 2, 2009

Present: Robin Ivey-Black, Alice Lind, Kendra Sawyer, Mary Nelson, Michael MacSems (Beth Provo, Kahlil Provo absent)

1. Minutes: approved.
2. Treasurer's report: No change. Reported that BOD membership has not changed on website. Will follow up.
3. President's report:
 - Robin will meet with Joan Machlis on Wednesday about neighborhood preparedness for weather emergencies (e.g. snow).
 - Ready to start putting up signs at coop, kiosk this week about thefts in neighborhood and discount for NWONA members at Great Western.
 - Clean up email list project: Robin and Kendra. If not this week, will have to wait for three weeks.
 - NWONA.org domain name – bill due (once a year, \$10 – 11). Thera volunteered to pay this time.
 - Kendra will follow up with Marie Poland re grant report to BOD.
4. Updates from last meeting:
 - Kendra sent in comments to the planning commission about the waterfront project. TriWays withdrew West Bay project for this year.
 - Kahlil emailed re discount for NWONA members to say it is only for plants.
 - Graffiti: Thera has most of the intense graffiti areas chronicled. Has set up to notify Public Works about the graffiti we are not supposed to deal with. Starting to see them being dealt with (stockade fences). Thera has brown paint to use on telephone poles.
5. Update: Sarah Smyth contact with Thera. Sarah owns property on West Bay (Smyth Landing). She wants to do a trail to water, replace a culvert, and make sure it is a fish passage. It is low priority but hoping to get stimulus money (putting up \$250K and only needs \$75 K). Thera will assist her to find funds.
6. New business: Email to NWONA from volunteer organizer (Tall Trees Youth Stewardship project) about Garfield trail. Asking for neighborhood involvement in trail maintenance. Could post this notice in kiosk as well, email members once we investigate the organization. They are also developing a manual and want to include NWONA in the manual (published later this year). OK to invite them to future meeting.

7. New business: Application for pocket park at Thomas and Madison. (By the way -- Sustainability grant program may be cancelled for 2009.) New application is called "neighborhood nooks" instead of pocket parks. Thera brought copies of criteria. 80% of residents need to sign indicating agreement with project. Could do some research with SWNA about how their parks are working. Need to think about what possible objections could be and address them (e.g. if concerned about possible crime/partying, make sure design is open). Design to include circular seating area; Board could meet there. Principles: practical, useable, safe, durable, low maintenance. Kiosk: 2 sided, for education and community awareness. Could place close to corner (but not obstructing view of traffic.) Seating: bolted into ground. Plant ground cover that does not require mowing (not grass). Ground cloth to prevent weeds. Develop 2 part process, one for just taking over the area and then a more complex plan that would require funds. Need to submit drawing, area maps, maintenance plan. (May be able to go visit the park if light enough next month – weather dependent.) Need a better map (Thera will bring map and draft of application).

8. Action items for next meeting 2nd Monday in March.

- Meet at pocket park location unless a drenching rain, 6:30 – 7:00
- Other agenda items: pocket park follow up
- Emergency preparedness update (Mary and Michael) (invite emergency person who lives on Bowman to future meeting?)
- Possible presentation by Tall Trees at 7:30 (Mary)
- Possible presentation by Marie Poland only if Tall Trees can't attend; otherwise will invite to future meeting (Kendra)

Note: Proposed future meetings new regular time and date, 2nd Mondays.