

NWONA Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2010

Attending: Kahlil Provo, Paula Connelley, Mary Nelson, Alice Lind, Steve Conway, Kendra Sawyer, Robin Ivey-Black, Alice Lind, Jerry Parker, Kari Ann and Jeff Holcomb

- Treasurer's report: Checking \$831.78; \$1233.55 in savings
- Secretary's reading of January minutes: reviewed and approved
- Old business from January meeting:
 - Sustainability grant: still no word from City about extension; Robin bugged City again.
 - Pocket park:
 - 1) City Repair was contacted about working with us on facilitation process, but no response. Discussion: pros and cons. Use local expertise instead? Make sure there is input into design, but perhaps do not need outside group. Kahlil will contact Markus at city about when earth-moving will take place.
 - 2) NWONA signage at pocket park. Need to put up a sign that says the park is NWONA's responsibility, working with City to develop a pocket park, any questions please email us at _____.
 - 3) Add a garbage can? Need to figure out how to pick up. Kendra will clean up the garbage that is there now.
 - Modifications of roundabouts: 1) Paula – works with engineer and will follow up with assessment; may need support of NWONA to approach city with request for modification; 2) Lights at crosswalks could also be addressed.
- Native plant workshop: Guy contacted Robin about hosting a workshop on ecological restoration. Tall Trees into native planting and succession planning. Ideas include stewardship workshop; free the tress (work party). Want to schedule one in March or later. Could organize work party and help organize volunteers. Robin to respond that we would love this but later (once the grant is extended & site grading done.)
- School zone on Harrison & signage (Kendra): Need more effort in making school zone safe. Currently the school pays someone to flag the school zone every day (vs. getting flashing lights as they have on Division). Speed limit is supposed to be 20 mph in the school zone during certain periods of the day. We could coordinate with SW Neighborhood Assn. (e.g. poll families about whether they drive their kids to school because of lack of safety). Federal money is available through a program called Safe Routes to School. Jeff will investigate.
- Comprehensive plan review (Jerry):
 - City sent the update on shoreline master plan (two public meetings coming up in February).
 - City sent to us for comment the application for "Lorida Passage" (isthmus development).

- Town houses at Rogers and Dickinson (Jerry will investigate, draft language and send around to group). Is this where the herons nest? Kari Ann will check with the heron group.
- Imagine Olympia website; current development plan; current goals. Jerry sent link today, see below:

Comments on Comprehensive Plan Update

The first site explains the update process and has a link to the current comprehensive plan. It has a feature that allows residents to comment on a list of topics/ concerns, e.g. climate change and sea level rise, housing affordability, drinking water. It also lists upcoming community meetings. <http://www.ci.olympia.wa.us/imagine-olympia.aspx>

The direct address for the current comprehensive plan follows: <http://www.ci.olympia.wa.us/en/city-government/codes-plans-and-standards/olympia-comprehensive-plan.aspx>

A review of the current goals in the Comp Plan by the Planning Commission follows: <http://www.ci.olympia.wa.us/documents/OlympiaPlanningCommission/2009/081709/ATT1.PLG.COM.EVALUATION.pdf>

This concern about the process for review (as opposed to the substance) is the focus of a comment by an individual attending the most recent public meeting on the plan: “....there was no chance for people to say what was most important to them. The whole process was devoted to pre-printed sheets and cards devoted to pre-selected issues. If the city is looking for emerging issues, they won't get them from meetings like this.”

A general concern is that the process for public involvement in the review and revision process remains quite vague. A local resident wrote, “The city has refused to indicate which sections of the Comprehensive Plan will be open for revision and thereby public comment.” Therefore, the League volunteers could spend a great deal of time and effort developing and refining specific proposals only to be told that these sections will not be updated at all.

- Harrison widening at Bark and Garden (Jerry): putting in pond (wetland? stormwater retention?), widening of Harrison, backwards process since not considering the master plan or transportation plan in making this decision. Also approval for designated lease site for state buildings. Available for public comment. Need to comment that this is a piecemeal approach to development. Hearing examiner meeting dealt with the question about wetland vs. other but not how this fits into the big picture.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Olympia (P.O. Box 1967 Olympia, WA 98507) is seeking coverage under the Washington State Department of Ecology's Construction Stormwater General Permit. The proposed project, Harrison Avenue Corridor Improvements - Rosewood Drive to Yauger Way, is located in the 3200 to 4100 blocks of Mud Bay Road (also known as Harrison

Avenue) in Olympia, Thurston County. The project includes right-of-way acquisition, traffic signal at Kaiser Road, and widening to four lanes with turn lanes, bike lanes, sidewalks, street lighting, and landscape strips. A new stormwater facility will be constructed at 3645 Mud Bay Road. This project involves 7 acres of soil disturbance for construction activities. Most construction stormwater will infiltrate into the ground and some will be discharged to Capital Lake/Puget Sound via the Percival Creek Drainage Basin. Any persons desiring to present their views to the Department of Ecology regarding this application, or interested in the Department's action on this application, may notify Ecology in writing within 30 days of the last date of publication of this notice. Comments may be submitted to: Department of Ecology Water Quality Program P.O. Box 47696 Olympia, WA 98504-7696 Publish: February 1, 8, 2010

- BOD graffiti clean up party – Feb 27 or 28 – whichever day is not raining. Robin will scope where the graffiti is located and make sure we have the kits. Will check with Thera as well. Brown and green paint needed. Should paint the NWONA kiosk. Will coordinate by email. Saturday afternoon is a possibility, 2 – 4.
- Walking/running trail around Garfield school yard: bark down for trail. Garfield using the trail to promote fitness. Kendra was notified last time they did a volunteer party; will let us know next time she hears about one.
- Next meeting 1st Monday of March, 6:30 p.m.