

NWONA Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2010

Attending: Paula Connelley, Mary Nelson, Alice Lind, Kendra Sawyer, Robin Ivey-Black

- Treasurer's report: Checking \$831.78; \$1233.82 in savings
- Secretary's reading of February minutes: reviewed and approved
- Old business from January meeting:
 - Did anyone write a letter about the widening of Harrison? See new business.

New business:

- Facebook page for NWONA? NWONA could start a Facebook "Fans of NWONA" and then membership would automatically be notified of community events. It would be a way to poll the organization, communicate with members, etc. Revisit next month after Kendra sends a proposal to board members.
- KariAnn Holcomb resigned her position on the Board.
- Robin will follow up with City Planner and/or West Bay President about Westwells Townhouse meeting.
- Sign at printer's ready for pocket park. Two 16x20 posters. Kendra has been cleaning up pocket park location. Markus from City of Olympia has communicated with Kahlil about next steps; may be as soon as April 1. No word about extension of grant; Robin will follow up again.
- Tall Trees folks have communicated again about native planting workshops. Another possibility is working with them on the overlook of ravine at end of Garfield. Could organize around Earth Day or May Day. Robin will ask about May 1 or April 17, vs. tie in to the March event at nature trail. (see next item.)
- Native Plant Salvage is hosting a work-group on "ecological restoration of urban forest" March 20, 10 – 12. Presentation on tools and strategies for restoration and invasive species; then walk to nature trail to view site. Robin will get more details and send to membership.
- Is there a connection we should make to People for Puget Sound?
- Paula: Follow-up with DOT engineer about roundabouts. He will do a drawing and mark it up. Paula will bring to meeting when available. He had suggestions about restriping, warning light for cars, ways to fix curbs. Science of traffic circles has advanced since these were built.
- School zone signage (f/u from last meeting). Many signs, not well noticed. Kendra met with Garfield school principal would be happy with a flashing light or any other new signage (e.g. over street) to alert drivers to school zone. Also have pile of wood chips ready to be spread for a running trail. Kendra will follow up. Federal money should be available (safe routes for school).
- Plant exchange Saturday March 17 – Mary Nelson will take lead.
- Harrison Avenue corridor – deadline probably this week for comments. Robin will ask Jerry if he wants to comment.
- Graffiti clean-up party postponed for rain. Have started to determine which areas to target. Try again for April 3.

- Oly Food Coop has a “golden notebook” to communicate with staff & volunteers. Can use to share information about NWONA activities. May want to add items to their newsletter as well. Mary will follow up.
- Next meeting 1st Monday of April, April 5, 6:30 pm
 - Future agenda item – traffic calming circles in the neighborhood.