

NWONA Meeting Minutes  
November 3, 2010

Attending: Robin Ivey-Black, Alice Lind, Jerry Parker, Paula Connelly, Robin Levine, Erica Guttman, Steve Conway

Next three meetings will be Thursdays at 6:30:

Dec. 2: Paula's house, 323 Percival St. NW, next to bright green house

Jan. 5: Erica's house, 805 Thomas Street NW (corner of Giles)

Feb. 3: Jerry's house, 803 Rogers Street NW (use back door)

Pocket Park activities:

- Need to schedule another work party to finish the soil work.
- This Saturday 9:30 to noon. Supervisors = Erica and Robin L.
- Robin contacted the LDS church members and they may recruit Scouts.
- Erica will bring tent, hot water, cookies, wheel barrows.
- Planting on the 20-21<sup>st</sup> weekend.
- Need to put fabric barrier on sewer drain.
- Marcus (City) contacted about planting and drainage. Erica will recontact.
- Aim is to wrap up the planting beds on that 20<sup>th</sup> weekend.
- Place big rocks or other barrier to keep people from parking.
- Need to plan for a couple of edible plant beds. Strawberries, other drought-tolerant plants.
- Need to figure out what we have left in budget (after Kahlil submits any costs for material for benches) to buy plants.

Organizational structure for Board:

- Jerry: main contact for City
- Kendra: graphics etc.
- Robin L.: phone contact for people who do not have email addresses.
- Can anyone look at website and update it? (Seamus and Kendra?)
- Robin I.-B.: maintains list of contacts to send out neighborhood alerts
- Membership lead? Maybe a good idea to walk all over the neighborhood and gather additional contacts. Develop a handout to distribute. (Ask Oriana?)

New business:

- Treasurer: took in \$288 in dues, spent \$285 for annual meeting.
- High density corridor issue – Jerry will send notice of meeting since Harrison is an example.
- Contact city to find out what the plan for snow removal is this winter. Jerry will contact via the neighborhood coalition. Any back-up plan for us to help? E.g. Bowman, Rogers to be cleared by private snowplow? Neighbors to help with sidewalks?

- Also need a local plan for how to help neighbors in case of emergency, e.g. power outage. Ask e-mail list for volunteers to be resources for their neighbors and post to website. Create a list.
- Investigate obtaining tax-exempt status (Jerry will also ask about this among other neighborhood associations).
- City-wide discussion of sidewalks as part of comprehensive plan development. (Next phase after high-density corridors.) See Imagine Olympia website.
- Robin: still interested in walking loop creation. Discussion of alternatives to cement – pervious surfaces used in other cities? Pavers? Porous aggregate containment systems? (e.g. at Harmony Hills)