

Minutes - April 2, 2012

Present: Steve Conway; Mary Nelson; Cathy Visser; Jerry Parker

Absent: Erica Guttman; Susan Tuzzolino

#### Discussion of April 22 Work Party at Garfield Nature Trail

Erica and her assistant, James O'Keefe, could not make the meeting. We agreed to put out a notice on the blog and a separate notice to all members of NWONA via our e-mail account regarding this work session.<sup>1</sup>

#### Cross Walk on Harrison and Sidewalk on Westbay Drive

Jerry reported that Lee Keech of Olympia Public Works responded by letter that the City has applied to the State Department of Transportation for a grant to install the required "infrastructure" for the crosswalks. He said the City will not reinstall the warning device at the round-about on Harrison because of a history of damage. He also said that the City will not put a notice at the termination of the sidewalk on the east side of Westbay Drive. The City has construction of a sidewalk on the east side of Westbay Drive scheduled for the near future.<sup>2</sup> Copies of the letter from Mr. Keech were sent to the Board and to the SWONA.

#### Graffiti Report

Jerry mentioned the data dense report from Olympia Police on graffiti incidents in the City. This was presented at the Coalition of Neighborhood Association meeting last month.<sup>3</sup>

#### Community Outreach

Jerry reported on the highly successful record of community involvement in the Northeast Neighborhood Association. The Board approved the idea of inviting Peter Guttchen to our next meeting to explain techniques and successes.<sup>4</sup>

Cathy said she would be working with Erica to get a Facebook page up and running.

#### Sidewalk Project

Jerry mentioned the sidewalk loop project that the previous Board promoted. He agreed to contact the City to determine what role NWONA might play in identification of priorities for sidewalk construction.<sup>5</sup>

#### Neighborhood History Project

Jerry mentioned the idea of crating a history link on the blog that might summarize the book "How the Wild West(side) was Won" , a project of Jefferson Middle School several years ago. He also mentioned the idea of contacting the school to suggest a project to have students research the

individuals after whom streets in the Northwest Neighborhood are named.  
This seem to receive support from Board members.

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<sup>1</sup> JP has requested Erica or James to secure the announcement from the Native Plant Society newsletter so that it can be put on the blog and sent to all members.

<sup>2</sup> The City web site says construction is scheduled for 2014

<sup>3</sup> JP sent this summary to Susan and Kendra and requested they get this on the blog, if possible. The pdf cannot be pasted onto the blog.

<sup>4</sup> JP sent an e-mail request to Peter Guttchen on 4/3. He suggested the possibility of a joint meeting with SWONA or a city-wide meeting organized by the Coalition.

<sup>5</sup> JP sent an e-mail to Sophie Stimpson at the City asking about the status of sidewalk construction and requesting clarification of the role that neighborhood associations can play in identification of priority projects.