

## NWONA Board Meeting Minutes for July 2, 2012

**Board Members Present:** Erica Guttman, President; Scott Bishop, Vice Pres.; Steve Conway, Treasurer; Cathy Visser, Secretary; Jerome Parker; and Mary Nelson.

The meeting commenced at 6:40 pm at Mary Nelson's house.

Erica has assumed the position as President since Jerry had to step down. Cathy agreed to be the secretary and Steve will continue to be the treasurer. We are grateful to Scott Bishop for joining the Board and agreeing to be the new V.P. Dorothy Gist has agreed to join the board and Keith Dublanica has expressed interest; neither were unable to attend this meeting. We are still seeking new members and participation from the community even if they do not wish to be on the Board.

**Neighborhood Communication:** The Board discussed the best way to manage our social media. Currently, NWONA has a website and blog at [www.nwona.org](http://www.nwona.org), and an email address at [OURNWONA@gmail.com](mailto:OURNWONA@gmail.com). Erica and Cathy are also going to create a NWONA Facebook account. In regard to managing emails, Erica will share emails received by NWONA with relevant Board members or the entire Board, as appropriate. Erica requested help filtering through the emails that have bounced back--we have several that have been incorrectly entered. Steve will update new member list and share it with Cathy. Cathy will go through current emails and try to correct addresses for returned emails. Jerry will follow up with Kendra to request that she modify the blog so anyone can post on it. Scott to remain the NWONA Webmaster, post minutes, etc. Jerry and Steve to share responsibility for checking the mailbox.

**Mad Tom Park:** Jerry and Susan are repairing the table to make it more user friendly. Susan is carving a sign for the park. We need a bench or other seating for the park for the empty seating area. Erica will put a request out to the community to see if anyone in the neighborhood might be interested in collaborating to design or build something, possibly in conjunction with the Village Building Convergence planned for August. Another clean up/weeding party is needed. Erica will suggest some dates for this.

**City of Olympia Comprehensive Plan Update:** Jerry is a new member of the Olympia Planning Commission, which is why he had to step down from the NWONA President position. They are reviewing the 20-year plan and, among many other things, the City is considering expanding the high-density zone along Harrison Avenue and Capitol Way, which would open those corridors up to business in currently residential-only areas. NWONA will continue to gather information about these issues and request that the City hold a community presentation to explain the concept to interested community members. Erica will contact the SWONA to see if they would like to join us on this. A section of our October Annual Meeting will be dedicated to the Comprehensive Plan.

**Coalition of Neighborhood Associations:** Jerry was our representative for NWONA with this organization, which he feels is worthy of our participation. We need a volunteer to represent NWONA each month at this meeting. They meet the second Monday of each month at the new City Hall. For now, Erica will attend when she can. Scott will back her up.

**Next NWONA Board Meeting:** Meetings to be held the last Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on August 27, 2012 at 6:30 pm. Location to be determined, though a suggestion was made to hold it at the Mad Tom Park, perhaps as a potluck.

**Annual meeting** was set to be held on October 22, 2012.