

NWONA Board Meeting Minutes for September 24, 2012

Board Members Present: Erica Guttman, President; Scott Bishop, Treasurer; Cathy Visser, Secretary; Mary Nelson, Dorothy Gist, Rip Heminway. Guest: Susan Burgoon. (Rip Heminway has joined the Board.)

The meeting commenced at 6:40 pm at Dorothy's lovely house. August NWONA minutes were approved. Treasurer not present to give report.

Monthly NWONA Board Meetings: The fourth Monday of the year seems to be working for Board members and a few other community members. Erica suggested that we consider using the Garfield School music room or library. This would give us a consistent and central location for our monthly meeting. The meeting rooms at Garfield are free of charge. Erica will look into meeting monthly at Garfield.

Boys & Girls Update: Rip reported on some of what was discussed at the meeting at City Hall held Monday evening on Sept 17th about the latest B & G Club plans. The current plan is to place it on the bus turnaround where the edible garden is located but they won't take the tennis courts. Erica asked for NWONA meeting participants to commit to going to the upcoming Community Forum on the B & G Club, which will be held Tuesday, September 25th at Garfield.

Traffic Meeting with the City of Olympia and SWONA to be held October 24th from 6:30-8 pm at the Garfield School about neighborhood traffic issues. The City will discuss the possibility of putting a roundabout at Harrison and Division. The City is looking at two potential new crosswalks on Harrison. NWONA Board members volunteered to post fliers about the meeting in early October. Erica will let you know when they are ready. Susan & Dorothy volunteered to help Erica set up for the meeting at around 6 pm.

Update/coordination on Mad Thom Park: Repairs, clean up plans, additional improvements. The group agreed to meet at Mad Thom on October 14th from 3-5pm. Erica will bring garden tools and Rip will loan us a truck if no one else has one.

Other updates:

Intersection repair and mural is moving forward with the InterCity Transit project at Garfield and Thomas. NWONA recommended that they move to another intersection due to upcoming construction at Garfield, but they moved forward with mural for Saturday the 29th of September at said location. The mural is supposed to be temporary in nature.

Neighborhood Free Library: To be discussed at the annual meeting. Dorothy to pull together resources about how they work and what might be available to help us make it happen.

Kayak storage at West Bay Park. Erica has not heard back from Karen Lohmann about creating small craft/kayak lockers. Erica is going to email Karen, Susan and Rip to connect them so they can move ahead with contacting the City of Olympia about making this happen.

Communications: Improving communication was discussed and is still needed. NWONA has a blog, website, and email account, plus Erica and Cathy were going to set up a

Facebook account. Scott recommended not having multiple sites with the same info because it inevitably gets out of sync. He recommends one main source of information that is linked to other ways to contact the community. Scott will update the website with current Board member information and he will post minutes. SWONA is using a system developed for neighborhood communication. Rip will look into what they use and report back. Dorothy will look into neighborhood sandwich boards for getting the word out about NWONA activities. Scott is willing to build a sandwich board once he gets dimensions. Rip will ask Joslyn if she'll help paint the sandwich boards.

Planning for annual meeting: A subcommittee-planning meeting will be held at Dorothy Gist's house on October 16th to plan for the annual meeting (which will be October 30 at 6:30pm at Garfield School in the multi-purpose room). Susan Burgoon, Susan Tuzzolino, Dorothy, Erica, and possibly Jerry and Mary will attend. Vic's, the Coop and Eight Arms bakery donated food last year. We will provide food again this year. Susan B. to ask Dino's to donate food. Susan T. wants to revisit the planning process put together last year. Recommended Agenda: The Pathways Program and what it means. Boys & Girls Club update. Garfield expansion and remodeling project update. Other neighborhood place-making activities. If you're not coming to the October 16th planning meeting, email your ideas in advance to: ournwona@gmail.com.

Meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.