

MINUTES
PLANNING MEETING FOR APRIL BUSINESS MEETING
NORTHWEST OLYMPIA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Monday, March 18, 2013

Board members present: Erica Guttman, President; Rip Heminway, Vice President; Dorothy Gist, Treasurer; Cathy Visser, Secretary; Jean Mead, Leon Janssen, Susan Tuzzolino.

Other NWONA Members: Daniel Einstein.

The meeting was held at Rip Heminway's home. The meeting convened at 6:20 pm.

Secretary's report: All NWONA minutes are emailed to Board members for feedback and approval before they are finalized and posted.

Treasurer's Report: Dorothy Gist reported that the only activity was a .21 deposit in interest.

Beginning Balance, 1/1/31	\$3,189.35
01/01/13 Chk to Susan Burgoon (cookies)	-36.00
1/31/13 Dep interest	.23
2/28/13 Dep interest	.21
Ending Balance:	\$3,153.79

Planning for upcoming NWONA Business Meeting Pizza & Potluck, April 9th at the Garfield multi-purpose room from 6 – 8 pm.

The board meeting focused on preparing for the first semi-annual neighborhood-wide gathering. As discussed during the February board meeting, the meeting will be primarily an open house format, with about 30-45 minutes for a "whole-group gathering" to discuss and vote on neighborhood business. Because of spring break and other absences by NWONA Board Members and members at large, the first bi-annual NWONA business meeting was changed from the original March 26th date to April 9th.

Semi-annual meeting schedule:

5:40-6 pm: Set up tables

6 – 7 pm: Social time, peruse booths/sharing and dinner.

7 – 7:45 pm: Welcome (Erica), group introductions/meet your neighbor activity (Leon), and Whole Group meeting which will include a quick report out on each booth/project and feedback/voting on proposed changes to the NWONA by-laws (Rip & Erica).

If time permits following the Whole Group time, the open house format will continue.

Topic tables will be set up and staffed as follows:

- Welcome table, sign-in sheet & membership dues: Scott Bishop & David Moseley (if available)
- Pathways Project: Robert Kam (to be confirmed) and Daniel Einstein
- Love our Local/Summer community party: Susan Tuzzolino & Leon Janssen
- Place making: little libraries and benches, Dorothy & Jean; plus NWONA summer work party planning: Erica Guttman and Cathy Visser
- NWONA Communications/NextDoor tutorials: Rip Heminway

- City of Olympia Parks Dept./Garfield Nature Trail and West Bay Park: Sylvana Niehuser
- Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA): Dan Nelson
- City Planning – Garfield expansion and Boys & Girls Club: Steve Friddle, Drew Phillips & Joe Ingolia
- Present your passion: Open table for community members to present their ideas and wishes for the neighborhood.
- Kids' table with butcher paper and kid-friendly washable pens and crayons.

City Pathways Project Grant Submissions

Both the Scammel and Woodard Bay Pathways Projects were submitted by NWONA March 1, 2013. The proposal is posted on the NWONA NextDoor website if you wish to see details. Daniel Einstein attended the meeting and reported on the Woodard Bay connection project, which he worked on with Erica, Rip and Dorothy. Dave Stillwell and Andy Carter, property owners along the Woodard Bay path are willing to approve an easement on their properties to allow for the project to be expanded to build a trail that might be ADA compatible. However, these property owners are not willing to take on liability for the people who use the path. NWONA will need to work with the City on the liability issue. Daniel will staff a table on the Pathways Project during the open house section of the April 9th business meeting. Rip will ask Robert Kam to also attend the meeting to share the Scammel proposal at the meeting.

Summer Neighborhood party/festival: Susan T. reported on her conversation with the “Love our Local” festival representatives in NE Olympia. The NE representative requested that we coordinate the date outside of their celebrations in August and September. They also requested that we call it something besides "Love our Local" festival as they want to retain the separate identity of their event. Susan and Leon will discuss potential dates, names, and compile materials for their table during the open house of the April 9th meeting.

Food & Supplies: Susan T. to arrange for pizza from Vic's. Cathy to bring beverages. Erica to bring reusable dishes, silverware and cups. Leon, Dorothy and Jean will stay and help with dishes. Rip will bring butcher paper. Dorothy will bring kid-friendly markers and big fat not-so-kid friendly markers. The rest of the food will be potluck-style (salads or desserts).

Publicity: Dorothy is painting the sandwich board notification sign that Scott made for NWONA. Joslyn Trivett will sketch in the wording on the sign. Dorothy will place the sandwich board at a strategic location prior to and on the day of the event. Erica will write up the event once the by-laws are up on the website for review, and she will work with Rip will post the event on NextDoor and ask Scott to post on the NWONA website. Leon will make a FB link to the event and invite folks to join. Erica to work on fliers/posters for the event, which Dorothy, Cathy and Jean will help her post a week or so before the event.

Other logistics: Rip to check with Bob Hodges about getting small tables and Internet access. Leon will bring two microphones, one for the speaker and one for community members to use so they can be heard as well. Erica will make a sign-in sheet and "share your thoughts" forms. Susan B. will get nametags to Erica before the event, although Susan herself cannot attend the meeting.

Bylaws: Erica and Rip to work on by-laws and get them posted by the end of the week.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.