

MINUTES
NORTHWEST OLYMPIA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Wednesday, May 22, 2013

NWONA members present: Erica Guttman, President; Cathy Visser, Secretary; Dorothy Gist, Treasurer; Jerry Parker; Daniel Einstein.

The meeting was held at Garfield Middle School. The meeting convened at 6:40 pm.

NOWNA meetings: It was clarified that NWONA meetings normally meet on the third Monday at 6:30 pm. A steady place to meet has not yet been found. The next meeting will be held on June 24th at Cathy Visser's tiny house, which is behind her main house at 307 Percival St NW.

Secretary's report, Cathy Visser: All NWONA minutes are emailed to Board members for feedback and approval before they are finalized and posted at the NWONA website and on NextDoor.com.

Treasurer's Report, Dorothy Gist

Last year, after the October 2012 annual meeting, Dorothy was unavailable to go to the bank with other NWONA Board members and was therefore not made a signatory to the NWONA account at that time. However, it's clear that she needs to become a signatory. Jerry Parker will accompany her to the bank to get her onto the account.

Beginning Balance on 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
3/31/13	Dep interest	.21
4/09/13	Dep of dues	153.00
4/22/13	Ck#105 – Cathy V- food for annual mtg	- 59.42
4/22/13	Ck#106 – Susan Tuzzolino - food	-107.92
4/22/13	Ck#107 – Susan Burgoon – name tags	-6.52
4/22/13	Ck#108 – Erica Guttman – mtg supplies	-25.01
4/30/13	Dep interest	.22
Ending Balance		\$3,108.37

Update on Summer Fun Fest, including insurance questions: Funding is needed for printing costs, an electrical generator, and for liability insurance among other things. Erica was wondering if we could charge a small fee per vendor. Dorothy also pointed out that we have funds in our NWONA bank account, so it seems likely that all expenses will be covered. The Board requests that the Fun Fest committee come up with a budget and submit it to NWONA for approval ideally by the next meeting.

Little free libraries and other place making: Dorothy reported that she sent a message via NextDoor about their next meeting, which will be held Thursday, May 30th at 6:30 pm at Dorothy's house.

Mad-Thom Pocket Park - scheduling design and work parties:

Jerry Parker sent out a Doodle poll to try to come up with an agreed upon date to meet to discuss moving forward with park improvements and design, but people did not adequately respond. He has picked May 29th at 6:30 pm at his home at 803 Rogers for the design meeting. He will put a notice on NextDoor about the meeting. Erica will put out a request for a neighborhood member to coordinate the sheet-mulching project needed at the park. A neighbor had expressed concern about the name of the park. It was felt that it might be offensive to those with mental disabilities. This topic will be revisited when more board members are present.

Update on Pathways: Daniel reported that funds are budgeted for all components of the Woodard Ave pathway project. NWONA is required to provide a 50% in-kind contribution toward the project through labor and other means. Rip, Joslyn and Daniel mapped out a potential path and presented it to the City Engineers Sophie Stimson and Eric Christensen. They thought it was a good plan. The City will vote on the proposed pathway plan next Tuesday, May 29th. Michael Moore has agreed to provide lumber to be used to retain the path switchbacks for a nominal fee. For safety reasons, we will likely also install a split rail fence in strategic places to prevent a direct line down the path on a bike or skateboard. A rain garden is planned for the project. Dorothy agreed to attend the Council meeting to represent NWONA. The Scammel project, which was also approved by the City, is already in the process of being cleaned up by a neighbor that lives near the project. One of the project neighbors would like to have a fence put up on his property line to help define his boundary. Erica will contact Robert Kam to see if he is still interested in playing a lead role on the Scammel project or if he would prefer to pass that off to the neighbors whose property is adjacent.

City Nature Trail Clean up: The City of Olympia does regular cleanup projects on the Garfield Nature Trail and NWONA has asked City park staff to inform us in advance so we can help coordinate and market the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.