

MINUTES
NORTHWEST OLYMPIA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Monday, June 24, 2013

Board members present: Erica Guttman, President; Cathy Visser, Secretary; Dorothy Gist, Treasurer; Susan Tuzzolino, Scott Bishop, Jean Mead, & David Moseley.

The meeting was held at Cathy Visser's home on Percival St NW. The meeting convened at 6:40 pm.

NWONA meetings: NWONA meetings normally meet on the fourth Monday at 6:30 pm. In the fall, we will hope to meet consistently in a small space at Garfield Elementary school so that a regular meeting location can be announced. For the summers, a steady place to meet has not yet been found, but NWONA members will be notified via email before each meeting of the location. Others can email for specific location directions.

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

04/09/13	Deposit of dues	153.00	3,307.02
04/22/13	Ck#105 - Cathy V - food for annual meeting	-59.42	3,247.60
04/22/13	Ck#106 - Susan Tuzzolino - food annual meeting	-107.92	3,139.68
04/22/13	Ck#107 - Susan Burgoon - name tags	-6.52	3,133.16
	Ck#108 - Erica Guttman - supplies for annual		
04/22/13	meeting	-25.01	3,108.15
04/30/13	deposit interest	0.22	3,108.37
05/24/13	Ck#104 - Dorothy Gist salad supplies at Co-op	-17.49	3,090.88
05/31/13	deposit interest	0.23	3,091.11
06/19/13	Harland Clarke - Box of Checks	-13.30	3,077.81

Update on Summer Fun Fest, including insurance questions: The party will be held from 1 pm – 7 pm on Sunday, July 28th. Susan T. has been working with the event committee. The rough draft budget includes liability insurance at \$100 for five days before and after the event. It is low-risk insurance, which means no alcohol among other things; \$100 for printing expenses; \$150-\$300 for generators needed to operate microphones; \$100 for a 15 x 15 tent for the musicians; \$145 for a Honey Bucket. NWONA members will provide a hand washing station. We will need to purchase compostable paper plates and utensils for folks who forget or do not know to bring their own plates and forks. Erica proposed voting to approve up to \$800 for the Fun Fest. All were in favor. No one opposed. NWONA members also agreed to put out jars to collect donations at the event. The proposal is to close off Madison Ave from Plymouth to Thomas, including part way down Thomas past Mad-Thom Park to the round about at Scammel. Jean Mead will work with the City to get the street closures approved. *Artesian Rumble* will roam through the neighborhood the morning of the event to announce the party. Food vendors will be limited to a few local smaller vendors, e.g., Tamale Fusion; and may include an ice cream stand, popsicle stand, espresso cart and popcorn vendor. Publicity will include fliers, notices via

NextDoor & the NWONA email system. The intent at this point is not to have a street vendor fair, but rather community parties with games, a few smaller food vendors, live music and a dessert potluck. The group agreed to invite SWONA members. The committee is working on a wish list of items such as tents and generators that will be needed for the event. The list will be shared with the community via NextDoor.com.

Update on Pathways: Erica reported that Daniel Einstein submitted an amended proposal of our Pathways Grant to the City for signature. Daniel, Robert Kam and Erica will meet with City staff on July 9th from 12 noon – 1 pm. Others are welcome to join them for this meeting.

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

Erica will sign the Pocket Park grant agreement on July 1 so we can move forward with implementing the current park improvement grant. More cardboard boxes are needed to use to mulch the Giles Ave side of the pocket park. The plan is to lay down cardboard, cover it with wood chips and then build the raised beds on top of that. Erica will send volunteer contact info to Susan T. so she can coordinate volunteers for sheet-mulching the park. Erica will contact Michael Moore and other arborists to get a load of chips delivered. Tentatively, the sheet mulching date is set for Saturday, July 13th from 10:30 a.m. to 1 pm. Erica will post the event on NextDoor and announce a need for more cardboard boxes ideally to be delivered the morning of the work party. Scott suggested getting boxes from the Coop. Rip might be able to get more bike boxes from Oly Bikes. The ones he dropped off at Mad-Thom Park a while back were mostly taken. If boxes are left in advance of July 13th, they need to be hidden/tucked away in the park.

Place Making - Little free libraries and other place making: Dorothy and Jean had a place-making meeting with other community volunteers. Eileen Connor came as a "consultant" as she built a library in front of her home on Giles NW. Eileen and Jean are making a little free library in front of Jean's house this summer. It is essential to have a host to maintain the Library, cull the books and keep it orderly. Diana Moore and Jody Bernstein are building one at the 400 block of Decatur. Dorothy and Karen Lohman are building one on Thomas & Dickenson. Scott Bishop has tools to help build the libraries if necessary. Scott will get back to us about whether the Village Building Convergence would like to help with any of our projects. [Post-meeting update from Erica: It appears the VBC group is taking a break this year.]

Candidates' Forum with SWONA: SWONA's president, Brad O'Brien, approached Erica to propose NWONA/SWONA hosting a joint forum so that our neighborhoods can meet and ask questions of City Council & Port of Olympia candidates. It would likely be held at Gloria Dei Church sometime in September. The board agreed this would be a good idea. Erica will discuss it further with Brad and they will jointly identify dates that will work for both neighborhoods and the candidates.

Safe Cut Through near Garfield School: Dorothy proposed that we request that the pathway from Thomas to Perry St. by the police station be re-opened. It's an important access path and many folks depend on it. Several other community members have requested that the path be re-opened as well. The Garfield School contractor has fenced it off, but it could be made accessible

by moving the fence just a few feet. Dorothy will draft a letter and Erica will send it to Steve Friddle, Drew Phillips and Sophie Stimson.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

The next meeting will be July 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at Cathy Visser's home, unless the group decides the weather is fine enough to hold the meeting at the Mad-Thom Park.