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NORTHWEST OLYMPIA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Monday, July 22, 2013

Board members present: Erica Guttman, President; Rip Heminway, Vice President; Cathy Visser, Secretary; David Moseley and Scott Bishop.

The meeting was held at Cathy Visser's home on Percival St NW. The meeting convened at 6:45pm.

NWONA meetings: NWONA meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Locations are announced in advance of the meetings via NWONA email and NextDoor. NWONA is working to find a regular meeting site this fall. Garfield Elementary and the Woodard Co-housing common house are two possibilities at this time.

[Post-meeting update: CJ Russo has confirmed that we can use the Woodard Co-housing common space, but they'd prefer that we start meetings at 7 p.m.]

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of July 5 was \$2,951.33.

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.

Update on Summer Fun Fest, including insurance questions: The Fun Fest is set for July 28th from 1 pm to 7 pm at the Garfield Elementary School ball field and a schedule of events has been drafted and nearly finalized. The committee is doing a great job pulling all the pieces together!

Mad Thom Park Work Party:

Neighborhood volunteers met both Saturday the 13th and Sunday the 14th mulched and weeded the park. The crew ran out of woodchips and cardboard, but made good progress nonetheless. NWONA had to invest in a weed burner for the pathways in the park. More work parties will be planned and announced on NextDoor. City grant work on the park (more benches and garden beds) will take place this fall. Susan T. and Ingrid G. are going to work on finishing up the sheet mulching as they can, after Erica gets more wood chips delivered.

West Central Park:

Scott reported that he has been working with other volunteers to add cool features to the new park at Harrison and Division. It's going to be a pedestrian park only and will have no parking.

Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (CNA):

Code enforcement is a current focus of the CNA. There will be a new brochure coming out with code enforcement information. Sub-area planning is another area that the CNA has been promoting for some time that will encourage planning to be a bottom-up process wherein nearby neighborhoods are being grouped and neighborhood folks gather to develop planning goals and pass those on to the City. Currently, several neighborhoods in the NE part of town are forming

the pilot group on this process. The CNA will be sponsoring forums on issues of importance to neighborhoods through the fall, including the budget. The City has hired a consultant to work on a community renewal plan. CNA meetings are open to all and occur at City Hall on the second Mondays of every month. Erica serves as the NWONA representative and Rip is the alternate. We welcome other neighbors to attend the meetings.

Update on Pathways: Contracts are signed and we are currently getting bids on insurance. Daniel is planning work parties. The Scammel project may wait until next year while some easement issues are worked out.

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

NOTE: the August meeting is cancelled. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 23. Location TBA.