

MINUTES
NORTHWEST OLYMPIA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Monday, September 23, 2013

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

The meeting was held at Dorothy Gist's home. The Woodard Co-housing neighborhood has agreed to have us meet there but not until November after the annual NWONA meeting in October.

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of September 3rd was \$2,342.31 dollars.

06/19/13	Harland Clarke - Box of Checks	-13.30		3,077.81
06/28/13	Harland Clarke refund for checks with errors		13.30	3,091.11
06/30/13	deposit of interest		0.22	3,091.33
07/05/13	Honeybuckets Puyallup	-140.00		2,951.33
07/22/13	Event Pro (generator, fuel, stage cover	-172.00		2,779.33
07/29/13	Ck# 0111- Dorothy Gist for weed burner	-50.67		2,728.66
07/31/13	Deposit interest		0.22	2,728.88
08/05/13	Ck# 0112- Susan Tuzzolino (Fest insurance, chalk, paint)	-150.25		2,578.63
08/05/13	Ck#0113- Kendra Sawyer (printing for Fun Fest)	-105.81		2,472.82
08/06/13	Ck#0114- Olympic Mountain Ice Cream	-96.98		2,375.84
08/07/13	Ck#0115- Mike Cousino (Fun Fest games prizes	-33.70		2,342.14
08/09/13	Ck#0116- Nicholson Insurance (Pathways)	-638.13		1,704.01
08/31/13	deposit interest		0.17	1,704.18
09/03/13	Deposit: City of Olympia reimbursement for Ck#0116		638.13	2,342.31

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.

Annual Meeting Preparation:

The annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 29th from 6-8 pm at the Jefferson Middle School cafeteria. Garfield Middle School was not available. Members will have a chance to peruse booths, socialize and have dinner from 6:00-6:45. Similar to last year, the format will include staffed stations for topics, including the Garfield construction project, Pathways, Mad Thom park, Place making, Community Safety, Fun Fest and air quality/wood moisture testing. Rip will see if a representative from the Boys & Girls Club can attend. David Moseley will staff the door. Scott will ask Alicia Elliot to represent West Central Park. Erica will ask Jerry Parker to find a representative to host a table on the City of Olympia Shoreline Master Plan. The Business meeting will begin at 6:45 pm. Board nominations will be done first. Erica will discuss membership fees and remind attendees how they benefit the neighborhood. She will speak about progress made on NWONA goals for 2013. Rather than a presentation on our initiatives this past year, we will put up a sheet with successes laid out and invite others to add to the list. Re-naming Mad Thom Park will also be discussed as some folks have expressed a dislike for the name and very few people were left when the vote for a new name was cast a few years ago at an annual meeting.

NWONA will provide pizza, salad and beverages and ask members to bring side dishes/desserts if they can. Dorothy will ask Susan Tuzzolino to order the pizzas from Vic's. Dorothy will pick up salad and salad dressings from the Coop. Erica will bring dishes, silverware, cups and dishtowels. Erica will ask around for the flip chart. She also has colored pens and paper for the kid's table. David will contact Greg Black to see if he is willing to bring his sound system for the meeting. David will arrange for us to have background music. Erica will make fliers. Cathy and Jean will help put the fliers up. Dorothy will put the sandwich board up on the Sunday before the meeting. Rip will post a notice of the meeting on NextDoor, the NWONA website; and it will be sent out via the NWONA group email. Jean, Scott, Rip and David will arrive early to help with set-up for the meeting.

Crosswalks on Harrison:

The City received a grant to put in crosswalks earlier this year. They should have been installed by now. Rip will look into why no apparent progress has been made on this project to date. [Update: Rip investigated and learned that the project is out to bid with expected start by the end of October.]

Fun Fest Debriefing:

To be discussed in detail when Susan Tuzzolino is present. Everyone present at the Board meeting that attended the Fun Fest felt that it went very well. An estimated 400 people attended. Participants loved the free ice cream. Mike Cousino was great at getting kids to participate in games. Another person did face painting. Feedback included more food variety and art booths.

Pathways Project:

Erica reported that Sophie from the City of Olympia is happy with our progress on the Woodard pathway project. Daniel Einstein has done a lot of work on drainage and layout of the new path, plus he's organized several work parties for the path. The Scammel pathway project is on hold due to a few technical issues, which the City believes will be resolved easily. NWONA has a year from now to complete the project, though we can request an extension if we need it. As part of the Pathways work, we now have an insurance policy.

Mad Thom Park

Neighborhood volunteers did a great job of weeding and mulching the park over the summer. The grant we received is to be used to install raised-bed planters and extra seating. We have until December 31, 2013 to complete the project. Erica will ask for an extension. We need someone to take the lead on completing the project. Jerry had some great ideas for the design of the raised beds and seating. Scott and Jerry to head up a group to complete this project.

Tracking Membership & Renewal Notices.

Dorothy wondered if it would be beneficial to find a way to send notices to members requesting that they pay and/or renew membership fees. Last year, Rip invited all people who signed in at the annual meeting to join NextDoor. Scott was given a copy of the annual meeting sign-in sheet so he can add them to the NWONA Gmail account. Although it was discussed, a decision was not made to make direct requests for membership fees outside of the announcements we make at the NWONA Annual Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.