

MINUTES
NORTHWEST OLYMPIA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Monday, April 28, 2014

The meeting was held at the Jefferson Middle School from 6-8 pm. Approximately 60 community members attended.

Representatives & Topic Tables:

- ❖ Rotary Park - Ryan Rutledge. Bricks are available to purchase to help fund park maintenance and volunteers are needed to help as well;
- ❖ Olympia Parks & Recreation – Christie Lamour, Program Specialist;
- ❖ Community Safety & Security – Ray Holmes, Patrol Lieutenant for East Olympia stood in for Jim Costa, Patrol Lieutenant for West Olympia. Jim can be reached at 360-753-8411. Ray said to call him at 360-753-8204 if Jim is not available;
- ❖ Transition Olympia - Thea and Eric LaCrosse;
- ❖ Emergency Preparedness – Linda Hansen;
- ❖ West Central Park – Alicia Elliot & Dave Humphries;
- ❖ Garfield Site Council/dogs on field issue - Joslyn Trivett;
- ❖ Olympic Regional Clean Air Authority- Dan Nelson, Public Info Officer, reminded everyone that outdoor burning is illegal and impacts air quality for all in the neighborhood. ORCAA also has a program to help people convert to cleaner indoor-heating options;
- ❖ Summer Fun Festival – Susan Tuzzolino chaired and reminded folks that it's held the last weekend of July and we need volunteers;
- ❖ Pathways, Pocket Park, place makers, etc. – Daniel Einstein;
- ❖ Local business table for brochures and business cards – Jerry Parker coordinated;
- ❖ City of Olympia Transportation – Michelle Swanson, Senior Program Specialist commended our neighborhood on our Pathways Projects, which she oversees.
- ❖ City of Olympia Community Development Planning – Michelle Sadlier, Associate Planner and liaison for projects such as the West Bay Drive sidewalks and Harrison Avenue crosswalks. She can be reached at 360-753-8031 with questions or concerns;
- ❖ Olympia Food Coop – the new garden center is opening this spring.
- ❖ Soil Cycles – Ms. Banks & David Skattebo shared information on their new private bicycle powered compost collection business.
- ❖ GRUB – Cece Watkins shared general information about GRUB and promoted their new program, the Food Investment Garden (FIG). FIG builds gardens on a sliding-scale fee for people at all levels of income in the community.

Business Meeting:

Joe Joy, Linda Hansen, and others launched the meeting with sing-a-long Sea Shanties. Erica Guttman welcomed attendees, introduced the open-house participants, and introduced NWONA Board Members. She reviewed NWONA accomplishments over the past year, which include improved neighborhood communication through NextDoor.com and other avenues; new crosswalks on Harrison Avenue; progress on Pathways Projects; improvements to the pocket park at Madison and Thomas Avenue; a community policing and safety forum; little free libraries in the community and the first Summer Fun Festival. She reminded folks that NWONA

meets that fourth Monday of each month at 7 pm and is currently meeting at the Woodard Lane Cohousing common house. She reminded folks to pay membership dues if they can at whatever level they can afford to help support activities for neighborhood improvements (including matching funds for grants), events such as food for the bi-annual meetings, and for the NWONA Summer Fun Festival. The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.