

**MINUTES**  
**NORTHWEST OLYMPIA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**Monday, June 23, 2014**

**Board members present:** Rip Heminway, Vice President; Cathy Visser, Secretary; Dorothy Gist, Treasurer; Jean Meade, Erin Volz, Jerry Parker and Scott Bishop.

The meeting was held at Rip's house and convened at 7:05 pm.

**Secretary's report, Cathy Visser:** April minutes were not sent to the NWONA Board until today and will be reviewed and approved at the July meeting. The May meeting was cancelled so there are no minutes.

**Treasurer's Report, Dorothy Gist submitted the following:**

01/28/14	Ck#120 Erica Gutman reimburse for office supplies	-30.00		2,471.04
01/28/14	deposit due check		15.00	2,486.04
01/31/14	Deposit interest		0.15	2,486.19
2/31/14	Deposit interest		0.13	2,486.32
03/31/14	Deposit interest		0.15	2,486.47
04/30/14	Deposit interest		0.14	2,486.61
04/30/14	deposit dues checks from Spring meeting		332.00	2,818.61
05/03/14	Ck # 121 Dorothy Gist Salad and dressing at coop	-37.26		2,781.35
05/04/14	CK #122 John Sheperd - Pizza for Spring meeting	-283.74		2,497.61
05/05/14	Ck# 124 Cathy Visser - Beverages Spring meeting	-20.53		2,477.08
05/23/14	Deposit dues ck		30.00	2,507.08
05/31/14	Deposit interest		0.15	2,507.23

- 1) Heron Rookery at proposed Dickinson St development:** Heather Burns, community activist on this issue, was unable to attend the meeting. Rip will ask her to post anything happening with the heron issue on NextDoor.com. There will be a City informational meeting about the proposed project on July 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

**(2) Summer Fun Fest:** The Fun Fest will be held on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. The Committee asked for \$800 to cover operational expenses for the event, including ice cream, publicity and the porta potties. Jean said that the City approved closing one section of a street for vendors and festivities, and that the musicians and food vendors have been selected. Dorothy made a motion that we approve the budget request of up to \$800 for Fun Fest; Rip seconded; all agreed. Jean suggested that we have a NWONA booth with a map of our neighborhood and information

**(3) Erin's update on the CNA:** Erin missed the first part of the meeting, but said they discussed several construction projects including sidewalks on the west side of West Bay Drive and the fifth avenue expansion downtown. A home on Thurston Ave will be demolished. All downtown alleys will be lit up to improve safety. A new dog park between Hwy 101 and Capitol Mall Drive is under consideration. NWONA is getting kudos for our Pathways projects. By the end of the year, the City will be demolishing the old DSHS building. The fireworks ban is now in effect within Olympia City limits. NWONA will help post notices and signs.

**(4) Olympia Planning Commission:** Jerry said that there will be additional hearings this summer about the comprehensive city plan. They considered denser development on a corridor through the Capitol neighborhood and West Olympia, but this was rejected mostly thanks to comments from residents along Capitol Boulevard. Jerry feels that our neighborhood should be more involved in these meetings. Jerry will ask Cathy Butler to send meeting notices and other relevant information to NWONA Board members.

**(5) Pocket Park Block Grant:** Erica will convene a group to start working on planning park improvements under our grant from the City. She'll be in touch in July. Jerry brought up liability insurance for the park. Rip will talk to his contact at the City about this issue and get back to us.

**(6) Jerry's concern about wayward landlords:** CNA is already working on an MOU to support code enforcement around derelict properties, but it doesn't seem to be going anywhere. Our neighborhood code enforcement agent is Georgia Sabol. Erin will ask at CNA for an update on the MOU. Dorothy will post instructions on NextDoor and the NWONA website for finding out property owner contact information.

**7) NextDoor Communications - Administration & Moderation:** Recently there were some nasty exchanges on NextDoor. Erica suggested that we discuss how to regulate/moderate this forum. Because Rip started our NextDoor account, he is the moderator. In the said incident, he felt the need to remove a negative posting. He is going to remind people on NextDoor about the importance of using good judgment and etiquette on this social media site, including refraining from posting profanity and making negative comments. He also asked that we keep an eye on conversations and help by demonstrating how to make positive and constructive comments in difficult situations rather than having to flag or remove the conversation.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Rip Heminway volunteered to host the meeting at his house again.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.