

MINUTES
NORTHWEST OLYMPIA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Monday, July 28, 2014

Board members present: Erica Guttman, President; Rip Heminway, Vice President; Cathy Visser, Secretary; Dorothy Gist, Treasurer; Jean Mead, Daniel Einstein and Erin Volz.

The meeting was held at the Pocket Park at Madison and Thomas. The meeting convened at 7 pm.

Secretary's report, Cathy Visser: Each month minutes are reviewed and finalized by Board members and then posted on the NWONA website and on NextDoor.com.

Treasurer's Report: Dorothy Gist reported that the NWONA bank account balance is 2107.79. Fun Fest expenses still to come include: ice cream: about \$140; Honey bucket: about \$145; paper bowls and spoons and face paints: around \$40.

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 Sprring 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
06/20/14	Ck# 123 Out on a Limb Brush Disposal	-380.80		2,126.43
06/30/14	Deposit interest		0.14	2,126.57
07/02/14	Deposit City of Olympia reimbursement (380.80 + 1845.18)		2,225.98	4,352.55
07/02/14	CK# 126 Northwest Materials mulch	-1,845.18		2,507.37
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07/01/14	Ck # 125 Out on a Limb (Woodard path work bill #1)	11,179.59		(8,672.22)
07/02/14	Deposit City of Olympia reimbursement		11,179.59	2,507.37
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07/17/14	Ck # 127 Out on a Limb (Woodward work bill #2)	22,838.68		(20,331.31)
07/17/14	Deposit City of Olympia reimbursement		22,838.68	2,507.37
07/24/14	Ck# 128 Sawyer Creative (Fun Fest Fliers and banner)	-78.58		2,428.79
07/24/14	Ck# 129 Event Pro (Fun Fest stage, generator, tent)	-321.00		2,107.79

Pathways Project Update: The Woodard project path and hardscaping is complete. The grant for this project has been spent and Daniel will calculate the value of the in-kind work that was done. Daniel proposed installing split railing in sections to prevent bikers and skateboarders from riding off the path. He'll get price quotes for minimal railing. Plants need to be installed in October. It was suggested that we ask the neighborhood to donate plants and use NWONA funds to purchase inexpensive native plants. Potential work dates are October 19th, 25th or 26th. Work dates will be set and advertised in the next few months. Daniel will take photos and try to upload them to NextDoor to promote the new pathway. Daniel will check with Sophie to see if we need to retain our insurance for the planting on this project or for the Scammel project, and ask her about the status of that project.

Pocket Park:

Erica is going to set up a weeding party and promote it on NextDoor. The park also needs to be re-mulched. Before the end of fall, we must carry out the work under a grant from the City to

build raised herb garden beds and additional seating. GRuB had agreed in our original grant to donate soil, and we'll minimize how much we need by using wood chips in the bottom. Elevated rain barrels were also planned into the project. The challenge is to secure them so they can't be knocked over or stolen. Jerry Parker had drawn up specs for the project. Daniel and Rip will contact Jerry to discuss the plans and see how they can help move this project forward. They will try to come up with build dates and identify materials. Erica suggested using urbanite for the herb beds, as several years ago TESC students did some nice designs that featured that. Dorothy has some logs available to be used at her property. Erica will send the original grant proposal to everyone so we are reminded of our commitment and the budget. She'll also calculate the in-kind for this project to date based on volunteer hours contributed last summer and this summer.

Fall NWONA Business Meeting:

Erica will contact Garfield Elementary about October 14th or 21st as potential dates. Potential agenda items are neighborhood history and what it means to be a good neighbor.

Coalition of Neighborhood Associations: Erin was out of town and unable to attend the July meeting. Erica suggested that we make a list of potential code enforcement and other neighborhood-enhancement issues--including those raised by Jerry a few months ago--to be brought forward to the CNA in the fall.

Heronry: The condominium project at the East dead end of Dickenson was discussed at the meeting. Many people in the neighborhood continue to be concerned about the welfare of the herons and working to ensure a more inclusive public process for this proposed development. At this point, construction could begin as soon as early August. Daniel Einstein as a citizen is looking into the legality of this project and will work with other interested neighbors to explore all options to protect the herons.

Fun Fest: The Fun Fest was successful, but there was a light turn out for the event in comparison to last year. It may have been the heat or the fact that many folks were out of town. The event was promoted for two months throughout the neighborhood on fliers, on NextDoor and the NWONA website.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. There will not be a meeting in August. The next meeting will be held on September 22nd -- hopefully back at Garfield Elementary now that construction is complete. Erica and Cathy will send details closer to the next meeting date.