



**ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK  
NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 22, 2024**

**Meeting Location:** Milwaukie Café and Zoom: 6:30 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88968122811?pwd=b2VWd01VbEFuRE53eE1ITzBVdFRJUT0>

**Chair:** Chris Holle-Bailey

**Board Present:** Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Erin Jansen, Travis Tomlinson, Elvis Clark, Lane Rawlins, Travis Holle-Bailey

**Guests Present:** Will Anderson, Lila and Kayla, Eric Fosgard, Linda Hedges, Bea Macleod, Kristina Newhouse

**1. Introductions**

**2. Police Report** – Sergeant Mark Inman

**a. Staffing/Personnel:**

- i. Chief Luke Strait retired last month, great colleague and will be missed, but the culture he created is still there. Chief Burdick replaced him and subsequent replacements have all worked and lived in Milwaukie
- ii. **Officer of the Year:** Brian Johnson voted by the police officers, he is a night officer and does a lot of training for the officers and will be great to celebrate him at the annual dinner
- iii. Still trying to put an officer with the transit police, hoping to have an officer trained and ready by summer, paid for by transit and then we can hire another officer
- iv. Bike Registration is free! Can be done the website, the program is done through an application that has you take a picture with your bike and greatly helps with bike recovery. Called project 529

**b. Incidents:**

- i. **PSA about towing cars:** had to be because the traffic officer is out on a motorcycle, if you have a moving violation but don't have insurance, suspended license, or are drunk, your car might get impounded
- ii. **Car accident on 99:** pedestrian fatality, really a tragedy, but speed was not a factor although it was not at a cross-walk

**c. Questions:**

- i. **Car tagged for towing on 29<sup>th</sup>:** Is there an active campaign

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in the neighborhood to remove abandoned vehicles? No active program, has to be called in and then tagged and then they usually give about 2 days

**3. Public Comments:**

- a. Eric: Lessar Celandine is an invasive plant that spreads really well and is very hard to dig up. The answer to getting rid of it is unfortunately spraying it. There is a small period of time in March before it flowers where you can spray it and it's going to really spread through the neighborhood.
  - b. Will Anderson: running to be city councilor in Milwaukie. He is running unopposed so not asking for a vote, just here to say hello! Moved to Milwaukie with his partner because it was affordable but is concerned it is becoming less affordable.
  - c. Discussion about the Murphy Site and how the proposed plan no longer includes businesses on the ground floor
4. Greenway update: this is postponed because the city engineer is sick. No one at the meeting had an update about the status of the stop signs on the Greenway

**5. New Business:**

- a. **Grant Request–CERT Linda Hedges. Request for \$150**
  - i. Community Emergency Response Team: All about encouraging neighbors to prepare themselves for local emergencies, large and small
  - ii. Goal is to be Two Weeks Ready – which means every home should have 2 weeks worth of supplies to survive before emergency services can get to you.
    1. Grant request is to print color fliers that are informative about CERT, survival guides, and lists of supplies
    2. <https://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/generalpage/community-emergency-response-team-cert-members>
  - iii. Hope to table at the concert
- b. **Portland District Coalition Vote:**
  - i. At this time, we are just discussing our thoughts about staying with SE Uplift for the management of the neighborhood associations, the part of our neighborhood that is in Portland will still vote with the westside coalition (North by Northwest) there is nothing we can do about that.
  - ii. Pros: Some of the pros are that we would stay connected geographically and it's easier to get to on public transportation. SE Uplift is a well-run organization that has been around for a long time, North by Northwest added nearly

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20 neighborhoods with no increase in staff or resources. We share more concerns with neighborhoods on the East side rather than the West side

- iii. Cons: Perhaps some disconnect from the voting districts, including harder to get information on town halls, and added confusion about being in two cities and having a voting district and a management district is just very complicated.
- iv. Nancy Chaplain is the director at SE uplift and is supportive of us remaining in SE Uplift for management
- v. We have to vote on this in May, if we vote yes, then the SE Uplift board has to vote and then it goes to the City of Portland and they can still say no
- vi. Straw poll question that we move to stay with SE Uplift seems to strongly support voting to remain in SE Uplift

**c. Officer Elections in May**

- 1. Chair: Chris is willing to keep doing this role, but also happy to relinquish to others
- 2. Vice Chair: This is currently Matt, who did it to help ease Chris into chair, but someone else could do this
- 3. Secretary: Opening, Erin is leaving.
- 4. Treasurer; Travis will continue to be treasurer, but also willing to relinquish it
- 5. Land Use: Lisa is happy to stay on as well, but always use more people
- 6. PSAC: Elvis wants to continue to do this
- 7. Arts Committee: We should elect Lane for this or for a board member at Large
- 8. PTO: Travis Holle-Bailey

**d. Committee Updates:**

- i. Treasurer: No updates from Juneteenth grant on how to send them the money
- ii. Public Safety Advisory Committee: no updates
- iii. Membership Committee: no updates
- iv. Ardenwald Elementary school PTO: no updates
- v. Clean Air Portland: No updates
- vi. Land Use: Murphy site pre-application, 276 units, some of the lots of separate, and need to be consolidated, Kimmy's market will still be there. Only entrance will be from 32<sup>nd</sup>. Our questions are about it being a brownfield? Will there be businesses on the bottom? There is a gate that auto-closes at

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night toward Hillside, which seems odd.

1. Cleaned up the Terrace and kept up with the blackberries this month
  - vii. CERT: Shred and prescription turn in at the Public Safety Building this Saturday from 9:30 – 2 p.m.
6. Calendar check-in events over the next 3 months
- a. Tideman Johnson Clean up
  - b. Minthorn Springs in May will have someone there with birding binoculars and information on what is in the water, second Saturday in May, 10-2 p.m.
  - c. Elk Rock Island Clean up: third Saturday in May 9:30 – noon
  - d. Errol Heights clean up: Third Saturday in May
7. Vote to approve March meeting minutes
- i. Motion to approve: Travis T
  - ii. Second to vote: Lisa
    1. Erin: Aye
    2. Travis T: Aye
    3. Travis HB: Aye
    4. Lane: Aye
    5. Elvis: Ayes
    6. Chris: Aye
    7. Lisa: Aye
    8. Steve: Aye
    9. No Nays, no abstentions. Motion passes
8. Adjournment at 8:02 p.m.

**The next regular meeting is Monday May 20th**  
**\*this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday due to Memorial Day\***  
**at the Café!**