



**ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK
NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 24, 2024**

Meeting Location: Milwaukie Café (parking lot) and Zoom: 6:30 p.m.

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Chair: Chris Holle-Bailey

Board Present: Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Matt Rinker, Lila Bronson, Travis Tomlinson, Elvis Clark, Lane Rawlins, Travis Holle-Bailey

Guests Present: Erin Jansen, Josh, Jeff Tolentino, Shay, Avery, Lisa Batey

AGENDA & NOTES

- **Introductions**
- **Police Report**
 - Sargent Mark Kidman represented for the MPD
 - Incident near the Waldorf school with someone chasing some teenage girls; after investigation it was not an adult but another minor and a misunderstanding
 - Heighten scrutiny and patrolling over the roadways with summer here; 2 motorcycles out on regular patrolling
 - Stabbing that occurred near the Axletree apartments on 6/6/24; no threat to the public; investigation ongoing
 - Another stabbing near the highway but not a lot of details with the active investigation; no threat to the public
 - Website available on for the Police Department to check out the type of calls coming in; trying to get a mapping system to further increase transparency
 - One of the Detectives is currently training with a new K-9 (Flora) unit; primarily an electronics detection canine; they will also support as a comfort dog. Follow her on IG @k9flora.
 - Question was raised by one of the attendees on the status of a domestic disturbance which was called in on 6/10. TBD, Sgt. Kidman will follow up directly with an update.
- **Public Comments**
 - Attendee raised a question on the hillside development; are the roses going to be saved and incorporated into the development; to date the

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developers have agreed to retain the trees

- Open item: Chris to send contact information to Avery follow up on options for rehoming the roses

- **Presentation - 29th Greenway plan update- Jeff Tolentino**

- Josh and Jeff from the City Engineering Department presented on the plan for the 29th Greenway and Harvey Development
 - **29th Greenway Update**
 - Went to city council last month and has been approved
 - Materials shipment on the way and work will begin soon
 - Solutions discussed:
 - Post new signage between Balfour and Van Waterway to draw attention to the Greenway boundaries
 - 100 feet prior to each intersection
 - Will be posted first before the pavement markings
 - Installing additional pavement markings for Bicyclers and Pedestrians on select intersections of 29th – More clarity to the fact this is a shared roadway
 - Temporary yard signs for NDA to take home – future plans to pass these out
 - *Open Item:* Engage advocates of the 29th Greenway project pass out the yard signs to their neighbors
 - Question raised – Plans to adjust the current stop sign?
 - No plans to remove or change the current stop sign on Roswell & 29th
 - Question raised – What are the plans for an assessment post implementation of these changes?
 - No plans currently, but propose an additional traffic count and speed in Fall 2025 – Jeff took a note to include in the Fall planning
 - Traffic count was done previously and can serve as a benchmark
 - Question raised – What is the best process to flag if people are not adhering to the Greenway changes?
 - Suggestion is to file a police report to capture the relevant data for the city engineers; helps build the case for additional enhancements
 - Reminder you can always use the non-emergency line

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- *Open item:* confirm this with the police dept and city engineers for best tracking methods as there is misalignment.
 - Alternate option – Email the engineering@milwaukieoregon.gov team
 - Attendee raised the comment that people need to feel safe on the Greenway to promote the intended usage
 - **Harvey Street Improvements:**
 - Largely roadway improvements but also includes multiple improvements including:
 - Paving the majority of 42nd by the end of the project
 - New sidewalk from Water Tower Park to 32nd street
 - Changes to the road to slow traffic down on Harvey
 - ADA ramps installed for greater ADA compliance
 - Flashing beacon walker signals for pedestrians Roswell and 42nd near the Roswell Market
 - New manholes and catch basins for storm drainage improvements
 - Water improvement: potential for short term water shutoffs for residents as part of a new main being installed
 - Sewer work but not anticipating any sewer shutdowns
 - In design now and bid for contracts in Winter/Spring. Tentative timeline for improvements is Summer 2025.
 - Biggest impacts are gravel roads while Harvey is being re-paved
 - Question raised - additional signs or marking for bicyclists?
 - Not included in this project but can be considered for a future project.
 - *Open Item:* proposal – Link to the project page on the website and build some FAQs once the project gets underway
- **New Business**
 - **Update on Portland District Coalitions**
 - Petition with the other 4 SE neighborhoods to remain in Uplift was denied by Portland City Government
 - Portland city claimed it did not meet their policy goals and was against the will of voters
 - Sentiment was there was likely not a lot of recourse; they

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decided it was not worth filing a grievance is at this time

- Portland JC Ardenwald residents please contact your local candidates to share this decision did not align with your local needs
- What is the impact? We would lose a fiscal partner. Path forward is to do the bare minimum with the new Portland neighborhood organization association 4.
 - *Open question* – What are other fundraising options? Ask neighboring NDA's what they do for fundraising. Do we want to go back to a non-profit status – TBD for consideration or assess feasibility of Celebrate Milwaukie Inc (CMI) to be the fiscal sponsor for our NDA
- **A July Board meeting- Annual Work plan for 24/25 year**
 - Milwaukie is asking for an annual work plan
 - Proposal to have a board meeting to establish goals and plans for FY25 to be put for a vote in September
 - Zoom to be provided for public observation and comments
- **Concert check in**
 - Volunteer sign up system for setup/take down and tabling – *saved topic for the board meeting*
 - Targeted campaign to reach the Portland resident side of JC Ardenwald to advertise concert series and promotion of the NDA
 - Door flyers
 - Motion to approve the funding
 - Promotional materials up to 200 dollars in value raised by Matt Rinker and seconded by Travis Tomlinson
 - Ayes have the vote; approved unanimously
 - Lisa to share a graphic that shows the Milwaukie and Portland outline for JC-Ardenwald
 - Posters for Concert Series
 - Fliers in progress to post in local businesses to promote the concert series
 - Add a poster in the common space for the Seven Acres apartment building
 - Check in on the merchandise for the upcoming concerts
 - Small flags and stickers – have plenty
 - 10 large flags

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- Would need to secure new t-shirts and t-shirt design – need to obtain budget forecast and send the design over to Made in Milwaukie – Steve to take the action item
- Travis Tomlison to work on a profit/loss tracker to help understand profitability
- Vote for 200 dollars to update banner and website and for the URL and QR code
- Motion to approve the spending
 - Matt Rinker made the motion for up to 250
 - Travis Holle-Bailey seconded the motion
 - Ayes have the vote; approved unanimously
- **Mayoral check-in 7:40-8:00**
 - No fireworks signs – 120 signs to pass out
 - Neighborhood Hubs proposal is coming to council on 7/16
 - Looking to add drinking establishments to the permitted usage
 - Discussion on whether this is appropriate for this neighborhood; it will come to council July 16
 - Land usage encouraged to post public comments on the proposal
 - Sentiment from the group is this has been discussed previously and the neighborhood generally did not align with the proposal
 - Could be drafted as a conditional use or outright permitted use
 - Open item – Draft Letter to council with the comments and notes from the previous proposal before 7/16
 - Milwaukie Bay Park
 - Upgrades to the Milwaukie Bay Park project are stalling due to the discussions on whether Milwaukie will leave the NCPRD
 - Proposed a letter writing campaign to petition NCPRD to complete upgrades on the Milwaukie Bay Park
 - NDA's please write to NCPRD asking them to make good on the contribution of MBP
 - Wichita Family Center – success story was able to be saved by community activism
 - The full plan is available on NCPRD Website [here](#) – new project posted on the website
 - Improvements include Amphitheater, Nature area, Play area, Splash pad, and more accessibility features
 - New Dam removal project coming online in 2026
 - 13 acres of new greenspace after the dam removal is complete

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- **Vote to approve May meeting Minutes – 8:10**
 - Chris made a motion to approve the May meeting notes
 - Travis Holle-Bailey Seconded the motion
 - Ayes have the vote; passed unanimously
- **Adjournment: 8:12 pm**

The next regular meeting is Sept 27th @ 6:30pm
at the Café!