

Crestwood Neighborhood Association Minutes

General Meeting July 7, 2007

Attendees: Officer James Westbury, PPB; Tony Hansen, Wes McMullen, John Prouty, Leslie Baird, Darien Reece

Meeting was called to order at ~7:05 pm.

Agenda was approved with amendments.

Minutes were read and approved with amendments.

Treasurer's Report:

- \$133.41 in Crestwood general fund
- \$17,161.91 in Dickinson Playground Fund
- \$1,100 grant for Movies in the Park.

Neighborhood Liaison Officer Jim Westberry reported the following:

- There was an accident on Taylors Ferry Road: an elderly man went through a stop sign and injured a pedestrian.
- He has written up a traffic mission for start of school to increase traffic patrols including motorcycles and (radar-equipped?) vans.
- He told the group to report any sightings of graffiti gang tagging. They are starting to see an upside-down triangle symbol on the back of road signs around Capitol Hwy and 45th. Please report to the non-emergency number (503) 823-0297 and give a clear description so they can get cleaned up as soon as possible.
- Also report off-road driving in the parks. The fine is \$40/foot per side.
- The Reserve Hall (in Multnomah) is a possible location for a SW precinct.

Movies in the Park

Tony Hansen gave details about prep and activities for the Dickinson movies in the park.

- Parks has pretty much taken over the process but has been slow to offer up the services of their intern.
- The Friday, July 20 showing of Charlie and the Chocolate factory will feature: Indie folk band Norman at 6:30, Van Go with children's activities including a climbing wall, Wonka bars with gold tickets for kids to open when Charlie opens his. Movie will show ~9pm/dusk.
- For prep, there will be 2 mowings to cut and remove thatch and the Parks has a team to remove dog waste. The Monday prior, Parks will deliver 800 flyers in a radius around the park. Question about popcorn concessions—group discussed and decided to have Parks handle it the first time to see if it's worth us doing concessions the next time. We can show information on a rotating Powerpoint presentation before the movie and we can man a table with info about the neighborhood.
- The second movie will be the Wizard of Oz, on August 10.

Transportation

- Wes reported that Commissioner Sam says 400 million dollars is needed for maintenance and surveys indicate that a gas tax is not popular. They are looking for a solution—probably a referendum. Sam has a formula which Wes will find out and share.
- There will be an ongoing city-wide steering committee. Jim Gardner of South Portland will serve on the committee.
- Meeting on July 18: trying to have Gretchen attend Transportation meetings but has not been able to yet.

Dickinson Park

- Tony reported that a fence has been installed to delineate the swale project in the field. They have found some brackish City water. Marissa from BES will have it analyzed.

- Darien reported that the Dickinson Park playground IS funded! The City has budgeted 187K to install and prepare the site, additional to the 17K raised by the neighborhood for a play structure. Portland Parks will start to work with the neighborhood this September; completion is slated for September 08.

Land Use

- John shared letter re Usher's trees. Has not received any response yet.
- Citywide land use meeting
- Ashcreek has written a letter re: the Title 33 rewrite which has changed lot size for R7. Going back to a 117-yr old plat map with 25x100 lots. There was no public process. This is meant to support larger developments.

Crime Prevention

- Leslie will be checking the Crime Prevention site. She printed out crime stats and will be e-mailing for meeting notes.
- **Wes moved that we advise the SWNI board that Crestwood supports a SW Precinct and want SWNI Crime Prevention to write a letter. Leslie seconded and motion passed unanimously.**

SWNI Board

- Wes reported on plans to update the Comprehensive Plan. "Urban Forum" that defines area—NO movement to change zoning.
- There is no money for planning for Barbur/West Portland Town Center.
- SWNI Halo lid subcommittee has developed criteria and possible pilot projects. Will report July 18.
- S. Portland Circulation study has not been implemented. Per Greg Jones there might be \$4mil for environmental assessments (?). Only SW project is Gibbs St ped bridge in South Portland.
- Crestwood/Ashcreek neighborhood survey results not ready yet.
- Will the Taylor's Ferry Vision Plan be part of Commissioner Adams' Collector project?
- Metro Greenspace—Tony has talked to Jim from Metro. They are looking at the property on 57th. Tony will follow up

Bylaw Review

- John shared his written summary of changes (attached) The group discussed some amendments.
- We will vote on the bylaws in September.

National Night Out

- Darien will register and arrange for water jug, tent, etc. from SWNI
- John will order (8?) pizzas from Dominos.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darien Reece
Secretary