

# **Crestwood Neighborhood Association Minutes**

**Wednesday, July 13, 7 PM, 2011  
West Portland United Methodist Church library  
4729 SW Taylors' Ferry Rd.**

**John Prouty, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.**

## **Introductions**

**In attendance:** Darien Reece, Gretchen Holden, John Prouty, Jim Ure, Wes McMullen, Leslie Baird, Linda Niles, Julie Larice, Carrie Smith, Katie Kitzke, Laurie Kitzke, Scott Jaworski, Cathy Golobic, Russell Golobic, Bruce Johnson, Linda Graves, Tony Hansen, Brenda Jamsgard, Jim Wilcox

**Agenda approved.**

**May minutes approved with one change: need to correct spelling of Roger Averback and delete Jennifer Devlin's name from the minutes.**

**There was a quorum**

## **Treasurer's Report –**

- 183.51 - General Fund  
\$7,622.37 - Dickinson Park  
\$587.84– Movies in the Park - expenses for postcard was \$512.16
- \$4,700.00 – Taylor Woods
- Figures obtained from Sylvia Bogert, SWNI. The CNA accounts handled on our behalf by SWNI are still being audited and when the audit will be completed is unknown due to the fact that there is official police investigation into a suspected case of embezzlement by a former SWNI employee.

## **No Visitor Reports – Community Policing Officer or Outreach Coordinator**

### **Parks Information – Community Garden – Jim Ure**

- Open House is the last step in the outreach process for the community garden. During the event, results of the survey were given. 172 people surveyed – 84% approved of the garden idea, 16% in opposition. A Portland Parks Rep. Attended the open house along with Leslie Kausbau (Community Garden Coordinator for Portland Parks). Straw Poll - 70 – 80% of people in the room supported the community Garden idea. There was also outreach to the Somali Community who lives close to the bottom of Dickinson Park. Most of this community supported the idea of a community garden.
- Next Step in the process would be to form a Steering Committee which would include representatives from Ashcreek, Crestwood and the Parks Dept. The committee would discuss concerns about the Community Garden concept at Dickinson Park. Some of the concerns include parking, site location, erosion, chemicals in the garden (although this has been addressed as the gardens will only be allowed to use organic products). Anyone with additional concerns can address them by going onto the Crestwood website and clicking on the Dickinson Park Community Garden link at the Crestwood site.

## **Petition – Community Garden Discussion**

- Discussion ensued concerning the site location, and about a petition that was circulated. Tony Hansen spoke to this topic and others in the room as well. Petition states: "We the undersigned are opposed to the proposed community garden in Dickinson Park. As neighbors, frequent users and supporters of the park we would like to see the original Master Plan of Dickinson Park implemented in the space that is being considered for a community garden. This includes picnic tables and benches creating a community space for all neighbors and users of the park to enjoy." 153 people from areas surrounding Dickinson Park signed the petition.
- Major discussion points: Several people attending the CNA meeting indicated: The master plan should be followed - Keep open natural spaces, allow for picnic tables and benches. Several others attending did not approve of the idea of a garden located at the top of the park – "this would spoil the view of the sunset." Several attendees did not approve of the plan for a fence around the garden. Thoughts in rebuttal to these points offered by other meeting attendees were: Several attendees mentioned that they felt that a community garden fit in well with the Master Plan. (Darien Reece, one of the Dickinson Park Master Plan members of the plan forming committee, did speak to the Master Plan's design and process.) Jim Ure mentioned that some of the reasons that the Parks Dept. wants the garden at the top of the park are due to easier accessibility is better, and that environmental impact would be less at the top of park.
- It was moved and adopted by the board that a Steering Committee would be formed to deal with the concerns and issues about design of the park: members would be Katie Kitzke, Laurie Kitzke, Tony Hansen, Jim Ure, Bruce Johnson and Carrie Smith

#### **Dickinson Park Stewards – Tony Hansen**

- No report – and took a break for a month. Work parties held 2nd Saturdays of each month.

#### **Movies in the Park – Tony Hansen**

- Postcard mailed. "Imagine That" was shown on Friday, July 8. "James and the Giant Peach" will be shown on Saturday, August 13.

#### **Transportation – Linda Niles**

- Need for a consistent speed along TF (Taylor's Ferry Rd.). Speed on Taylors Ferry Road, a neighborhood collector, needs to match that of the posted speed limit on 48th and 45th, street speed limit – 30mph. Linda has sent E-mail sent to PBOT concerning this matter.
- Discussion: Stop sign instead of a yield sign at the end of exit 295 off ramp. PBOT needs to agree with ODOT on recommendations. Linda has sent E-mail sent out concerning this matter to PBOT and ODOT as well.
- Barbur Concept Plan – Crestwood might be able to have representation in the committee (since Crestwood has we have a small section bordering Barbur). If this request for representation on the concept plan group is okayed, then Linda agreed to attend the meetings. Barbur Concept Plan will be developed in the coming months through December of 2012.
- These issues could be added to our action plan and could be discussed at the next CNA meeting.

#### **National Night Out Event**

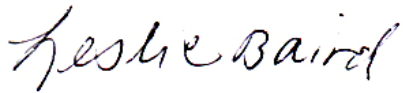
- Will be held the first Tuesday in August (Aug. 2), at Dickinson Park. Time: 6:30 – 8pm, setup at 6pm. Tony Hansen volunteered to have hot dogs he has purchased for Movies in the Park go towards the NNO event. Darien and other neighbors will provide BBQ grills. Those attending the event will be asked to provide side dishes. Leslie Baird agreed to create posters and ad for SWNI newsletter.

#### **Ashcreek Joint meeting**

- CNA is in support of this – John Prouty will ask Ashcreek NA if we can hold the joint meeting during a regular Ashcreek meeting and just have an hour for discussion. Such a meeting may also be held independently of any Ashcreek neighborhood association meeting and could be held in October.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm by President, John Prouty

Minutes respectfully submitted by Leslie Baird, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie Baird".

**Next Meeting: September 14, 2011**