

Crestwood Neighborhood Association Minutes

Wednesday, March 9, 7 PM
West Portland United Methodist Church library
4729 SW Taylors' Ferry Rd.

John Prouty, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

In attendance: Gretchen Holden, John Prouty, Jim Ure, Wes McMullen, Ed Smith, Nancy Towne-Smith

Agenda approved. January minutes approved. We had a quorum of 4 board members.

No Community Policing Officer attended meeting

Treasurer's Report – There was no treasurer's report but the assumption is that the following funding levels are still accurate:

183.51 - General Fund

\$7,622.37 - Dickinson Park

\$1,100.00 – Movies in the Park*

\$4,700.00 – Taylor Woods

Figures obtained from Sylvia Bogert, SWNI. The CNA accounts handled on our behalf by SWNI is 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 SNI employee.

Transportation Committee – John Prouty (Linda Niles, CNA SWNI Transportation Committee representative, was unable to attend the Wednesday's CNA meeting)

Board action was to support a 30 MPH speed limit along Taylors' Ferry Road from its intersection with Capitol Highway to the Washington County line. This would reflect recent 30 MPH speed limit changes on Multnomah Boulevard and 45th Drive. Linda was asked in-absentia to take this action to seek such to the next SWNI Transportation Committee meeting to find out best means by which this speed limit change might be accomplished and to report back her findings at the CNA meeting in May.

It was also suggested that speed limit monitoring and enforcement on TFR by Portland Police would also be helpful. Wes McMullen offered to contact Portland Police Department about having traffic monitored and speed limits enforced. Wes will report his findings at the CNA May meeting.

The safety situation at the TFR Capitol Highway intersection was also discussed. It was decided by board action to seek to have the "Yield" sign on the right-hand side of the off ramp from I-5 to TFR be changed to a "Stop" sign. It was decided to have Linda bring this need up at the next SWNI Transportation Committee meeting to determine how to go about getting the sign change suggestion considered and possibly approved and report findings at the May CNA meeting.

John indicated that latest ODOT official information is that a hill-climbing lane will be installed on I-5 in the Terwilliger Curves section of the highway with it scheduled to take place over the next three years.

Land Use - John Prouty

Barbur Corridor planning in relation to the Portland Plan planning process came up for further discussion. Planning for the increase in vacant lots suitable for building along and within the corridor has been a subject of continuing concern for the SWNI Land Use committee. It was noted that the southwest area of Portland has land that is vacant but not suitable for building due to topography and infrastructure issues. The land use committee concluded that there is no justification for any building density change to the plan within the Barbur Corridor due to these factors.

The citywide new Tree Ordinance was to be voted on by the Portland City Council Wednesday, March 9. SWNI Land Use committee has concluded that the ordinance has flaws but that it is as good as can be expected for now. The land use group supports the new ordinance with the thinking that it can be amended over time as the need or new information arises.

Parks & Recreation - Jim Ure

Dog use and dog leash laws within Portland parks was a major subject at the last SWNI Parks and Recreation committee meeting. Dog owners seem to be treating all city parks as though they are off-leash dog recreation areas. Better and more widespread education about the leash law and parks was suggested as a needed as well.

The SWNI parks committee effort to promote public awareness and more use of park facilities through park tours was discussed with the Parks bureau staff. Similar efforts in the past have not been successful. This prompted the SWNI parks committee to reconsider their planning efforts.

Old Business:

Community Garden - Jim Ure

Portland Parks Department has made an official review of Dickinson Park as a community garden site. Jim reported that parks department found nothing objectionable about siting a garden at Dickinson. Because of this review the garden survey to be conducted by Crestwood and Ash Creek and other community garden actions have been on hold. However, a mailer announcing the survey will be sent out March 17 and information on same will be in the next issue of SWNI News. Those wishing to take the survey will be directed to the SWNI website with a link to the survey to be taken on line. Those who do not have computer access or wish to take the survey in hardcopy form, will be able to do so as well.

A May open house as follow up to the survey is also planned. Options for the location of the Open House are being considered, including holding the event or part of the event in the park itself. Current best thinking is that the open house will be held in Dickinson Park along with planning for an alternate rain date and place. Refreshments, garden-type prizes and/or an appropriate speaker, or all three, are being considered for the May event as well. Jim will be contacting local businesses that might want to contribute both refreshments and prizes for the event (should this be a reporting action by Jim to the board by email since any action at the May meeting will be too late?)

Movies in The Park - Tony Hansen (In-absentia)

Movies in The Park dates have been set for Friday, July 8, and Saturday, August 13. The movie Toy Story 3 is being sought for the August event but nothing is known as yet about July.

Multnomah Boulevard Letter - John Prouty

Linda was to draft a letter in support of complete repaving of Multnomah Blvd. as finish up to the sewer line repair project and send it to Portland Bureau of Transportation. Linda drafted the letter and emailed it for approval to all CNA board members, but since she was unable to attend the March meeting, no one knew for sure whether or not the letter was sent. Linda was to be contacted by phone or email to determine if the letter in fact had been sent, and if it had not that it be sent as soon as possible. Discussion ensued as to whether the letter had to be sent over the signature of CNA president Darien Reece.

CNA Website - Jim Ure

Jim reported to the board that the website content guidelines and rules that SWNI has in place to conduct website business and to protect it, seem to be suitable for CNA needs as well. Jim suggested that CNA adopt the rules and guidelines issued by SWNI for their website for the Crestwood site. John suggested that such rules and guidelines for CNA need to make sure that outside organizations be denied access to placing items on the web or making changes to items on the site. It was decided that board members would visit the SWNI website, read the guidelines

and rules and decide via a board email meeting whether the guidelines met CNA website needs or not.

Email Distribution List - Jim Ure

Jim has determined that a user has to be enrolled and part of the CNA general and board lists in order to have access to send out an email to these lists. However, at this point anyone who wishes to do so can subscribe to and use the lists. Since the last meeting Jim has created a board-only email list.

New Business:

Fence Repair Along Taylors' Ferry Road - Ed Smith and Nancy Towne-Smith

There is a long standing broken barrier fence along TFR in the vicinity of Wood Creek overpass, brought to the board's attention by Ed and Nancy. The fence section was damaged in a car crash about a year ago. The Smith's efforts to reach responsible Portland city officials and/or departments to have the fence section repaired or replaced have met with no success. They asked for and got CNA board official action for support on repairs or replacement of the fence by the appropriate Portland city bureau. It was decided to have Linda bring this situation up at the next SWNI Transportation Committee meeting as well, determine which city department or bureau would be most likely responsible and report her findings at May's CNA meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM by John Prouty, CNA vice president.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Wes McMullen, Secretary pro temp.

Next Meeting: May 11, 2011/General Annual Elections for Officers and Board Positions