

# Crestwood Neighborhood Association Minutes

Wednesday, May 11, 7 PM, 2011  
West Portland United Methodist Church library  
4729 SW Taylors' Ferry Rd.

**Darien Reece, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.**

**In attendance:** Darien Reece, Gretchen Holden, John Prouty, Jim Ure, Wes McMullen, Leslie Baird, Linda Niles.

**Agenda approved with addition of Action Plan. March minutes approved. We had a quorum of 5 board members.**

**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 SWNI employee.

**No Community Policing Officer attended meeting**

**Parks Information – Jim Ure**

- The SWNI parks committee effort to promote public awareness and more use of park facilities through park tours was discussed.
- Portland Parks purchased parcels of land in Woods Park area/Aschreek Neighborhood. Some parcels are right of ways. Roger Averbach led the effort to purchase the plots. There is some interest in developing trails through the lands purchased. Neighborhoods would do outreach for this. Portland Parks would design the trails and Woods Park Volunteers may be involved in building them. There is a cost for permits (\$2000 - \$5000). Monies to purchase the plots could have come from the Bond to purchase lands. We could add this item to the action plan for Crestwood.

**Movies in the Park – Darien Reece (Tony Hansen- In absentia)**

- “Imagine That” will be shown on Friday, July 8. “James and the Giant Peach” will be shown on Saturday, August 13. The Crestwood website address should be added to the Movies in the Park information postcard.

**Transportation – Linda Niles**

- Fence Discussion: The fence along Taylor's Ferry at the Wood's Creek Overpass and located (near Capitol Hwy. intersection), is in disrepair. Linda left a message with PBOT (Portland Bureau of Transportation). Linda will follow up.
- Need for a consistent speed along TF (Taylor's Ferry Rd.). Speed on TF, a neighborhood collector, needs to be matched with 48<sup>th</sup> and 45th street speed limit – 30mph. Linda will look into having a speed reader board placed on TF.
- Speed tables may be added to Garden Home Rd. Speed Tables are 22 ft long (like speed humps). These would be traffic calming measures. Garden Home Rd. study completed: Data: 3400 vehicle trips per day, average speed was 38.5 MPH, High speed

- 45-47 MPH. There will be Neighborhood outreach concerning the implementation of adding speed tables to Garden Home Rd.
- 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 said she would research process for petitioning PBOT to change the Yield sign to Stop sign.
- Walgreen's may be leasing the building where Castle Video is now located. There was some discussion about possible traffic issues relating to this location. Linda will follow this issue.
- These issues could be added to the Crestwood Action Plan

#### **Land Use – Wes McMullen**

- Portland Tree code passed. Any land parcel over 5,000 Sq. ft. in the city of Portland will be affected. A permit will be required to cut a tree down that is over 12 inches in diameter. Pruning your street trees will require a permit also.
- Land parcels previously owned by Riverview Cemetery was purchased by the city. Portland Parks will be managing the land.

#### **CNA Website - Jim Ure**

- Website and Listserve Statistics: 1,077 total views of Crestwood website since the site was created. 350 views to Garden Project website pages.

#### **Garden Park Project – Jim Ure**

- Survey Statistics: 172 completed survey, 84% supported the project. Participants who lived in homes 1 block within the park: about 50% supported it. More persons were in support of a "Porta Potty" and any other amenity. Comments: 25-30 people said that they think the garden would strengthen the community. 10 -15 persons believed that Gardens are good because the food is produced locally. Concerns: parking, traffic noise, not good use of funds. Portland Parks thought that the survey was a success. There was some concern that the survey might have been tailored to draw out the extremes.....people in support and people against, but not people in the middle.
- Open House: proposed date June 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday evening. It was suggested that the Methodist Church on 45<sup>th</sup> would be a good location. Jim will look into availability of the Church on June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Somali Outreach: caseworkers will hand out flyers to apartment dwellers at Ashcreek Commons to publicize the Open House.
- Flyer materials: Jim will create text, and Leslie can design the posters. Wes agreed to help with distribution of flyers. Darien suggested that a map pointing of location of the garden be created for the Open House.
- Community Gardens have strict usage requirements: organic gardening only. It was suggested that this topic be represented in the marketing materials.

#### **Action Plan – Darien Reece**

- 4 items needed to be added to the plan: Change yield sign at Off Ramp – exit 295 to Stop sign (contact PBOT), Consistent Speed at TF, Fence Repair at Woods Creek Overpass, and follow up on Walgreen's placement at the present Adult Store location.
- Action plan was approved with the above changes.

#### **Nominations of Officers and Board Members – Darien Reece**

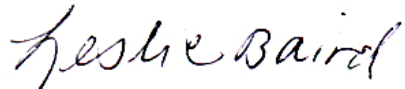
- John Prouty – President – needs to be voted in

- Darien Reece – VP – needs to be voted in
- Leslie Baird – Secretary/Treasurer (expires 2012)
- Jim Ure – Board Member At Large, Even (expires in 2012)
- Wes McMullen – Board Member at Large, Odd (expires 2011) – needs to be voted in.
- Gretchen Holden – Board Member at Large, Even (expires 2012)
- Linda Niles – Board Member at Large, Odd, needs to be voted in.

Officers and Board Members approved and voted in!

Meeting adjourned at 9pm by President, Darien Reece

Minutes respectfully submitted by Leslie Baird, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie Baird". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Minutes respectfully submitted by Leslie Baird, Secretary".

**Next Meeting: July 13, 2011**