

Crestwood Neighborhood Association Minutes

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

John Prouty, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

In attendance: Officer Jim Westberry, Stefanie Adams, West McMullen, John Prouty, Leslie Baird, Gretchen Holden, Darien Reece.

Officer Westberry's Crime Report

- Pellet Gun Shooting in Woods Park. The officer could not find the actual police report on the shooting, so Stephanie Adams, Crime Prevention Coordinator for Southwest, said she would look into this matter.
- "Butt Slapping" incident discussion. 18 – 19 year old young man was "slapping" bottoms of young girls and older woman at Dickinson Park. The young girls ran and hid (13-year-olds). The man was arrested.
- Burglary incidences are on the increase in Southwest Portland (Central Precinct). (20% increase).
- Wes McMullen brought up for discussion his house had some issues with vandalism. Discussion ensued about ways to protect vacant houses from appearing empty.
- Officer Westberry ran radar speed testing along Taylor's Ferry road at about 9am and 11am on one day during his shift. He did not pick up any speeding cars at those times.
- Darien Reece discussed graffiti issue at Dickinson Park. She saw the event take place, but was not able to see the people or car license number. She reported the crime to the police. She stated that the graffiti artists had used a thick pen possibly painted letters DP or DR on the object.

Stefanie Adams' Crime Prevention Report

- Stefanie mentioned Neighborhood Watches as a great way prevent crime.
- Phone numbers for non-emergency events – 503-823-3333. Officer Westberry's phone number – 503-823-0097. Graffiti Abatement – 503-823-4TAG. Traffic Issues – 503-823-SAFE.
- Volunteers are needed for a Graffiti Abatement Day. October 17, 9am-1pm. The event will focus on training volunteers as to the correct way to clean graffiti. Call Stefanie to volunteer.
- The first Thursday of each month is the Crime Prevention Committee meeting, in the Hamilton Room at the Senior Center.
- Police Officers' Reception to be held October 27 at 7pm at the Multnomah Art Center.

August Meeting Minutes Summary approved

Committee Reports

- Treasurer's Report - There is a balance of \$7,222.37 in the account right now, which includes left over monies from the Dickinson Park fund. The city of Portland needs to reimburse our fund \$300 for costs associated with the National Night Out party. Balance of funds needs to be used for Dickinson Park improvements.
- Dickinson Park Fund: Monies could be used for: Community garden, drinking fountain. Wes McMullen asked the question: could monies be from Taylor Woods be diverted to Dickinson Park? It was decided that this could not be the case.

- Fish Grant Discussion: A fish grant could be written to add to the Taylor Woods monies in order to restore Taylor Woods area. Crystal Logan is a neighbor who may be interested in taking the grant writing on. John Prouty will ask her.
- Work Parties –Tony Hansen still organizes work parties for restoration of Dickinson Woods. The work parties are held the 2nd Saturdays of each month.
- Movies in the Park – 200 people approx. at the events. Very successful events. Security people at the event. A neighborhood band played, “The Working Stiffs”. Tony Hansen will write another small grant to obtain funds for the Movies in the Park, next year. The grant is due Nov. 2.
- Park Land swap – no discussion
- Woods Park – some trash issues and dog issues discussed. More people are using the park for walking, and people don’t want to clean up after their dogs. Gretchen Holden will ask Kevin Duff, Woods Park Trails Coordinator, to give a report at the next CNA meeting
- Transportation – Tri-met #43 bus line will have service suspended on the weekends. Metro Regional Transport will be gaining stimulus funding which may help with the Barbur Corridor planning. John Prouty met with Maryanne Fitzgerald and others to discuss ideas about what should happen on Barbur Blvd. Some ideas: where should light rail be placed, what about Barbur Blvd. Connectivity. Sept. 16th there will be a planning committee meeting, at the Red Barn at 7pm. Discussion ensued about problems with Taylor’s Ferry Rd. and 45th Avenue – lack of bike lanes, and good pedestrian pathways. Next transportation meeting – Sept. 22nd: priority projects will be decided.
- Communication Committee – nothing happened
- Land Use – Southwest Fire Station proposal killed. Sears Army Reserve building will be transformed into affordable housing. 100 plus units will be constructed. Traffic impact may be an issue. Southwest Trails – work stopped due to liability issue with volunteers constructing the trails.
- Neighborhood Cleanups. Neighbors cleaned up the 43rd street Gulch. 53rd and Taylor’s Ferry Road lot was cleared on the right of way by John Prouty and neighbors.
- PPS schools – Smith school is now occupied by a Riverdale school which will be temporary.
- Sandwich Board – John announced that he can create new signs for the board if given some notice. He can send the digital file to Ginny (SWNI), to have the sign created.
- Solar Energy Panel Project at Wilson High – we need a lead person to take over this project.
- National Night Out – evaluation of events. 30-40 attendees, police, PA system for announcements, very successful event! Limited amount of flyers distributed. Discussion ensued pertaining to flyer distribution.
- 4T’s discussion – Trail, Trolley, Tram and Train event. Sept. 19th. A Don Baack event.
- Landslide Forum – Sept. 29th

Next Meeting: November 11 – Major agenda items to include Strategic Direction and Action Plan Review

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm by President, John Prouty

Minutes respectfully submitted by Leslie Baird, Secretary

Leslie Baird