

# **Crestwood Neighborhood Association Minutes**

## **Joint meeting with Ashcreek**

**Thursday, October 27, 7 PM, 2011**  
**Multnomah Art Center, RM #30**  
7688 Southwest Capitol Highway  
Portland, OR 97219-2489

**John Prouty and Dean Smith, Presidents of Crestwood and Ashcreek, called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.**

**In attendance:** Leslie Baird, Ester McGinnis, Linda Niles, Marianne Fitzgerald, Gretchen Holden, Dean Smith, John Prouty, Tony Hansen

### **Introductions**

### **History of the Crestwood and Ashcreek split of neighborhoods – John Prouty**

- 1981 – Ashcreek split into two NA's and Crestwood was formed. Ashcreek area was dormant and too large of an area according to Crestwood locals. It was decided that Crestwood would form with the minimum number of houses to obtain bulk mailing rates.
- Gretchen Holden posed the question – why don't Crestwood and Ashcreek merge? When she suggested a merger might be worth considering, she mentioned that both groups have difficult maintaining active membership/officers, and this limits representation on many of the committees.

### **Strategic Directions of Crestwood – John Prouty**

- Continue and improve with Neighborhood Communication: Movies in the Park, Website, SWNI Newspaper, etc.
- Lack of developed parks in Crestwood. Manage Woods and Dickinson Park (both parks are partly in Ashcreek, also.).
- No sidewalks
- Stormwater run-off concerns
- Taylor's Ferry Rd is Hazardous. Need traffic calming measures for TF.
- 4-way stop, Barbur, TF, Capitol Hwy. intersection concerns. Work with Barbur Concept plan group to solve these issues.
- Crestwood's unimproved and narrow streets.
- Land use decisions – preserve present density if possible.
- Keep large trees in tact.
- Parks – Community Garden discussion
- How can we share ideas with Ashcreek? – Share action plans and minutes with each other.

### **Ashcreek**

- Ashcreek has similar issues to Crestwood.
- Smith School is major concern. Ashcreek wants to maintain it as public property. Right now, it is being used as an overflow school.
- Speed Bumps on Garden Home Rd. – This is a controversial issue in Ashcreek. About ½ support and ½ are opposed. Down side of Speed Bumps – inconvenient, creates noise

when driving over bumps. The NA needs to take a formal vote on this issue. Garden Home Rd. has similar speeding issues to Taylor's Ferry Rd., but doesn't have the same volume of traffic. The Ashcreek NA would also like to set up a working group to explore traffic calming options.

#### **Crestwood and Ashcreek Merging Discussion**

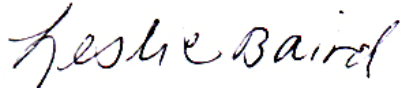
- Gretchen Holden brought up the idea
- Ashcreek is talking with Multnomah NA about redividing the NA's so that the boundaries make more sense. We could discuss redividing Ashcreek and Crestwood.
- Ashcreek has questions about their own bylaws and governance issues.
- Some issues to think about: Each NA needs committee reps at the various committees - can Ashcreek and Crestwood share these responsibilities? Crestwood needs neighborhood team members for Neighborhood Emergency Teams. Can we have joint efforts for this?
- It was agreed that the two NA's can have joint meetings more often to discuss common issues and see how they work together. Next meeting: January.

#### **Misc. – Maryanne Fitzgerald announcements**

- Two new positions are approved for SWNI to hire – ½ time Bookkeeper and ½ time Communications Specialist.
- Barbur Concept groups moving along.
- Capitol Hwy. improvements will not be pursued until more monies are available.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm by Crestwood President, John Prouty and Ashcreek President, Dean Smith

Minutes respectfully submitted by Leslie Baird, Secretary



**Next Crestwood Meeting: November 9, 2011**