

# Crestwood Neighborhood Association Minutes

Wednesday, September 8, 7pm  
West Portland United Methodist Church library  
4729 SW Taylors' Ferry Rd.

Darien Reece, President, called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

**In attendance:** Gretchen Holden, Darien Reece, Leslie Baird, John Prouty, Jim Ure, Linda Niles, Leslie Pohl-Kosbau

## Introductions

**Agenda approved. July minutes approved.**

### Treasurer's Report – Leslie Baird

- \$86.51 - General Fund
- \$7,522.37 - Dickinson Park
- \$1,000.00 – Movies in the Park
- \$4,700.00 – Taylor Woods

### Community Gardens Discussions – Leslie Pohl-Kosbau – Community Garden director for Portland Parks and Recreation and Jim Ure

- Goal is to be able to walk or bike to a garden within 20 minutes.
- Jim and Leslie took a quick tour of Dickinson Park to see how feasible building a Community Garden would be. Leslie said it was quite feasible.
- The Garden would enhance wildlife in the area – more bees and wildlife would be attracted by the flowers.
- Process would involve changing the Master Plan. The Parks Dept. might ask if there was another location suitable for the garden – which would be less expensive than opening up the Master Plan Process. The Community Garden idea just needs to be supported and proved needed by the community.
- Cost – approx. \$25,000 to put in the garden which includes paths, fence, possibly a shed, and bringing water and meter to the site. Operating and Maintenance budget is separate cost. Some of the O&M monies come from the General Fund.
- Fees to rent a garden plot are \$75 per year for a full plot (20'x20'), \$38 per year for ½ plot (10'x20') size. The rental costs do not cover all of the costs to maintain the garden.
- Recommended size for Dickinson Park – 10,000 – 30,000 square feet. 27 – 30 full size plots could be built on the site. 2-4 beds can be built for handicapped accessibility purposes. 10,000 Square feet is the minimum size that a community garden should be.
- Monies for the garden might come from a partnership with Friends of Portland Community Gardens.
- The group advised Jim Ure to start the process by contacting Sylvia at Southwest Neighborhood Inc. Sylvia can help with starting the public outreach process. SWNI Parks Committee can be contacted also about this. An ONI grant could possibly be used to fund the public outreach process. Brent Horner, Parks Planning Supervisor, can also be contacted to further the process. Leslie can provide examples of layouts of different community gardens. Jim will also talk with Ashcreek about support of the project and help with Public Outreach.
- A topography map of Dickinson Park can be provided.
- Discussion – Can Taylor Wood's monies be used to fund the community garden? Someone can look into this issue.

### **Friends of Woods Park – Jim Ure**

- Annual meeting was held.
- Rachael Felice, Park Stewardship Coordinator, was at the event
- Highlights of accomplishments: close off demand trails , add crib walls, keep up trail maintenance, add signage, held a planting day, garlic mustard removal.
- Work Parties – 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month except December.
- Oct. 9 or 10 is No Ivy Day

### **Transportation – Darien Reece**

- Capitol Hwy. Plan – Open House – Thursday September 23, 4-7pm at Multnomah Art Center.
- For more info: <http://www.portlandonline.com/transportation/index.cfm?c=51637&>
- West Portland Crossroads – no news yet. John Prouty will e-mail Marianne Fitzgerald to see what may be happening.

### **Land Use– Darien Reece**

- 5006 SW Taylor's Ferry Rd. – discussion. Darien Reece wrote a letter in response to the division. She reiterated concern for the natural areas and keeping as many larger trees as possible.

### **Crime Prevention – no report**

### **SWNI Board Meeting – Darien Reece**

- Darien attended the SWNI Board meeting. This meeting was Preparation for transportation meeting coming up. Main discussion was concerning prioritization of infill sidewalk/path projects in southwest Portland.

### **New Business – Darien Reece**

- It was decided that CNA would support as no. 1 priority full sidewalks built along Taylor's Ferry Rd. all the way to 48<sup>th</sup> Ave. where the West Portland Methodist church is located. No. 2 priority would be pathways built along 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Woods Park entrance. CNA is more flexible about the possibility of a more relaxed version of a sidewalk along 48<sup>th</sup> avenue. Jim Ure will attend the next Transportation meeting to present this opinion.
- Representation for Standing Committees – John Prouty may be representing CNA at West Portland Crossroads meetings and will attend Land Use meetings, Wes McMullen may attend Land Use meetings, Linda Niles – Transportation, Jim Ure – will be attending the next Transportation meeting, Linda will take over after this meeting. SWNI needs a representative at the Markham Back to School Night.

### **Next Meeting: November 10, 2010**

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm by President, Darien Reece

Minutes respectfully submitted by Leslie Baird, Secretary