

Meeting Minutes

Jefferson Westside Neighbors Executive Board Meeting

December 19, 2006 (Approved January 16, 2007)

Presiding: Rene Kane, Co Chair

Board members present: Rene Kane, Paul Conte, Erika Seiferling, Glenn Smeed, Angela Rooney, Garrick Mishaga, Kyle Burns

Guests:

Charles Snyder, JWN resident
David Babcock, teacher at Cesar Chavez school
Majeska Seese-Greene, Chair, Whiteaker Community Council
Ilona Koleszar, JWN resident, Residents for Rational Rapid Transit

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Agenda adjustment. (Passed 6-0)

Adjust agenda to consider NMG proposal and Quiet Zone items when the people who are presenting on this items arrive at the meeting.

Announcement .

- Upcoming JWN General Meeting dates (time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.):
***** New location: First United Methodist Church (“Fellowship Hall”) *****
 - Tuesday, January 9
 - Tuesday, February 13
- Upcoming JWN Executive Board meeting dates (time: 6:45 p.m. to approx. 8:30 p.m.):
 - Tuesday, January 16 (McNail-Riley House)
 - Tuesday, February 20 ***** May need to reschedule due to Council hearing. *****
- City Council meeting dates:
 - State of the City – Jan. 4, 5:30 Hult Center
 - Regular meetings: Jan. 8, 16 (note Tuesday), 22,
 - **Feb 20 Public Hearing on J/FW amendments**
- **Planning Commission Vote on Metro & J/FW plan and code amendments:**
Monday, January 8, 2007, 11:30 am, Sloat Room of the Atrium
See <http://jwneugene.org/jeffredes.html>
- **Hearing on appeal of “Area 15” policy interpretation**
January 11, 5:00 p.m., Sloat Room of the Atrium
- **Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA) public meeting**
 - Thursday, January 18, 6:00 p.m. (??? Date and location to be confirmed))
Bascom-Tykeson Room in Eugene Public Library

Co-Chairs report.

See jwneugene.org Web site for additional information.

- **Dale Deason resigned as JWN secretary.** Election to fill vacancy will be at January 9 meeting. Charles Snyder has indicated an interest. Please encourage anyone you know who is interested to contact either co-chair.
- **W. 13th Ave. lot partition appeal.** JWN won! Appeal decision reversed the partition approval. No LUBA appeal until next lot partition (if any) is approved.
- **J/FW refinement plan amendment.** Planning Commission public hearing held. JWN co-chairs submitted additional testimony. Planning Commission decision scheduled for Jan 8. City Council public hearing February 20.
- **J/FW Area 15 policy interpretation.** Appeal filed. Hearing scheduled for Jan 11.
- **W. 10th Ave. M-37 claim agreement.** Council voted 8-0 to approve.
- **Attempt to undo Chambers Special Area Zone standards.** Council rejected David Kelly's motion 7-1.
- **New JWN meeting location.** First United Methodist Church ("Fellowship Hall") beginning in January.

Neighborhood Matching Grant proposal.

David Babcock presented proposal for grant. The following motion was adopted 7-0:

Motion: The JWN Executive Board approves the Neighborhood Matching Grant proposal by David Babcock to create a 200 meter running track for the community on Cesar Chavez School property. Board approval in no way indicates any obligation or commitment on the part of the JWN.

Co-Chairs report (continued)

- **JWN holiday party** was a success and a lot of fun. About 25 people participated.
- **Goal setting, survey.** Detailed results have been posted.
- Other items from Co-chairs
 - JWN board liability insurance will not be renewed. Previous \$500K policy was about \$390/year. JWN can get \$1M event insurance (e.g., for picnic) through the City and the City has allocated funds to cover at least one event. According to information from the City attorney, additional liability insurance for the board doesn't appear necessary.
 - Rene is arranging a neighborhood walking tour for Alan Zelenka, the City Councilor who replaces David Kelly.

Quiet Zone.

Majeska Seese-Green, Chair of the Whiteaker Community Council (WCC) explained efforts to get changes made to the in-town RR crossings so the train horns will not be as disturbing to residents. This is also a significant issue for the north side of Westside neighborhood. The following motion was adopted 7-0:

Motion: The JWN Executive Board supports implementation of a Quiet Zone that will reduce the disruptive impact of train horns on residents of the Whiteaker, Westside, and other neighborhoods. The board recognizes the central role Whiteaker neighborhood residents and businesses and the Whiteaker Community Council should have in determining the most effective way to implement the Quiet Zone

Co-Chairs report (continued)

- Other items from Co-chairs (continued)
 - Paul and Rene coordinated a meeting on November 30 with Lisa Gardner, the new Interim Planning Director. This was an informal discussion over coffee and dessert at Paul's house. Two neighborhood leaders from each of the following neighborhood associations also attended: Whiteaker, River Road, & Santa Clara. Another get together is planned with John Lawless, Planning Commissioner, in January.
 - RLID account will be maintained through January for \$50.

Secretary report.

- Board minutes for November 21 and December 4 approved.
(See at jwneugene.org/minutes.html).

Treasurer report.

- Current JWN account balance: \$1,904.91.
(See at jwneugene.org/aboutjwn).
- Estimated current City funds for newsletters balance:\$3,500.00

Editor report.

- JWN e-News e-mailed December 10. See at: jwneugene.org/publications.html
- Plans for upcoming announcements and newsletters
 - For January mtg – Mail 4-page newsletter. Topics: Planning, elections, EmX, JWN bylaws amendment, Feb & Mar mtgs (est \$1,500)
 - Future mailings:
 - Before April meeting – Two-up postcard w/ Elections; also announce May mtg & June picnic (est. \$900)

Tentative agenda items for upcoming general meetings.

- January 9. Focus on infill standards
 - Introductions and regular business 30
 - JWN local business intros (2x)
 - Election (Secretary) 10
 - EmX motion 10
 - JAN Bylaws amendments 20
 - Chambers Area standards presentation 20
 - Infill Compatibility Standards Program discussion -- Terri Harding 30
- February 13
 - Possibilities: JWN bylaws amendment (vote), Quiet Zone
- March 12
 - Planning team charter vote (?), nominations for JWN board
- April 10
 - JWN board elections, Planning team elections (?)
- Board members suggested additional ideas:
 - County Commissioner (Kyle)
 - Climate Leadership Initiative (Garrick)
- Utility representative on energy conservation (Rene)

- **EmX study.**

Iлона Koleszar explained that a group of concerned neighbors recently organized to form **Residents for Responsible Rapid Transit**. The focus of RRRT is to assess potential impacts of any EmX route through residential areas and to identify and evaluate alternative routes. The following motion was adopted 7-0:

Motion: A discussion of EmX shall be on the January 9 general meeting agenda and the JWN Executive Board recommends the JWN membership approve the following motion at that meeting:

The JWN Executive Board is directed to track the City's and LTD's planning for an EmX (bus rapid transit) route along the West 11th Corridor and to keep the JWN membership informed about emerging issues that may affect the livability and character of the neighborhood.

ENI board member article.

The board discuss David Hinkley's article in Eugene Weekly. The article attacking goals of the JWN was signed by Hinkley as an "ENI board member". The following motion was adopted 7-0:

Motion: The JWN co-chairs are directed to take such action as they deem appropriate to assure future actions by individuals who are members of the Eugene Neighborhood Inc. board adequately identify the members' actions as not representing an ENI position, unless that position has been adopted by the ENI board or membership.

The co-chairs are to report to the JWN Executive Board at the January board meeting; and, if there has not been a satisfactory response by ENI, the co-chairs are to recommend to the board whether JWN membership in ENI should be terminated.

JWN bylaws amendments.

The board discussed several ideas for changing the JWN bylaws to encourage more people to volunteer as JWN board members and which would improve the board functioning. The board agreed to have the co-chairs develop a set of proposed amendments to present at the January general meeting for the first of the two required votes. These changes will include:

- b. Reduce board size from 9 to 7 members with a quorum of 4 members.
- c. Change the term of office from two years to one year. Elections for all board positions will be held once a year (at the April meeting). Current board members can run for reelection.
- d. Have the Executive Board identify which board member(s) will serve as secretary and treasurer, rather than having specific elected offices for these two responsibilities.
- e. Have a Chair and Vice-chair, rather than two Co-chairs. Vice-chair would serve as Chair, in Chair's absence. (These two offices would be specifically elected.) There would be no formal succession, but the intent would be that the Vice-chair position is the "training" ground for someone to become Chair.
- f. Address the current requirement that a JWN member be present to be elected to a vacancy, which can prevent some members from volunteering if they're out-of-town or sick on a particular meeting night. (The mechanism will be discussed further among board members prior to deciding what to recommend.)
- g. Clarify the way elections are conducted (i.e., by ballot, not by up or down vote). Also clarify how runoffs are conducted.
- h. Clarify the version of Robert's Rules of Order that are followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Please let either Co-Chair know about items you want considered for future Board meeting agendas.