

Jefferson Westside Neighbors
Executive Board Meeting

June, 19, 2006

Presiding officer: Paul Conte

Board Members Present: Paul Conte, Rene Kane, Kyle Burns, Glen Smeed, Erica Seiferling, Dale Deason

Board Members Absent: Eric Gran, Garrick Mishaga, Angela Rooney

Others Present: Jon Belcher, Jean Hanna

The Board meeting minutes from 5/15/06 were approved without change.

Announcements:

- Upcoming JWN Executive Board meeting dates:
 - Monday, July 17
 - Tuesday, August 15
 - Tuesday, September 19Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- City Council meeting dates:
 - June 21, Noon, WS – Railroad Quiet Zone
 - June 26, 7:30, Public Comment, Condo conversion
 - June 28, Noon, WS – Joint mtg with Pl. Comm POSTPONED until July 17
 - July 10, 7:30, Public Comment, Condo conversion
 - July 17, 11:30, Joint mtg with Planning Commission – Opportunity Siting & Infill Standards will be among discussion items. No public testimony.

- Monroe Park update:
 - See Eric Gran's June 15 e-mail.
 - See Monroe Park upcoming activities at jwneugene.org/parkfun.html

Co-Chairs Report:

Neighborhood Cleanup – Rene reported that 25 people brought stuff for disposal. Twelve volunteers helped. The yard waste bin got the heaviest use. Trash bin was only one-third to one-half full.

Picnic – Approximately 60 to 70 neighbors attended --- lots of kids. A good time was had by all. Requiring folks to sign the liability waiver was not a big problem. Rene, Kyle and Jennifer Barwood made major contributions to the success. The name tags worked well.

New Planner – Paul reported that Council has approved 1.0 FTE for planner and \$20,000 in FY07 budget to work on infill compatibility standards.

Jefferson Redesignation – Paul briefly discussed ongoing correspondence between the co-chairs and City staff. See below for additional information on the redesignation.

Web Site – Paul reported that the JWN website is up and running at jwneugene.org. A JWN e-News was emailed to about 70 people on June 6.

Also – Paul noted that one possible LTD EmX route would include West 11th. River Road C.O. and Santa Clara C.O. took “Chambers” infill and opportunity siting tour on Saturday.

Secretary’s Report:

Board minutes for the 5/15 meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s Report:

The Treasurer was not present. Paul has the Bank of America checking account materials and will arrange with Rene and Eric to change signature cards and mailing address. Paul reported:

Current JWN funds: \$2,780.24.

Current City funds for newsletters: \$867.91.

Editor’s Report:

Newsletter funds are ‘use it or lose it’. We plan to use the funds for the next newsletter and/or meeting announcement.

Motion passed unanimously: *Co-chairs are authorized to approve printing of announcement postcards and response card inserts out of FY06 City newsletter funds.*

Amazon Canal Sponsorship:

Jon Belcher briefly described JWN’s ongoing sponsorship of canal work parties and volunteered to continue as coordinator of this effort.

Motion passed unanimously: *Co-chairs are directed to approve JWN sponsorship of Amazon Canal and to develop plans for conducting work sessions as part of the sponsorship.*

McNail-Riley Update:

Erika reported that the Nail-Riley House will be closed for repairs: July 11-15. City will repair main meeting room floor and replace kitchen and bathroom floor coverings. City will also provide new chairs, chair rack, and tables. (See previous e-mails from Erika.) It was evident that Erica has energetically tackled the management issues at the House and gotten things in much better shape.

Tentative Agenda Items for next general meetings:

- Tuesday August 1 – Neighbors’ Night Out – Charnell-Mulligan. Need volunteers to plan and implement. Rene will coordinate.
- September – Some ideas:
 - “Soundoff” with City Council and other public officials (?)
 - Priority setting for JWN activities
- October – Elections event. Need volunteers to plan and implement. Kyle will coordinate.

Standard Board Meeting Structure:

Paul presented and the Board discussed a new meeting structure. Posted on Web at: jwneugene.org/agendas/JWNBoardAgendaStructure.pdf

Motion passed unanimously: *The meeting structure, as described in the document “JWN Executive Board Meeting Structure,” will be followed for all JWN Executive Board meetings, except that the Executive Board may change the structure for any meeting by either a majority vote at the meeting or by a majority of the Executive Board notifying either Co-chair prior to a meeting of their agreement to a proposed change.*

(Paul noted that the proposed motion on the agenda to change regular board meeting to the Tuesday following general meeting was unnecessary because the Board has previously approved this change.)

Faith Center:

Residents on 15th Avenue notified the City that construction at the Faith Center was not complying with the time schedule specified in the conditional use permit. The City has written to the contractors extending the deadline to August 16th to complete construction.

Neighborhood Fair:

Rene briefly presented the idea of holding a Neighborhood Fair. Possible models for such a fair include the Community Village area at the Oregon Country Fair, or the nonprofits area on Willamette between 7th and 8th at the Eugene Celebration. The fair would enable residents to learn a lot about what is going on in the neighborhood and community.

Further Action on Jefferson Redesignation..

Paul noted that JWN adopted several motions in March, one of which requested a “moratorium” on zone changes in the redesignated area of the Jefferson neighborhood. Additional information has been developed suggesting a moratorium may not be the best idea. Other possibilities include: a Council motion, revision to City Code Chapter 9, and amendment(s) to Metro and/or local refinement plans. City Council might act before the July 17 JWN board meeting. The Co-chairs requested that the board affirm co-chairs authority to support

Council action that will further the intent expressed by the general membership's motions.

Motion passed unanimously: *The Co-chairs are authorized to testify on behalf of the JWN in support of City Council action that is consistent with the intent of the motions adopted by the general membership in March 2006. The Co-chairs are expressly authorized to exercise their judgment, in consultation with a majority of other board members, as to the most effective mechanism(s) to recommend Council pursue to prevent zone changes in the redesignated area of the Jefferson neighborhood until Council adopts appropriate development standards to protect this area's neighborhood character.*

Deferred Items:

The following items were discussed very briefly but deferred to a future meeting:

- Web site directory of business and community organizations
- Outreach and interest identification
- Business involvement in JWN
- Illegal camping

Dale Deason
Secretary