

## **JEFFERSON WESTSIDE NEIGHBORS – MEETING MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 10, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Rene Kane, Co-chair.

There were 28 JWN members present.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **JWN e-News**

The October issue of **JWN e-NEWS** is available on the JWN Web site. If you'd like a printed copy, just contact one of the co-chairs. Find out what over 70 JWN neighbors had to say about what's important to them; learn more about City actions that affect all of us, find out JWN's business initiative... and more!

#### **Contribute to the JWN appeal fund**

JWN has recently appealed a land use decision made by the City of Eugene Interim Planning Director. That decision paved the way for alley-access lots (in direct conflict with a previous City Council position) and increases the vulnerability of our neighborhood to incompatible infill. The appeal will cost approximately \$5000. In September, JWN members voted to pay the \$500 filing fee for the appeal. We've had donations of about \$3500 from JWN residents. We are approximately \$1500 short and need YOUR help.

Please join your neighbors who have already stepped up, and contribute \$100, \$50, \$25 -- or whatever fits your ability and interest -- to help spread the financial burden.

Please take a moment right now to write a check, payable to either:

#### **Eugene Neighbors, Inc.**

(tax-deductible donation, but ENI keeps 10% of donations for administrative costs); or

#### **Jefferson Westside Neighbors**

(not tax-deductible, but there are no administrative costs).

Write "Partition Appeal" on the check. If the check doesn't already have your name and mailing address, please enclose that on a separate piece of paper.

Mail or deliver to:

Rene Kane, JWN co-chair, 254 W. 14th Ave., Eugene 97401.

THANK YOU for supporting your neighborhood.

Read important additional details about this action here: <http://jwneugene.org/partition.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact either co-chair.

#### **JWN selected for Climate Leadership Initiative**

You can help your neighborhood lead the region in collectively reducing our carbon footprint while saving money and reducing harmful substances in your home. The Climate Leadership Initiative (CLI) at the University of Oregon is initiating a pilot project focused on engaging households and individuals in collectively reducing their green house gas emissions, and CLI has selected the JWN as one of only

two neighborhood associations to participate in a one-year pilot project, beginning this Fall.

The project will consist of education and outreach, guided by the needs and interests of the neighborhood, helping individuals learn how to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions in cost-effective ways. The project staff will conduct "emissions audits" at the beginning, middle and end of the one-year project to measure the success. Stay tuned for the on-line greenhouse gas emission inventory and for future events.

Contact Sarah Mazze, Neighborhood Program Coordinator, for more information.  
smazze@uoregon.edu <http://climlead.uoregon.edu> (541) 346-0786

### **Neighborhood Matching Grants**

Got an idea for a great project in your neighborhood? Need some money?

Then check out the Neighborhood Matching Grants program at:

[www.eugene-or.gov](http://www.eugene-or.gov)

Select: City Quick Links -- Neighborhoods

Select NMG Applications

NOTE: Pre-review deadline is January 15, 2007.

### **Have an opinion or thoughts you'd like to share with neighbors?**

The JWN Web site now has a "Member viewpoints" area to provide JWN members a place to express their comments and opinions on any item of concern to the neighborhood. For the guidelines and other information, visit:

<http://jwneugene.org/viewpoint.html>

### **Amazon Clean-up**

JWN has adopted part of the Amazon Creek as a "natural" neighbor, and on November 11th we'll hold our annual Amazon Creek planting party. If you'd like to join your neighbors in maintaining the health and beauty of the creek, contact

Jon Belcher at 343-6695 or [jbelcher@efn.org](mailto:jbelcher@efn.org) .

### **JWN needs YOU!**

Give a little time and talent and gain a lot in return. Great neighborhoods happen because people who live in them care. Come join your neighbors and help maintain the Jefferson and Westside neighborhoods as safe, vital places to live.

Some of the volunteer spots that are available include: attorney, publication distribution coordinator, urban planner/architect/zoning specialist, Web wizard, fund raiser, outreach activist, parliamentarian, business relations developer.

For a description of these and other volunteer openings, please see:

<http://jwneugene.org/volunteer.html>

Remember, YOU are Jefferson Westside Neighbors!

## MOTIONS

The following motion was considered:

### **Motion A. Principles for City “Infill Compatibility Standards” Program** (passed 25-1)

The **Jefferson Westside Neighbors** (JWN) believes the following principles are essential to the success of the “Infill Compatibility Standards” public process the City has initiated:

1. There be a clearly-stated goal, as follows:

*The Infill Compatibility Standards program shall define standards and processes that will increase the stability and quality of older residential neighborhoods (as required by Metro Plan Policy A.25) and maintain the character and livability of individual neighborhoods (as required by Growth Management Policy 6).*

2. All appropriate standards should be considered.

All appropriate standards that fulfill the stated goal, including standards that may reduce allowable density, should be considered without any limitation based on the projected outcome of “opportunity siting” or other programs intended to increase density.

3. There be a resident-driven process for developing infill compatibility standards and processes.

For the Jefferson Westside Neighbors area, the process should follow the successful model used to create both the **Westside Neighborhood Plan** and the **Jefferson/Far West Refinement Plan**, specifically through an organization structure and process approved by the JWN and the City Council.

The JWN requests City staff and officials incorporate these principles into the Infill Compatibility Standards program.

The JWN Executive Board is directed to take such action as they deem necessary to assure these principles are observed in any Infill Compatibility Standards program plans, actions, or decisions that may affect JWN members.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

## PROGRAM

### **Local Elections – Candidate Forum**

- State Senate, 4th District: Floyd Prozanski (D) vs. Bill Eddie (R)
- State Senate, 7th District: Vicki Walker (D) vs. Jim Torrey (R)
- State Representative, 8th District: Paul R. Holvey (D) vs. Andrew Hill (R)
- State Representative, 13th District: Nancy Nathanson (D) vs. Monica Johnson (R)