

## Meeting Minutes

### Jefferson Westside Neighbors Executive Board Meeting

October 17, 2006 (Approved November 21, 2006)

Presiding: Rene Kane, Co Chair

Board members present: Erika Seiferling, Glenn Smeed, Angela Rooney, Dale Deason, Garrick Mishaga

Guests:

Charles Biggs  
Dave Perez, YMCA Executive Director  
Julie Grossman, YMCA Development Director

The board unanimously approved a motion to add a YMCA presentation to the agenda.

Announcements from board members:

- Upcoming JWN Executive Board meeting dates (time: 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.):
  - Tuesday, November 21
  - Tuesday, December 19
  - Tuesday, January 16
- Events of note:
  - November 20, 7:30, Public Comment, Hearing on M-37 claim in JWN
  - October 25, 5:00 p.m., public hearing on JWN Appeal of Lot Partition:  
Sloat Room in the Atrium
  - Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup> Amazon Clean-up and Planting,. Jon Belcher is coordinating.
- Glen reported that he is delivering letters to businesses in the neighborhood inviting them to go to our web site and register as a neighborhood business. He has distributed more than 80 of these letters, with more to go. He commented on how many small businesses he has found throughout the neighborhood. Some have already resistered. One business asked whether they could advertise in our newsletter or make a presentation to a general meeting.

Co-Chairs report:

- **Jefferson redesignation.** Co-chairs submitted “Findings and Recommendations” on definition of “low- to medium-density”. Tentative schedule is a December Planning Commission public hearing on amendments to J/FW refinement and Metro plans. Planning Director expected to issue “decision” defining “low- to medium-density” within next two weeks. (See Web site for details.)
- **Lot partition appeal** JWN filed appeal on October 16. Hearing is October 25. (See JWN Web site and previous emails.)

- **M-37 claim agreement.** An excellent agreement has been put together by owners, JWN co-chairs, nearby neighbors, and Goal One. (See prior e-mail). Draft has gone to City to work up formal agreement. Expect to have Council public hearing on Nov. 20 and approval in Dec. No expectation of any opposition.
- **Regional Land Use Database.** After two week free trial, the assessment was that JWN should use for at least long enough to download all data after tax-year updates (early Nov). \$150 pays for Nov & Dec. Paul is hoping to get other neighborhood associations to pay for continuing \$50/month access (we can share a single membership among multiple neighborhoods). Charles Snyder has volunteered to capture data and begin building JWN land use and mailing address database from the available data.
- **Matching Grants.** Beth Bridges scheduled for 10-15 minute presentation at November 14 JWN General Meeting. See JWN Web site for link to City info.
- **JWN meeting location.** Nothing done yet. Co-chairs will focus on this over next couple weeks.
- **JWN board insurance.** More information to follow. Decision at November Board meeting.
- **Goal setting, survey.** Posting of detailed results will have to wait until Paul returns from trip. Hopefully first week in November.
- **Web site and JWN e-news update:** JWN e-News e-mailed October 6. See at: [jwneugene.org/publications.html](http://jwneugene.org/publications.html)
- NAIAP comments due Oct 22.
- Paul gave “infill tour” to Mike Clark, newly elected to fill Gary Pape’s Council position in January. Mike was very supportive of our efforts to get sensible infill standards adopted.

### **YMCA Presentation and Board response:**

YMCA Executive Director Dave Perez described a major proposal which would involve the YMCA opening an indoor sports activity center at the Fairgrounds. The YMCA would lease the Equine Center and convert it to three indoor soccer fields and YMCA Youth Sport offices. The facility would operate on a daily basis, year-round. It is not contemplated that the facility would draw large crowds at any one time. Rather, there would be regular daily use by relatively small numbers of kids and parents attending activities there. The ‘Y’ does not expect that there will be significant impacts on traffic or noise at the fairgrounds. The Fair Board has unanimously supported the proposal. The final approval is up the County Commission which will review the proposal in

November with action expected in January. If this approval is obtained, the ‘Y’ will immediately apply for necessary permits, and expects to complete the project within 90 days after receiving the permits.

Board members reacted favorably to the proposal and unanimously passed the following motion:

*“The Co-Chairs are directed to send a letter to the County Commission reporting that the board unanimously supports the YMCA proposal, and that this proposal will be presented to our general membership meeting on November 14, 2006 with a recommendation that it be approved.”*

Board members also expressed their desire that the proposal be included on the agenda for the next general meeting and in the announcements of that meeting. Dave Perez indicated that the ‘Y’ would be able to send a representative to that meeting.

Secretary’s report:

- Dale said he thought the draft board minutes for Sep 19 were incomplete.  
*Note from co-chairs: The minutes were complete. Dale subsequently corrected this in an e-mail to the board dated October 18.*
- Kyle asked whether anyone is preparing minutes for general meetings when the secretary is not present.  
*Note from co-chairs: General meetings are recorded and minutes prepared and posted.*

Treasurer report:

- JWN checking account
 

Balance 9/15/06:	\$2,804.55
Non-designated donations received:	\$25.00
Designated donations (appeal):	\$140.00
Payment from ENI (for appeal):	\$2,202.50
Attorney (for appeal):	– \$2,202.50
Expenses:	
Appeal fee:	– \$518.13
Checking acct service charge	– \$12.00
Planning division public records request	– \$134.00
Balance 10/15/06:	\$2,305.42
- Newsletter account (City funds)
 

Balance:	\$4,477.76.
Neighbors’ Night Out postcard (print & mail 97401 only, 1,580 addresses):	– \$469.20
September newsletter & survey insert (print only, hand delivery)	– \$1,127.13
Sep 9 postcard meeting ann. (mail 4,000 addresses)	– \$686.12
Oct 3 postcard meeting ann. (4x print & mail 4,000 addresses)	– \$857.17

- Kyle initiated a discussion about financial planning and control by the Board. He indicated his concern that the board is not currently doing financial planning, that estimates of the cost of land-use appeals given to the Board have been greatly exceeded, and that (perhaps) not all private donations for attorney's fees are known by the Board. Dale and Glen expressed similar concerns. The main point was concern over the lack of awareness and control by the Board, and the need for more discussion. Board members agreed that this issue should be added to the agenda for a substantial discussion at the next Board meeting.

*Note from co-chairs:*

- *JWN has no financial responsibility for any costs of appeal beyond the appeal filing fee which was approved by Motions D & E of the general membership at the September 12 meeting.*
- *The JWN board voted at the September 19 meeting to authorize the co-chairs to solicit donations for the appeal.*
- *All donations and distributions of donations are recorded and reported (see above), whether made directly to the JWN or made through the JWN's ENI account so they are tax-deductible.*

Newsletter Editor's Report:

Plans for upcoming announcements and newsletters

- November –Two-up mailed postcard. (est. \$900)  
Topics: Nov. 14 mtg agenda., JWN Planning Team, Tree program, Matching Grants  
Invite e-mail/print subscriptions.  
Also announce Dec meeting/celebration
- Future mailings:
  - Before January meeting – Newsletter w/ Planning Team info; also announce Feb & Mar mtg (est. \$1500)
  - Before April meeting – Two-up postcard w/ Elections; also announce May mtg & June picnic (est. \$900)

Rene indicated that the co-chairs are considering substantial changes to our newsletter procedures, including the possibility of a JWN financed newsletter that would not be subject to restrictions that the City now imposes. A more complete presentation of this issue will be included on the agenda for the next board meeting.

Tentative agenda items for upcoming general meetings:

- November 14: Business meeting: Preliminary introduction of concept for JWN Planning Team; also brief update of City's "Infill Compatibility Standards" and "Opportunity Siting" programs and where JWN fits in.  
Program: Matching Grants & Trees/urban forest.

- December 12  
Business meeting: Shortened version (30 minutes or less). But keep on the schedule in case motions needed.  
Program: Holiday Celebration – Need volunteer!
- January 9  
JWN Planning Team charter discussion and vote

Dale Deason  
Secretary

Edited by Rene Kane and Paul Conte, Co-chairs.