

JEFFERSON WESTSIDE NEIGHBORS – GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

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

There were 35 JWN members present.

Paul Conte, Co-chair, provided a brief explanation of the meeting process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neighborhood Matching Grants

You don't need money to be happy, but it sure helps a neighborhood! City Council has approved a neighborhood matching grants program that will distribute over \$50,000 per year for three years. Selected grants receive a match for every dollar in cash or "in-kind" that they put into the project. If you or your organization would like to apply, visit the JWN Web site or contact either JWN co-chair to learn how.

Neighborhood Association Initiative

Acting on an adopted City Council priority, Councilors, City staff, and neighborhood association leaders have been working on an "action plan" to strengthen neighborhood associations, improve delivery of City services to neighborhoods, and address other neighborhood concerns and aspirations. The JWN Executive Board met with City representatives in August and provided feedback on the current version of the plan.

You can also find information on the City's Web site under "Mayor and City Council – Priority Issues."

Meetings and Events

September 14 (Thursday) 5:30 pm **Police Commission**. McNutt Room, City Hall, 777 Pearl Street.

September 19 (Tuesday) 6:45-8:30 pm. **JWN Executive Board**
McNail-Riley House

September 23 (Saturday) 11 am to 2 pm. **Grand Opening, Monroe Street Station**,
788 w. 6th, Meet EPD staff and volunteers. Tour the newest facility! Join us for food and drinks!

October 3 (Tuesday), 6:00-8:00pm, **Citywide Issues Forum**

Bascom-Tykeson Room, Eugene Public Library

Join residents from across Eugene to learn about issues on the November ballot.

Presentations from supporters and those opposing ballot measures. For more information or to volunteer, contact Kyle Burns, 343-5248 or Rene Kane, 343-4309 rkane@highstream.net.

November 11 (Saturday). **Amazon Planting Work Party**. JWN has "adopted" the section of Amazon Creek that flows through the Jefferson neighborhood and by the Fairgrounds. This year there will be a work party on November 11 to plant new vegetation along the banks. If you'd like to join the fun, contact Jon Belcher at jbelcher@efn.org or 343-6695.

MOTIONS

The following motions were considered:

Motion A. Endorse NLC motions (passed 32-0)

The **Jefferson Westside Neighbors** (JWN) endorses the Neighborhood Leaders Council (NLC) recommendation that the following tasks and projects be the top two priorities in the Planning Division's FY 07 work plan:

Priority 1 – Implement infill compatibility standards

Priority 2 – Create the “next generation” of enforceable neighborhood plans

The JWN also endorses the NLC recommendation that the Planning Division's FY 07 work plan reflect preservation of the natural environment in neighborhoods as a high priority, encompassing a broad spectrum of tasks and projects, including: Goal 5 projects, watershed and wetlands protection, storm water management, tree preservation, parks and open space, Willamette Greenway, and others.

Motion B. Protecting Jefferson redesignated area (passed 34-0)

The **Jefferson Westside Neighbors** (JWN) requests City Council amend the Metro Plan, the Jefferson/Far West Refinement Plan, and the Land Use Code to limit subarea 15 in the plan (either in its entirety or the portion south of Amazon Canal) to Low Density Residential development. Further, the JWN supports a provision that unless Council takes further action with regard to the subject area, the subject area shall revert to allow Low- to Medium-Density Residential development on July 1, 2008.

The JWN co-chairs are directed to take appropriate action to communicate this request to City staff and officials and to work for its prompt implementation.

Motion C. Interpretation of “low- to medium-density” in Jefferson area (passed 33-0)

Jefferson Westside Neighbors (JWN) intends that the *Jefferson/Far West Refinement Plan* policy for “Jefferson residential area #15” (on pages 27-28), which states (in the first paragraph):

This area shall be recognized as a low- to medium-density residential area. The City shall explore methods of encouraging an increase in residential density yet maintaining the character of the area. Residential densities beyond ten units per acre shall be allowed, subject to an approved block plan or rezoning to R-2 in conjunction with site review.

shall be applied with the following interpretation, when applicable in the review of zone change applications and other land use actions:

- The “low- to medium-density” range shall have a maximum effective density less than the maximum R-2 density in effect on the date the Jefferson/Far West Planning Team developed the policy for area #15, specifically as of July 1, 1982 or earlier.

The determination of the equivalent maximum density under current regulations shall take into account the effect of the “round up” provision that is part of current code such that the equivalent value for current maximum density produces as close as possible the same results that would have been produced by the “round down” provision in effect in 1982.

The JWN co-chairs are directed to take appropriate action to communicate this motion to City staff and officials and to work for its prompt implementation.

Motion D. Appeal approval of lot partition at 933 W. 13th Ave. (passed 31-0)

The **Jefferson Westside Neighbors** (JWN) co-chairs shall file an appeal of the approval of land use application PT 06-43, a tentative partition for 933 W. 13th Ave., conditional upon adequate funds being donated for the appeal fee or subsequent approval by a vote of the JWN membership, to cover the appeal fee.

Motion E. Approval of expenditure to appeal lot partition at 933 W. 13th Ave.
(passed 30-0)

The **Jefferson Westside Neighbors** (JWN) co-chairs may expend up to \$500 to cover the fee to appeal approval of P 06-43, a tentative partition approval for 933 W. 13th Ave.

The business meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

PROGRAM

Results of the JWN survey on aspirations and concerns were presented.

“Creating a Vision for Jefferson and Westside Neighborhoods”

Neighborhood discussion and goal-setting with guest Eugene Police Chief Robert Lehner.