

Meeting Minutes

Jefferson Westside Neighbors Executive Board Meeting

January 16, 2007 (Approved February 19, 2007)

Presiding: Paul Conte, Co-Chair

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

Guests:

- Phillip Carroll, JWN resident
- Mrs. Christiansen, owner of property in JWN

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

Announcement.

- Lane County Energy Roundup will hold Energy Forum I on Tuesday, January 23, 2007, at Harris Hall, and Energy Forum II on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, at First United Methodist Church.
- Glenn has an upcoming meeting with representatives from the City regarding improvements at the intersection of 8th and Blair.
- A Climate Committee will meet at McNail-Riley House on Wednesday, January 31, and Thursday, February 22, 2007.

Co-Chairs' Report.

- Eric Gran has resigned as Treasurer of JWN.
- Rene was encouraged by a meeting with John Lawless, former chair of Eugene Planning Commission, and representatives of other neighborhood organizations. Paul hopes to bring City planners and other officials to future JWN meetings.

Secretary Report.

- Board minutes for December 19, 2006, approved without amendment.

Treasurer report.

- Due to resignation of the Treasurer there was no formal report, but Paul noted there was little change from the numbers posted on the website jwneugene.org (see "About" link).

Editor Report.

- Paul noted that approximately 900 "Useful Phone Number" and mail-in feedback cards had been hand-distributed in the neighborhood, thanks to

Pauline Hutson and volunteers. It was noted that additional City funds might be available later for publications.

Tentative agenda items for upcoming general meetings.

- February 13, 2007
 - A special election will be held for Treasurer, to fill the position vacated by Eric Gran.
 - The format for presenting proposed JWN bylaws amendments was discussed. Effective summaries of changes will help, but the process may require an hour to assure adequate understanding and discussion. Garrick will try to secure door prizes for the meeting to encourage attendance. The Board voted to support the proposed changes as presented (7-1).
 - Paul hopes to have Mayor Piercy attend an upcoming JWN meeting.
- March 13, 2007 [NOTE: Agenda listed 3/12]
 - Nominations are scheduled for Garrick, Glenn, Erika and Paul. Paul would like to know of candidates.
 - The Planning Team charter will probably not come to a vote at this meeting.
- April 10, 2007
 - JWN Board elections will be held for the 4 positions.

Neighborhood Matching Grant proposals

- Phillip Carroll presented a proposal for landscaping public areas following changes to the intersection at 8th and Blair. The Board approved the following motion (8-0).

Motion: The JWN Executive Board approves the “8th & Blair Improvement Project” Neighborhood Matching Grant preliminary proposal submitted by the “8th & Blair Group” (Phillip Carroll). Board approval in no way indicates any obligation or commitment on the part of the JWN.

- A proposal for “JWN PlanJam 2007” was described by Paul. The Board approved the following motion (8-0).

Motion: The JWN Executive Board approves the “JWN PlanJam 2007” Neighborhood Matching Grant preliminary proposal. The Executive Board must also approve the final proposal and any JWN financial commitment.

JWN board response to Eugene Neighborhood, Inc.’s response to co-chairs’ email.

- The Board approved the following motion to change JWN policy to require Board approval of renewed JWN membership (8-0).

Motion: The JWN membership in the Eugene Neighbors, Inc. shall not be renewed without a prior vote by the Executive Board.

Q&A with owners of property at 15th and Jefferson who want to rezone and build a triplex.

- Mrs. Tae Christiansen spoke for herself and her husband regarding their request.

Selecting participants for the “neighborhood summit.”

- Rene described the event, scheduled Saturday, February 17, 2007, from 9a.m. until 2p.m. The Board accepted nominations of Board and JWN members to attend. Paul will contact and recruit from the names provided. Board members Rene, Paul, Kyle, Garrick, and Charles indicated interest.

JWN Planning Committee

- Paul described his vision for the role of a committee to focus on planning issues. The Board approved the following motion (8-0).

Motion: The JWN co-chairs shall appoint a Planning Committee of five members, including the two co-chairs and at least two members who are not JWN board members at the time of their appointment. At least two other board members must also approve of the co-chairs' appointments.

The Planning Committee shall continue until either a JWN Planning Team is in place, or the JWN Executive Board votes to dissolve the committee.

The purpose of the Planning Committee shall be to:

- 1. Prepare a charter for a JWN Planning Team, including how members are selected and operating rules and procedures. Once in place, the Planning Team shall supersede the Planning Committee, which shall be dissolved.*
- 2. Gather and report information, and recommend board and general membership actions on any land use action or issue that the committee identifies as important to the JWN or that the JWN Executive Board or general membership directs the committee to address.*

Co-chair Paul Conte shall serve as Chair of the Planning Committee until such time as the Executive Board may vote to designate a different committee chair.

The committee Chair shall provide monthly reports to the Executive Board at the board's regular monthly meeting.

Land Use Code Amendment process.

- Paul distributed a list of his and Rene's code change proposals, and discussed the current process.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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