

Meeting Minutes

Jefferson Westside Neighbors Executive Board Meeting

March 20, 2007
(Approved April 17, 2007)

Presiding: Paul Conte, Co-Chair

Board members present: Rene Kane, Paul Conte, Garrick Mishaga, Glenn Smeed, Charles Snyder, and Angela Rooney (arrived at 7:00 p.m.).

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

Announcements.

- On May 9, a City Council work session is expected to address support for neighborhood organizations.
- On May 14, City Council is expected to approve neighborhood matching grants.

Co-Chairs' Report.

- City Council voted to protect Area 15 until new infill compatibility code is adopted. Area 15 residents have been notified and asked to support these efforts financially. In response, two \$100 contributions have been received thus far.
- Barbara Aten has been added to the Nominating Committee for the JWN Executive Board, which will meet March 22 to slate candidates. Known nominees will be listed in the newsletter, with additional candidates' names in an e-mail update.
- Contributions totaling \$100.00 toward the RLID subscription have been received from River Road and Santa Clara neighborhood organizations.
- Lisa Gardner, the City's new planning director, and Terri Harding, who is leading the City's Infill Standards and Opportunity Siting effort, met with Paul and Rene. They shared expectations and talked about neighborhood involvement at the core of these projects.

Secretary Report.

Board minutes for February 19, 2007, were approved without amendment.

Treasurer Report.

Paul reported current account balances: JWN funds balance is \$1918.60; City funds for newsletters balance is \$1604.00.

Editor Report.

Rene reported that fliers had been distributed prior to the March general meeting. The JWN e-News and a follow-up News Flash reported Council action to protect Area 15. A

newsprint newsletter will be distributed prior to the April 10 general meeting and Board elections, and articles can be accepted until about March 23.

Tentative agenda items for upcoming general meetings.

April 10

The General Meeting will feature JWN Executive Board elections. Glenn will seek two door prizes for the meeting, while Garrick and Charles will serve as meeting “runners.” An update on the MiCAP process, and an alternate proposal from neighborhood leaders for infill compatibility standards project goals, will be discussed if time allows. A brief introduction to the City budget process may also be on the agenda.

May 8

The General Meeting will include a report on EmX bus service prospects for west Eugene, and potential implications for JWN. Further developments in the MiCAP process will be discussed, and proposals for a Planning Committee and Planning Team Charter may be presented.

Summer

Summer activities will include a Neighborhood Clean-up from the Jefferson Pool site (15th and Jefferson). Angela Rooney will organize and coordinate this effort. The June picnic will be at Mulligan Park, and Charles Snyder will recruit two volunteers for this effort. The National Night Out will be at Monroe Park, and Garrick Mishaga will identify two volunteers to work on this.

Standard Meeting Structure and Process.

The following motion to amend the JWN General Meeting—Agenda Structure was passed unanimously.

Motion: The “JWN General Meeting—Agenda Structure” is amended to add the following procedural rule:

Guests who are not JWN members are welcome to attend general meetings and make announcements as provided for under “Introductions and announcements.”

Invited guests may participate in the Business Meeting or Program as arranged by the co-chairs. Otherwise, guests may not participate in the Business Meeting unless a 2/3 majority of members present suspends the rules. In no case may a guest make any motion or vote.

As a general rule, uninvited guests shall not actively participate in a JWN Program unless the Program is specifically intended to include participation by the general public. Accordingly, the presiding officer shall not call on uninvited guests when this would, in the judgment of the presiding officer, reduce the amount of time available to a scheduled speaker or for conducting other parts of the Program. The presiding officer may, at his or her discretion, permit an uninvited guest to participate in a Program when the presiding officer determines such participation is in the best interests of the neighborhood association.

JWN Representation as “Stakeholder” in EmX-Related Processes.

The following motion, amended to read as follows, was passed unanimously.

Motion: The Co-chairs (or Chair) are (is) directed to take appropriate action to assure the JWN is effectively represented as “stakeholder” in any public or private process related to a future EmX route that may pass through or near the JWN. A Co-Chair (or Chair) may represent the JWN on any committee or other stakeholder group, or may designate another board member as representative with the approval of a majority of board members; and said representative shall further the interests of the neighborhood association as directed by the Executive Board or General Membership, and shall report regularly to the board.

Minor Code Amendments Process (MiCAP).

The following motion, amended to read as follows, was passed unanimously.

Motion: The Co-chairs are directed to take appropriate action to assure the Minor Code Amendment Process provides effective participation by JWN residents and/or representatives in determining how proposed code amendments are winnowed and prioritized. The Co-chairs shall also take appropriate action to further the neighborhood association’s expressed intent to have effective infill standards adopted, in so far as standards relevant to this intent may be incorporated in code amendments considered as part of MiCAP.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.