

## Meeting Minutes

### Jefferson Westside Neighbors Executive Board Meeting

July 17, 2007 (TENTATIVE)

Presiding: Rene Kane, Chair

Board Members Present: Rene Kane, Paul Conte, Angela Rooney, Garrick Mishaga, Charles Snyder, and Ilona Koleszar (arrived at 6:55 p.m.)

Guest: Nancy Nathanson, Area 13 State Representative

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

#### **Introductions.**

Board members and our guest introduced themselves to one another.

#### **Agenda Adjustments.**

The Board agreed to add 5 minutes to agenda item #11, LTD EmX Route.

#### **Announcements.**

- The first JWN General Meeting this fall will be Tuesday, September 11.
- The next JWN Board Meeting will be Tuesday, August 14.

#### **Chair Report.**

Rene reported attending the first Neighborhood Empowerment Initiative meeting. At the meeting she expressed her disappointment with the MiCAP process, but wasn't sure how well she was heard. The group is looking to expand and to hold monthly meetings.

Regarding the recent gunfire in the area south of 13<sup>th</sup> and near Lincoln, Rene spoke with John Eberling, proprietor of Sandpiper Auto. He has been working with police and others to reduce drug activity in the area. Drug activity was associated with a tenant in the Capri apartment building, who was evicted following the incident. It was suggested that residents of area apartments (e.g., the Tate and the 13-story apartment building) could be recruited to help observe and suppress drug activity.

Rene spoke about the Healthy Parks Initiative. Eric Gran worked with The Mayor, Councilors, and the police to reduce drug activity at Monroe Park. Charnel Mulligan Park also needs a champion, and Beth Stegall was suggested as someone interested in beautifying and improving that park.

Rene suggested that the Board schedule some time to meet informally for a "Retreat" to discuss long term issues and plans. We will use email to set up two 2-hour meetings during August.

**Secretary Report.**

Charles will distribute draft minutes from previous General and Board meetings prior to the August 14 Board meeting.

**Treasurer Report.**

Paul reported the current JWN funds balance as \$1707.40. Rene said that the City had provided funds for newsletters in FY 2008 in the amount of \$7734. She will try to get City reimbursement from 2007 funds for the JWN Picnic expenses.

[The Board agreed to revise the agenda and address community issues before other internal business.]

**LTD EmX Route.**

Iлона described her June 29 meeting with mayor Piercy where they discussed Council's intent in its October 9, 2006, resolution regarding EmX. The Mayor said that Council had not intended to run an EmX route through the JWN. At the June 25, 2007, Council work session, Councilor Poling and City Manager Taylor agreed that a specification of W. 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue as the EmX route was not intended, and Mr. Taylor said that he would meet with staff to correct any misinterpretation. It is not clear that this meeting occurred, however.

Councilor Solomon met with the 3RT group on June 25. She seemed surprised when she reviewed the language of the October 9, 2006, Council motions and agreed that W. 11<sup>th</sup> should not have been specified as the "priority for the next EmX corridor study."

Greg Evans, LTD Board member, met with 3RT on June 4 and is a strong supporter of alternate (to W. 11<sup>th</sup>) routing for EmX to West Eugene.

3RT is pushing for a new Council resolution to clarify the October 9, 2006, motion that identified "W. 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue as the City's priority for the next EmX corridor study." The revised motion should identify "West Eugene" as the next area of study for an EmX system.

Iлона has been communication with Emily Proudfoot to understand Emily's focus on W. 11<sup>th</sup>. Emily had her read a long document, and later said it was the wrong one. She then recommended a 3-paragraph section in their funding application, but it also did not appear to restrict the study to W. 11<sup>th</sup>. Iлона then sent Emily a link to the June 25, 2007, Council work session video (see above), but has received no response.

The LTD website information on EmX has changed recently to show a broader "study area."

3RT recently prepared and distributed a report on LTD failures to comply with requirements for public participation in EmX planning. The report also went to the R-G,

Peter DeFazio, Councilors, and others, as well as to LTD. Ilona will send a copy of this report to Nancy Nathanson.

Charles reported that the issue of interpreting the October 9, 2006, Council motions is also being addressed in the West Eugene Collaborative (WEC). In the WEC it also appears that formal Council action will be required to assure a consistent interpretation by the Mayor, Council, and staff. Paul agreed to help work toward securing that Council action.

The Board reviewed a motion, passed at its June meeting, to invite Tom Schwetz to update the Board on EmX developments since he spoke to the JWN at the May 8 General Meeting. Charles provided a revised draft of a letter of invitation and Paul suggested some changes. Rene will finalize and send the invitation. We'll suggest the August 14 Board meeting, but can arrange an emergency meeting on another date if necessary.

It was moved, seconded, and passed 6/0 to invite Emily Proudfoot and her supervisor, Rob Inerfeld, to meet with the board:

[The Executive Board of Jefferson Westside Neighbors directs the Chair to invite Emily Proudfoot and Rob Inerfeld, from Eugene Public Works, to attend an executive board meeting to discuss the City's current efforts and plans with respect to EmX](#)

#### **MiCAP Report.**

Paul described the July 12 public meeting with the Planning Commission, planning staff, and consultants. Charles and Rene had also attended and all expressed disappointment with the MiCAP process. The following motion was offered, seconded, and passed 6/0:

[The Jefferson Westside Neighbors Executive Board endorses the recommendations adopted unanimously on June 26, 2007, by the Neighborhood Leaders Council regarding proposed amendments to be considered under the City's Minor Code Amendment Process.](#)

#### **Fairgrounds.**

Rene reported talking with Fairgrounds officials and arranged for neighbors to receive free tickets.

Paul received email from Bonnie Bettman inviting him to meet with her and Pete Sorenson (and perhaps others) to discuss Fairgrounds issues. There was a discussion of what sorts of development at that site might be acceptable and which especially damaging to the neighborhood. This was identified as a good topic for informal Board discussions in August.

#### **Editor Report.**

Rene discussed publicity for Neighbors' Night Out and fall meetings. She will propose a notice to be distributed by hand or by mail.

It was agreed to explore the possibility of distributing a tabloid prior to the September 11 General Meeting. The submission deadline would be about August 15.

Rene will propose publication budget allocations during the informal Board meetings in August.

**Tentative Agenda Items for Upcoming General Meetings.**

Program possibilities for the September 11 General Meeting were discussed, including an appearance by Bonnie Bettman, a discussion of Fairgrounds issues, and a discussion of the MiCAP developments and status of the JWN Planning Committee. Ilona will try to secure door prizes (2-3 per meeting).

The October 9 General Meeting program could include an appeal from Chavez School for gardening volunteers. It was also proposed to have a “food program” for a general meeting, and that Chavez School folks might be useful contacts for that event.

**Neighbors’ Night Out.**

Garrick reported on plans for Neighbors’ Night Out at Monroe Park on August 7, from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. or so. The permit has been applied for, and Garrick has invited police personnel from the Bike Patrol, from neighborhood stations, and from other units. Paul Otte has agreed to bring the banner from the JWN picnic so that neighbors can add to it. The Garden Weasels or another band may also play music. It was agreed that a fire truck and firemen would be appropriate if they could attend. Refreshments will include ice cream treats.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.