

## **JWN Executive Board Meeting Minutes – July 17, 2006** (Approved August 15, 2006)

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Presiding officer: Rene Kane

**Board members present:** Rene Kane, Paul Conte, Erika Seiferling, Glenn Smeed, Kyle Burns, Angela Rooney, Garrick Mishaga

**Board members absent:** Eric Gran, Dale Deason

6:50 p.m. – Meeting called to order

### **Announcements from board members**

- Upcoming JWN Executive Board meeting dates:
  - Tuesday, August 15
  - Tuesday, September 19Time: 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.
- City Council meeting dates:
  - July 17, 11:30, Joint mtg with Planning Commission – Opportunity Siting & Infill Standards. No public testimony.
  - July 24, 7:30, Public Comment, Initiate EWEB Metro Plan amendment
  - August 14, 5:30, WS – Region 2050 update  
7:30, Public Comment
  - September 11, 7:30, Public Comment
- Neighbors Night Out: Tuesday, August 1, Charnel-Mulligan Park (see agenda item below)

### **Co-Chairs report**

- Co-chairs' sent response to letter re Jefferson area redesignation from Susan Muir to Council and. (On JWN Web site <http://jwneugene.org/corr/JWNLetterToCityCouncilJuly5Rvsd.pdf> .)
- Update on JWN sponsorship of Amazon Canal in JWN (Eugene Stream Team)
  - Rene is JWN liaison with City
  - Jon Belcher will coordinate October project.
- Web site and JWN e-news update
  - JWN e-News was e-mailed to about 70 people on July 15. See at: [jwneugene.org/publications.html](http://jwneugene.org/publications.html)
- Other items from Co-chairs
  - Paul presented Powerpoint presentation on infill to Whiteaker Community Council. Also scheduled to present to Santa Clara Community Council July 25.

### **Secretary report**

- Board minutes for 6/19 approved (7-0), Available on the [jwneugene.org](http://jwneugene.org) Web site.

### **Treasurer report**

- Financial report
  - Current JWN funds: Appx \$2,800.
  - Current City funds for newsletters: \$7,200 (est.).

### **Editor report**

- Items “pre-printed” from FY06 funds:
  - JWN Fall meeting calendar postcard
  - City “Frequently-called numbers” card
  - Volunteer & e-mail list response card
- Plans for upcoming announcements and newsletters
  - July – Mail postcard to 97401 for Neighbors Night Out and meeting calendar
  - Late August – Mail postcard with Fall meeting calendar
  - September – Regular newsletter, hand-delivered
    - Include one or more cards: Response card, City phone #'s, possible survey

### **Tentative agenda items for upcoming general meetings**

- Tuesday August 1 – Neighbors’ Night Out – Charnell-Mulligan.
- September 12
  - “Vision setting” – invite: Mayor, City Manager, and/or Councilors Bettman & Ortiz
  - Goal setting for JWN activities; mail-in and on-line survey prior to meeting
- October – Elections event.
  - 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. 2 hour program following ½-hour business meeting; divide among 4 state races

### **McNail-Riley update**

- McNail-Riley House repair work is almost complete. Will be closed July 18.
- Erika is continuing to straighten out the schedule to eliminate overlapping bookings and bookings that are no longer being used.

### **Established standard general meeting structure.**

- Following motion passed 6-0.  
*Motion: The general meeting structure, as described in the document “JWN General Meeting Structure,” will be followed for all JWN General meetings, except that the Executive Board may change the structure for any meeting by either a majority vote at a board meeting prior to the general meeting or by a majority of the Executive Board notifying either Co-chair prior to a general meeting of their agreement to a proposed change.*  
(Document is available on the Web at:  
<http://jwneugene.org/agendas/JWNGeneralMeetingStructure.pdf> .)

### **Faith Center construction schedule update.**

- The Faith Center has requested a one month extension (in addition to a previous extension that was granted) to complete their Phase I construction project on the site at W. 13th Ave. and Polk Street. Nearby residents have raised concerns about this extension and the impacts of future construction phases..

### **Paul presented an update re Jefferson area redesignation**

At their June 19 meeting, the JWN board authorized the co-chairs to recommend to City Council appropriate action to prevent zone changes in the redesignated area of the

Jefferson neighborhood until appropriate development standards to protect this area's neighborhood character are implemented.

On June 30, the co-chairs met with Councilor Bonny Bettman to walk around the affected area and discuss how to address the problems caused by this redesignation.

The co-chairs sent a letter to Council and testified at the July 10 Council meeting, providing their recommendations and background information.

The letter is available on the JWN Web site as a PDF document at:  
<http://jwneugene.org/corr/JWNLetterToCityCouncilJuly5Rvsd.pdf>

For more information see the April and May JWN newsletters, posted on the JWN Web site at:  
<http://jwneugene.org/publications.html>

### **Paul presented an update opportunity siting and infill standards.**

“Opportunity siting” is a strategy Council adopted in July 2005 to take a *targeted* approach to increases in residential density so the health and character of nearby neighborhoods is protected. Read on to learn more.

Infill compatibility standards are zoning code regulations that are intended to prevent the type of incompatible infill that's been occurring over the last two decades in the Jefferson and Westside (and other) neighborhoods.

At the March 14, 2006 General Meeting, JWN members unanimously (48-0) adopted the following motion:

*Consistent with the motion adopted by City Council at their December 14, 2005 work session, **Jefferson Westside Neighbors** requests the Eugene Planning Commission assign a high priority to staff and Planning Commission efforts to create effective standards to protect established neighborhoods' character and stability from the damaging and/or destabilizing impacts of inappropriate infill.*

The JWN board is actively working to further this shared goal of the Council and JWN membership.

-- The co-chairs sent letters to the Budget Committee and then to the Mayor and City Council strongly encouraging the Council to add a planner and funds for work on infill standards. (City staff had failed to present the Budget Committee with a recommendation in time for the Budget Committee to take action, so we had to convince Council to add funds to the Budget Committee's recommended budget.) In response to our letter, Mayor Piercy lent her support to the addition which Council then passed.

-- The JWN co-chairs joined leaders from neighborhood associations in Whiteaker, Friendly Area, Churchill, Laurel Hill Valley, River Road, and Santa Clara in submitting a “Citizens' Guide to Opportunity Siting” document to City Council as an attempt to

describe opportunity siting for residents whose lives may be impacted by this new program. You can read the cover letter and guide on the JWN Web site at:  
<http://jwneugene.org/documents/GuideToOS.pdf>

The City Council and Planning Commission held a joint meeting on Monday, July 17, discuss opportunity siting, infill compatibility standards, and population estimates. The Council approved a “work outline” for the programs.

**8:35 p.m. – Meeting adjourned.**