

# Jefferson Westside Neighbors Board Meeting Minutes

**JWN Board Zoom Meeting Minutes – 2/15/22 6:30-7:36pm**

**Attendees:** Ted Coopman (Chair), Vanessa Wheeler (Vice Chair), Sue Cummings (Treasurer), Susan Connolly, Stephanie Coopman, Duncan Rhodes

**Absent:** Eric Dil

**Visitors:** Jacob Morris, Jenae Steele, Max Wilson (U/O students auditing meeting. Further discussion with Ted after meeting conclusion)

**Chair report:** Submitted via email. An email from Logan Telles in Public Works added the following:

- Crosswalks off the table until speed studies are completed. Speed studies to be scheduled. May get crosswalks @ Broadway & Polk and Broadway & Chambers. They will collect the appropriate data to evaluate whether W8<sup>th</sup> & Van Buren meets requirements for a four-way stop. Staff were skeptical about the need for a marked crossing at this specific location.
- Staff are supportive of future traffic studies on W11<sup>th</sup> & W13<sup>th</sup> in their TSP update to evaluate the possibility of converting those locations to two-way. However, they will not complete an update to the TSP in 2022.
- An engineering Project Manager has been assigned paving in your area for 2022. The traffic calming program cannot add new traffic calming to this area in 2022. The paving project will replace any existing traffic calming that is affected.
- Far West & maybe one other NA coming on line, which may decrease our allocations from the City, since that budget item would be split more ways. TBD.
- Nothing to report on neighborhood matching grants.

**Treasurer's Report:** Outreach/Investment Funds .xls submitted 1/21. ~\$1088 surplus left in account to cover Renter Flyer costs.

**Secretary Report:** January Board meeting minutes approved.

**NLC Representative report:** Submitted in January. Ted's meeting with the Chamber of Commerce was disorganized. However, they requested input from additional NAs to build a coalition on homelessness issue. City appears to be underpromising on the homelessness issue so they can overdeliver.

## **Committee Reports:**

- Friends of Parks affiliates: see report. Parks hosts a monthly Zoom call for all the park adopters Charnel-Mulligan group should get on this call too. Ted will forward next invite to Sue & contact Danielle & her replacement due to maternity leave.

**Food Drive (Sue):** Filled almost ½ of a 4'x4'x4' box. Had 5 volunteers helping out. There was confusion on the exact day from some comments.

**High Speed Internet:** XS Media bought out by Hunter in late 2021. They now have capacity to resume residential internet service expansion. The Jefferson Westside neighborhood has already been planned out and is slated for construction in 2022. What is the JWN role?

## **Miscellaneous:**

- A lot of turnover in HRNI. Rene best contact now since everybody there is new.

**Spring GM Agendas** (scheduled to be in-person, Zoom as backup)

- March: LEC (Corey Buller, LEC Facilities Manager ) / Eugene Emeralds (Allan Benavides General Manager); LTD
- April: Elections; afterward Hunter on high speed internet or maybe Scott Altenhoff on urban trees?
- May: Naval Reserve; homelessness

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## LEC/Ems Process

- Legislative session ends 3/8, so a decision is due by 3/7 on whether Oregon will approve funding for stadium
- Ems are having a 3/7 event at Falling Sky, where they will bring in people from the non-profits they engage with. They should know by 3/8 whether Oregon will provide funds for the athletic facility.
- If the state says yes, then Lane County will probably move forward on the issue, in which case we are into design. Then JWN will see what we can extract in commitments on neighborhood issues with the site, on design & mitigation issues such as traffic, parking, noise, lighting, etc. We might be able to get a state-of-the-art meeting room there so we can simulcast meetings.
- LEC development team is built out to ~6 members, and they are primed to reach out with postcards, etc. on the Falling Sky event and the ballpark issue.
- The Ems will contribute \$10MM to the project. All other money will come from federal & Oregon economic development funds.
- The Ems will go to the city to see whether the 4½% Transient Room Tax could be increased a bit to help promote events. There will be no new Lane County tax increases related to this project.
- Allan Benavides wants a food truck pod with benches out in left field near 13<sup>th</sup> so you can sit & watch games. Hopefully this will be available full-time, which should bring more foot traffic to LEC & reduce crime.
- Susan Connolly: Who will maintain the facility? Ted: LEC staff – it will be county-owned. LEC is self-supported, they don't get any taxpayer money.
- LEC will go to city to ask for road improvements. JWN should ask for signage improvements.

## Discussion on simulcasting meetings

- Improves attendance
- Equipment cost is fairly high
- 3-4 people to facilitate
- Share WCC equipment?
- City has equipment – hardly worth the effort
- Meeting day/times are constricting available slots
- Alternate in-person & Zoom meetings?

## HB 2001 Outreach

Duncan        Got letter from Claire Syrett – not very supportive.  
Susan         Kitty Piercy – negative  
Stephanie     Will contact Jennifer Yeh  
Ted            Will contact Randy Groves & Mike Clark

## Naval Reserve Site Housing - next steps

- Dave Hurst        traffic analysis & parking survey to be done by neighbors
- Cesar Chavez school cooperating
- Bring in Craig Weicker (Stewardship Properties & 11<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln LLC) on multi-generational housing. He is doing the facility on 11<sup>th</sup>
- Ted has not heard back from Jacob Fox (Dir. Homes for Good)
- City will issue RFP in fall

## Lobbying for Homeless Mitigation Funds

Lucy Vinis said to contact Rep. Judy Fehey to request more state funds to combat homelessness. Ted has done so. Will contact other NAs to do so too.

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~\$15MM Unallocated funds – Stephanie filled out a form to County to request funds

## **Acronym listing**

- Ems Eugene Emeralds baseball team
- HRNI Human Rights & Neighborhood Involvement
- JWN Jefferson Westside Neighborhood
- LEC Lane Events Center
- NA Neighborhood Association
- RFP Request for Proposal
- TSP Transportation System Plan
- WCC Whiteaker Community Council