

## DRAFT MINUTES

JWN Executive Board Meeting – August 16th, 2021

Board Members Present: Ted Coopman (Chair), Vanessa Wheeler (Vice Chair), Sue Cummings (Treasurer), Stephanie Coopman, Susan Connolly, Duncan Rhodes, Eric Dil

Absences: None      Guests: Kayla Skye

### 1. Meeting called to order

Chair called meeting at 6:35 to order. Agenda adjustments: None.

### 2. Brief reports from Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and NLC rep

Chair (Ted) – Concerning ADU ordinance following. I met with Sarah Medary, Alissa Hansen, and Emily Semple on August 9. We discussed ADU ordinance process and wanting to use JWN proposal as starting point. Medary seemed to agree. She also brought up few new issues that allowed me to express my concerns about how ADU process since April has been handled and shortcoming of Planning’s outreach efforts, as well as how staff (to her statement that “people seem to think that staff have an agenda when do not ...”) are obviously making policy by going far beyond what Senate has mandated and overriding Council’s direction to maintain status quo as much as possible and trying to negate Envision Eugene and Special Area Zones. I wasn’t going to bring any of it up, but since she mentioned it. Paul Conte and I are meeting with staff on Thursday August 18 to try and hammer out an agreement on ADU ordinance. We have been playing some hardball with their efforts to wedel out using our proposal and Emily Semple has backed us up and stated that neighborhood would never accept eliminating or drastically altering our Special Area Zones so Planning staff needs to back-off (my words). As of now, in wake of Council vote to postpone, take initiative. If we are successful, we will be well positioned moving forward on HB2001 and defending our Special Ares Zones. Toward that end, Paul and I are generating data on housing in JWN. / Concerning Keystone following: I attended Grand Opening of Keystone and got tour. We were named several times during opening ceremony and I had good chance to network with Homes for Good and ShelterCare. They had lot of good things to say about us. I have also submitted draft of Good Neighbor Agreement to Homes for Good staff for review. I also made sure new apartments got added to OWP database so they get mailed newsletters.

Treasurer (Sue) - Sue reports following totals: OCCU Savings Account: \$ 410.30. Neighborhood Investment / Outreach Investment Funds: estimate \$ 3,295.45. Petty cash: \$ 58.03. ENI Account: \$ 170.00. There are still costs that need to come out Outreach Investment Funds; around \$ 400 for inauguration event, \$ 46 for Church rental for GM and costs for Newsletter.

Secretary (Eric) – Board approves minutes of June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 board meeting.

NLC (Vanessa) – Ted: NLC kind of imploded. On agenda: Report housing and homeless community (who is sheltering and where). General opinion is that they (city) need to do better job. Mess with EWEB water storage in hill is perfect example of that. You need lots of prep time, get people used to idea.

### 3. NMG Mural Flamenco Arts on West 11th Street and Chambers

Kayla Skye: I am excited about all the murals all over town but unfortunately, they are often made by the same artists. There are more local artist waiting to get an opportunity, and there is

desire to highlight other local artist. We would like to ask local artist Shannon McKnight to create large scale mural next to our Eugene Flamenco Arts studio. There is large wall there that often has graffiti painted on it and owner has just painted again. The mural would celebrate spirit of Flamenco, and the legendary Martita Santiago, founder and artistic director of Flamenco Chico. We hope that JWN board is willing to support our efforts to create this mural. To commemorate her life and work, love of Eugene and wonderful Latino heritage in our Jefferson Westside community! Owner is totally on board. City is willing to volunteer paint and ladders. Budget all in around will be \$ 5,000. Ted: I am excited about it! This mural will also help brighten rather bleak western edge of JWN. I find it a really good idea. We have people experienced with NMG's. We just inaugurated mural in Charnel Mulligan Park. I also like to idea to work on smaller scale with local artist, not an artist that the city chooses over and over again. Duncan: Will there be place to give some more information? Sue: I could maybe share template that Stacey Morris, who made NMG application for Charnel Mulligan Park mural, used. Board votes all in favor to support NMG application for this new mural! Ted: We could invite you to September General Meeting to present idea to neighbors and invite people to volunteer. Kayle: Artist is willing to donate prints of her work to donors for Mural project.

#### **4. Brief committee reports**

Neighborhood Matching Grant – Glad we will have new NMG project!

Outreach – Stephanie: I very much appreciate all the careful reading and feedback from you all for Summer Newsletter! Newsletter will Thursday be shipped to post office. We are still picking up in e-news subscribers; almost 640 now! Ted: From November 1 on we will have chance to use another e-mail program, Mailchimp.

Events – No upcoming events.

Advisory boards - Ted: No news on advisory boards.

Friends of parks affiliates - Ted: Charnel Mulligan Park and Lincoln School Park there is nothing going on. We have had lot of trouble at Monroe Park and I mobilized neighbors to bombard city management and selected staff with stories of their trials and tribulations. Emily Semple has been demonstrative in her support. We have some traction, and city is diverting some resources and may remove some of picnic tables temporarily and will create time-limited parking (which they earlier rejected) along park curbs. We are asking neighbors if they also want time limited parking in front of their homes. I am suggesting creating permanent Monroe Park Coordination Team with city staff/management to facilitate faster action and to develop strategies for structural changes we can make to improve safety and usability. I personally would like to see fences around park and eight entrances. Like that it would be harder to get in and out. Picnic table on concrete will go out. Vanessa: Tell what you need from us around the park.

Committees - No committees going on.

#### **5. Sidewalk/Tree Survey: status and moving forward**

Ted: Duncan can you give us status update? Duncan sends an overview around. In overview you can see streets that still need to be done. I got never any feedback from city what they want to know. Stephanie promised to do Jackson. Ted: We now have data for sidewalks and give those to them. For trees we could generate a list of where they could be planted. Maybe we could develop flyer. People could volunteer to visit people. I ask Duncan and Vanessa to coordinate on that and get it all into a map. We can show those maps (situation sidewalks and opportunity for planting

trees) in e-news. Sidewalks are big issue in our town. Vanessa: ERAP (???) is good ally to press city to work on Sidewalks. Ted: I could take this to NLC and see if other neighborhoods will follow. Duncan I thank you so much for all your efforts on this.

**6. W. 11<sup>th</sup> and W. 13<sup>th</sup> Project: survey, flyers for effected streets?**

Ted: Survey is named in Summer newsletter, I will put it on our website. Question is do we want to flyer people on 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.? Vanessa: Where do we see it go next? Ted: If there is majority support then we invite transport people from city to our General Meeting. Duncan: Let's go to county. Ted: I could go to Downtown neighborhood association with it too. Let's use November General Meeting to do traffic. Vanessa: Did NLC in the end install transportation committee? Ted: Not at the moment given crisis. Stephanie: If we feel we need to do more after e-news and Newsletter then we still can do flyers, etc.

**7. Naval Reserve Site update**

**8. In-person meeting protocols for fall**

Ted: Church is very dialing into that. I think we should move forward and ask people to be vaccinated and masked.

**9. Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm**

**ACTIONS**

- Organise event with people Westmoreland Park rest-stop (action Ted)
- Organise conversation with Friends of Monroe Park neighbors concerning incremental upgrades Monroe Park (action Ted)
- Ask Stacey Morris for NMG application format and send it to Kayla Skye (action Sue)