

MINUTES

JWN Executive Board Meeting – September 21th, 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: Ellen Rifkin

1. Meeting called to order

Chair called meeting at 6:34 to order. Agenda adjustments: None.

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

Chair (Ted) – Most has to do with land use, and we have that later on agenda. Apparently city has started list-serve for updates on Jefferson/ Washington and Naval Reserve Site homeless camps but didn't tell us that. Apparently, it is complete Zoo over there. Washington/Jefferson homeless camp: They should be demobilized soon. Uniquely information in Register Guard that this board meeting is tonight was right. In general, they make mistakes in their announcements.

Treasurer (Sue) - Sue reports following totals: OCCU Savings Account: \$ 805.32. Neighborhood Investment / Outreach Funds: \$ 167.68 (Expenditures were \$320 for FUMC Rental; \$400 for Picnic expenses; \$2,400.77 for Newsletter). Petty cash: \$ 58.03. ENI Account: \$ 176.00. We need to decide on what we spend remaining outreach budget. Duncan: How about using it for doorhangers? Ted: Can you come up with some text?

Secretary (Eric) – Board approves minutes of July 20th and August 16th, 2021, board meetings.

NLC (Vanessa) – Ted: Last month there was no NLC meeting.

3. Brief committee reports

Neighborhood Matching Grant – Ted: I received from Kayla Skye some updates concerning the mural. She waits for formal approval from owner of building. They are little bit concerned if they would have enough volunteer hours for NMG application. I gave advise on the front.

Outreach – Ted: Nothing on outreach.

Events – No upcoming events.

Advisory boards - Ted: Nothing going on with advisory boards.

Friends of parks affiliates - Ted: Concerning Monroe Park following. City formally started decommissioning process of Pappas "Walking Man" sculpture and spread an invitation for proposals to take over and remove it. City hasn't start yet to renew lighting, and they still need to start on renovation of bathrooms. Vanessa: It has been better lately. We had weekends of quieter times in park. Susan: What did you do and what was result? Ted: I asked neighbors to share their experiences in letters to city. Susan: What did city do? Ted: Cops started to make regular

inspection rounds. City aerated and reseeded grass. Parking came by to deal with long-term car campers. And I kept on doing my regular park clean-up, with help of new neighbor. Ted: Susan, any news on Charnel Mulligan Park clean-up? Susan: October 8 or 18th. Sue: Saturday October 16th from 9-11 h. Ted: Renovation of Lincoln School Park will only start in Spring 2022.

Committees – Ted: I found neighbor interested in starting up Climate change group!

4. Prior general meeting review and October and November GMs

Eric: I experienced it as a very good meeting. With a smaller group of people this in-person meeting was much more interactive than our general meetings in general are. Everyone was masked and kept distance; it felt very safe. Stephanie: Great speakers; they had good information for us. I was skeptical about in-person meeting. It felt good to see people, be together again. People were quite respectful and kept distance. Benny who works at church was happy to see us too. It was extra work, but it was worth to do it. Duncan: When we start maybe everyone should introduce themselves. Eric: I like idea but with a bigger group that would take too much time of meeting. Susan: Would it now be time to ask Friend of Trees people about recent removal of monumental trees? Ted: Urban forester was taking very aggressive approach to removal of trees. Erik of Friends for Trees felt that pandemic had really effect on peoples attitude to trees, and created more positive environment for planting trees and tree preservation. Duncan: Is city council meeting in-person yet? Ted: I don't think so. Sue: Last week their meeting wasn't in-person. Duncan: It is impactful to go to in person city council meeting. Sue: I think it was important notion that their financial incentives that make that stormwater things are put in place where trees could be planted. Ted: That is definitively something to pay attention to in our climate action plan. Fed pays for stormwater investments. Those things go in where normally trees would go. Ted: November General Meeting focus will be on traffic. Survey (n = 58 people) on two-way West 11th and West 13th until now 28% not in favor for taking it to two-way, everyone else is in favor. Enough support to bring discussion to November GM. For October GM I have talked to Paul Bodin about leading discussion on revisioning community after covid. Land-use things will come back to us. Ted: I propose to organize October and November as in-person meetings. Any thought on that? Duncan: Can we ask church to keep front door open? Ted: They want to keep front door locked. Vanessa: My mother has mayor surgery in October. Susan: We are very conscious concerning covid infection. I don't feel comfortable to join in-person GM.

5. Police reform: City Council and Police Policy / River Road Social Justice Committee (Ellen Rifkin)

River Road Community Organization's Social Justice Committee is reaching out to neighborhood associations to sign on to letter of support for work of Adhoc Committee on Police Policy, created in summer of 2020 by Eugene City Council. Plan is to submit letter to City Council and EPD by end of October. Ellen Rifkin, member of River Road Social Justice Committee and member of Search for Social Justice, gives board background of letter. Last Summer City Council formed committee; 10 different organizations, 2 representatives each, 30 people all together. Two people dropped out soon and were critical on process. Committee studied 200 proposals for reform. Committee ended up meeting for 7 months. They worked very hard and selected 5 areas they worked on. They also heard also public testimony from experience with police. Ellen explains elements of letter. Fully funded Cahoots model. Model where de-escalation is always first / norm for police department. Restructuring of current system such that

policing is clearly accountable to civilian oversight institutions. Duncan: Have you had any response from police organization? Ellen: Some things are already done. City Council applauded committee, but there will be some reservation in taking up recommendations. Police will likely welcome that can let some thing over to Cahoots, etc. We expect resistance from Police union especially on accountability. Ellen: Some things need to be organized and changed on state level. Ted: City uses police as disciplining parent. When we call in, we need to aspect other reaction from police. Duncan: Idea of funding of Cahoots while Cahoots already suffers with very high burnout? Ellen: Important to talk about this! Funding them in a way that is supportive and realistic. Susan: Good article in this morning paper how they copy nationwide our Cahoots model. Vanessa: I very much appreciate summary of recommendations. I am curious what reception you are receiving. Ellen: Wish City Council was cleaner about what timeline will be. One big fear of ad-hoc committee is that report will go into grinder of city system. It is harder process, then here is piece of paper! Vanessa: We are somewhat new to Eugene. What incidents caused that distrust? Ellen and Ted explain case. Board votes all in favor to support letter!

6. RPP updates

Ted: Vanessa or Susan can you give us update? Vanessa: We are still around 50/50 line. Ted: 185 responses: 51/48. Next step will be we need to go to other round of postcards. We need to get information who didn't vote yet, and then send postcards to people who didn't respond yet. Vanessa: Let's regroup the three of us. Sue: Can you reduce area when you see enough support in certain area? Ted: We already went for relatively small zone that still is big enough to pay for itself. Susan: I want to check of I understand well: I origin it was only part of our neighborhood? Ted: Yes, that is right. If it passes, we could try to enlarge area.

7. Sidewalk/Tree Survey: status and moving forward

Ted: We have three different volunteers who help mapping information that we gathered.

8. Naval Reserve site

Eric: August 20 Ted, Paul and I met and talked through what we thought should be first steps. We agreed that we first wanted to talk with one of two representatives of the people that live near site and hear their wishes concerning future of site and process. Until now we didn't organize that meeting. Ted: I got positive responses from churches and school. We still need representative from apartments. I need to individually tag some people. I shall shoot Paul a text.

9. Land Use updates: ADU; HB 2001; 7-11

Ted: It is hell ride on. City Council decided to pass as written by staff. Two councilors voted in favor and three councilors voted against it. It goes to appeal! We will know nothing till next year. My view of staff was never very positive but now level of corruption is incredible. They (staff) do what they want. We (as neighborhood associations) had bunch of support, but they (staff and city council) didn't want to do it. Nothing is going to happen for another year. It is tremendous, Paul Conte is dropping thousands of dollars for his own money on it. Susan: My understanding is that City submits back to LUBO. Ted: Concerning ADU-ordinance City has lost every time. Now City staff has developed model code to illuminate R-1. When California passed their own version of HB 2001, they built in bunch of protections. They built in some good controls! Ted: There is quite a lot of neighborhood resistance against 7-11 project. Planning can just approve stuff. City

wants to relax some rules. It appears to be not a real project. It is a project that shows liability so that Wells Fargo can sell that property. Only problem points are traffic. We may need to hire traffic engineer and lawyer to challenge it. We may need to do traffic count on Polk. Planning department is tragically corrupt.

10. Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm

ACTIONS

- Organize event with people Westmoreland Park rest-stop (action Ted)
- Organize conversation with Friends of Monroe Park neighbors concerning incremental upgrades Monroe Park (action Ted)