



**ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK
NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 28TH, 2021**

Meeting Location: Zoom; 6:30 p.m.

Chairman: Matt Rinker, (971) 336-8663, MattRinker@hotmail.com
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88968122811?pwd=b2VWd01VbEFuRE53eE1ITzBVdFRJUT0>

Board Present: Matt Rinker, Erin Jansen, Travis Tomlinson, Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Elvis Clark

Guests Present: Captain Burdick; Arnold Rodacker; Vera Koliass, Greg Hemer

1. Introductions

- 2. Police Report:** Captain Burdick reported that cooling centers are open and for everyone to avoid being out in the direct sunlight during this dangerous heat dome event. Neighbors should be checking on their neighbors, especially elderly ones.

The use of fireworks has been banned from now through July 9th. Please respect your neighbors as fireworks during this drought event could cause fires, affect neighbors with PTSD and cause pets to bolt and escape during this dangerous weather episode.

The police are currently working on the body form camera project including policy, data storage, and records. This should be completed within the next few months.

There has been 1 retirement, Les Halls, and Billy Wells will be moving to Eastern Oregon. The department is continuing to hire and applicants are going through the background check process.

3. Public Comments: None

- 4. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Project (Vera Koliass)** Vera will send her presentation slides to the NDA to ensure that some neighbors attending by phone could review them. Her presentation included: the Project Background, Policy Mandates, Key Code Amendments, and Next Steps including providing input.

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- a. Housing: Code is sticking with 2.5 stories for residential code
 - b. Parking: proposing to amend the section of the code that requires the 1 required parking space that is a set back – want the driveway to count as the 1 parking space. Will allow existing home to convert garages into living space without asking for a variance
 - c. Tree Code: currently the code only regulates on public property or private property that is a natural resource. This change would apply to residential zoned areas. Current tree canopy is 26% and the goal is to get to 40%. Would apply to residential development and non-development tree removal
 - d. What's Next: currently on the outreach step, then committee meeting in July, and next step is committee work sessions in July on batches of the code, including written public comments with continued outreach. Goal is revised code by the end of the summer, and then another revised code would go through more public hearings until it is presented to the council in December 2021. On the slides, the orange blocks are opportunities for public comment
 - e. Check out engage.milwaukieoregon.gov to see the draft code and provide comments
5. **Albina and Brooklyn Railyard Relocation (Mo Badreddine) – Not present – will try again in September**
6. **Committee Reports –**
- a. Chair: No Report
 - b. Vice-chair: Not present/no report
 - c. Secretary: No Report!
 - d. Webmaster: No Report.
 - e. Treasurer: \$2,301.02
 - f. Land Use: There are a lot of changes with the new proposed code changes, and land use will need to get together to discuss thoroughly.

Commission approved the variance for 5 stories and no setback required for the hospital. The NDA did not take a vote to take a stance on the variances to the planning commission, and therefore, the NDA cannot appeal and any appeal for this will have to go through the neighbors which

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is \$1,000. (The NDA pays no fees for appeals to the city council). The NDA needs to consider how we want to proceed going forward to perhaps ensure we have a place to appeal if we want to.

- g. Southeast Uplift: No position
 - h. Transportation: Steve Adams (city engineer), the project from Howell to King Road, was suppose to be part of the SAFE program to add sidewalks has been pushed back from phase 1 of the project.
 - August CarFree Sundays: Fun activities planned for this summer. August 15 is the Water Tower Park Event and there will be a roller rink!
 - i. Portland Clean Air Update: Not Present
 - j. Public Safety Advisory Committee: No update – discussion about talking to Steve Adams about putting in a light or some better signaling at the Springwater Corridor bike crossing of Johnson Creek
 - k. Membership: Not present
 - l. Art: Vacant Position
 - m. Balfour Street Park: Raised a total of \$3150! Come get leftover plants! Including free tomatoes. The park has been fully funded by the state budget as well!
 - n. Ardenwald PTO: Vacant position.
2. Approve May Meeting. Move to approve; Seconded -- passes.
 3. Pilot Article – 10th or 12th of the month is the deadline – Travis will write the article!
 4. Hillside Apartments: There will be meetings starting for the residents in the coming weeks about the project. They are going to knock down the laundry room and haven't been transparent about the process with the residents.
 5. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn; seconded and passed! 8:06 p.m.

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**The next meeting is:
Monday, September 27th 2021!**

Have a wonderful Summer and stay cool!

See you around in the meantime!