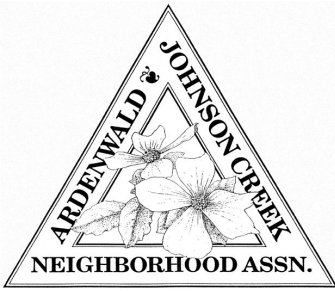


**ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK  
NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPT 23, 2024**



**Meeting Location:** Milwaukie Café (parking lot) and Zoom: 6:30 p.m.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88968122811?pwd=b2VWd01VbEFuRE53eE1ITzBVdFRJUT0>

**Chair:** Chris Holle-Bailey

**Board Present:** Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Matt Rinker, Lila Bronson, Travis Holle Present, Elvis Clark, Lane Rawlins, Travis Holle-Bailey, Steve Smith,

**Guests Present:** Police Representative, Leanne Mruzik, Rita Leflynn, Daelyn Moyer, Keira MacMillian, Linda Macmillian, Joey Hayes

**AGENDA & NOTES**

- Introductions
- Monthly Police Report
  - Staffing remains number one concern after some recent retirements. Progress being made:
    - Swore in recent recruits including a retired captain and lateral hire
    - Promoted Kenny Simac to Sergeant
    - Still actively hiring
  - Flora, new K9 electronic sniffing, off to a strong start with several busts in supporting electronics based crimes
  - Open house with the police department last month was a success
  - Once a week the Police Department down at the library on Tuesdays to liase with those in needs
    - Program for offenders to check in with parole officers resulting in 50% reduction in overall probation arrests due to the success of the program
  - Reporting on the types of dispatch calls is available on the website
    - Enhancements to the user interface and platform coming down the line
    - Goal to drive more transparency with the public
  - Open questions
    - Question - With the statistics can you see any trends?
      - Answers: Yes, seeing positive trends:
        - Burglary down, atypical for the summer
        - Downtrend in all types of emergencies calls over the summer
    - General comments
      - Public gratitude for the cops; no call no small – guiding principle to make face to face contact
- Public Comments
  - Question - What is happening in the vacant lot across from Milwaukie Bottle Café?
    - Answer - Owner of the lot is resubmitting permits to build an apartment complex but not requesting any variances this time
    - Milwaukie Hubs program – encourages more walkable business by

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- allowing more mixed-use construction in certain parts of the neighborhood
  - JC Ardenwald has 3 hubs -
    - Milwaukie Bottle Café Shop Block
    - Van Waters Street (Ardenwood Historic Church) Area
    - Roswell Neighborhood Market Area
  - Question, what is happening with the Hillside Development?
    - Subsidized affordable housing going in
      - Priority to the previous residents of the former units
      - All apartments no commercial in Phase 1
      - Update – no longer going to have a road through to Harrison
      - Known traffic pattern changes?
        - TBD, but it is already a failing intersection which is a loop hole and doesn't require improvements to the intersection
        - Builders will be doing traffic pattern studies
    - More detail found on the Milwaukie City Website
  - Question, what is happening with the Harvey Park Development
    - Tentatively finished next summer
    - More detail found on the Milwaukie City Website
    - Still open for comments on any of these public projects
- Street Painting Project
  - Proposal have a street mural to draw more attention to the street to highlight safety at cross street to 29<sup>th</sup> and Balfour
  - Question out to the city on if they plan to repave Balfour as part of the new park
  - Hold on decision to complete a mural project until we understand impacts of Balfour Park development on the street
- NDA Meeting Signs
  - Proposal to print 10 signs and post in the neighborhood in order to drive more traffic to monthly meetings and raise awareness about the NDA
  - Signs to be put out a week before each meeting and then collected
  - Lisa Gunion-Rinker made a motion to secure funding for signs up to \$100 (10 signs)
    - Travis-Holle-Bailey seconds the motion
    - Ayes have the vote and motion passes
  - Steve Smith to create a design, and Lisa will work with Rob (Made in Milwaukie) to get signs printed before the next meeting
- Concert Recap
  - Current balance ~9,000k after concert grants and profits from sales
  - Open question on what grants would be available for next year; biggest donors were New Season
    - Milwaukie Cultural Association
    - Not the same relationship with Providence
    - Celebrate Milwaukie for 1000k
  - Last summer concert series expenses were 4900k
  - Requests 5000k earmarked for next summer series up from the 3,000k the previous year
    - Lisa made a motion to earmark 5,000 for the annual concert series
    - Ayes have it, the motion passes
  - Planning for next year
    - Support needed to secure Grants, Advertising in the neighborhood, and Social Media marketing
- Calendar Check-in
  - October: Terrace Cleanup set for Oct 26th 9-11am

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- December: Solstice Vending Fundraising
  - Milwaukie Solstice Party every December on Milwaukie Bay Park to watch the Winter Ships come in (Ships decorated with lights and decorations)
  - Last year the JC Ardenwald NDA sold glowsticks and it was a big hit
  - Agenda item for October is to finalize the merchandising – proposal to do glowsticks again at a minimum
    - Call for ideas up to 3 items bring them suggestions to the next meeting
- Winter Solstice Potluck – Date tbd
- Portland District 4 Update
  - JC Ardenwald Neighborhood is partially in Milwaukie and Portland
  - Portland is undergoing a large re-organization as a result the neighborhood districts within Portland are shifting
    - JC Ardenwald now falls under a new district coalition (District 4)
  - Discussion: Do we want to remain a member of Portland's coalition?
    - Benefits
      - Grant funding from Portland
      - Fiscal Sponsorship – However not guaranteed in the new coalition
        - SE Uplift, old non-profit, used to be the fiscal funder for non-profit
        - There will be a charge under the new district
    - Option to begin our own non-profit – become a federally recognized 501c-3 to address the fiscal funding
    - A decade since the last time the NDA was a non-profit; but we have been in the past
    - Decision, remain part of the Portland District 4 Coalition and sign membership agreement for this year while we pursue to become a non-profit
- Annual Work Plan
  - City of Milwaukie is encouraging NDAs to align their priorities and plans for the upcoming year
  - Discussion: What are our goals? New event ideas?
    - Reground in our mission statement - Protect land use and promote civic engagement
    - Identified Top priorities
      - New resident member engagement and awareness. Ideas include
        - Mailers to Portland side residents (currently low involvement from this group)
        - Membership drive targeted to new residents
        - Socials and events outside concerts
          - Spring Picnic and rotate to a different park
          - Participate in Balfour Park grand opening March 8<sup>th</sup>
            - **Action Item:** Lisa / Chris to check in with NCCPRD. They will join Oct meeting to provide an update on the park.
        - Neighborhood education to boost civic pride either as stand-alone events or part of other events (e.g booth)
          - Potential to partner with Historic Milwaukie Museum
      - Continue existing successful programs
        - Summer Ardenwald Concert Series

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- Winter Potluck
- Fundraisers
  
- Other Committees - none
- Vote to Approve June Meeting Minutes
  - Meeting minutes approved

**The next regular meeting is 10/21 at 6:30pm  
at the Café!**