

Homestead Neighborhood Association  
General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, February 1, 2011

OHSU – CDRC 3200 SW Gaines, Portland, OR

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Rich Davidson.

Agenda, and Minutes,

The Agenda was approved with an amendment adding Officer Douglas Dickenson, Neighborhood Liaison Officer from the Portland Police Bureau, to speak first. The minutes were approved with a correction that OHSU had applied for a grant for Doernbecher expansion rather than had received it.

Officer Doug Dickenson Neighborhood Liaison Officer, reported on the crime situation in the neighborhood. He said that crime was down in the neighborhood. There was a discussion of whether car prowls and other crimes occurring on VA or OHSU grounds showed up in neighborhood statistics when the institutions' security forces dealt with them. Officer Dickenson said those events only showed up in the statistics if police report was made. Anton Vetterlein asked Officer Dickenson if he could watch for the graffiti on the Norris property off Terwilliger as the Parks Bureau's single ranger unable to keep up. Officer Dickenson said he would look into it.

Elizabeth Mahon, Portland Bureau of Transportation, said there is \$30,000, between the OHSU contribution and the City's portion, available for additional traffic calming in the neighborhood, but only on SW Condor Lane between SW Condor Avenue and Terwilliger Boulevard. She said the process for conversion of the street to one-way would exceed this budget. She said a curb extension at the top of Condor Lane where it meets Terwilliger could be done with this budget. She said she had not looked at the location to evaluate the feasibility of a curb extension.

Extended discussion followed. Anton Vetterlein said he understood that Condor Lane was a private Park Bureau Road and he wondered whether the petition process would apply. He did not believe the Terwilliger-Condor Lane intersection could accommodate a curb extension and said that had been an alternative to be used if the street became one way. Joseph Raddy said it would be good to have an improvement to the north side of Condor Lane, to make it safer. If feasible, a curb extension could help improve the pathway on the north side. There was a discussion of various options. Tom Miller raised the question of commingling funds. Eric Schnell, who lives on SW Hamilton Terrace, said that simply making Condor Lane one-way would push traffic onto other streets in the neighborhood. There was uncertainty about whether the funds would be available past the end of this fiscal year. OHSU Liaison LaToya Fick was asked to find out about that.

Standing Reports

*Treasury:* There is has been no change in the bank balance. the bank account.

*Membership:* Susan Egnor reported 17 area college and university students did their MLK Day of Service clearing new invasive growth in our adopted area of Marquam Nature Park. There will be a tree

planting party in front of Casey Eye Institute on February 12. Homestead's new Small Grant continues support for the natural restoration project, the annual picnic and provides seed money for street sign caps.

Rich Davidson suggested discussing the sign caps at this point. Susan Egnor explained we have funds for a few "gateway" signs but the plan is to raise money for more sign caps once we have the design. The City sets the rules on the size of the sign caps but the neighborhood can choose colors and a design to go in the circular space above the middle of the cap. Residents discussed possible design, color, and font options. Neighborhood resident and graphic designer Abby Becker and her business partner Kathryn Wojno took note of the ideas presented. They volunteered to work up some design possibilities to present to the neighborhood. .

*Transportation* Anton Vetterlein reported on the status of the sidewalk project using the meter revenue money. The city will have plans in a month or two and has a timeline ending with construction in 2012. He pointed out some of the challenges of the current situation, where some property owners have built into the right of way.

*Land Use* Anton Vetterlein reported the owner of a property on Bancroft Terrace is seeking to add a second story which would be visible from Terwilliger and thus is subject to the Terwilliger Design Review rules. He does not think the neighborhood needs to vote on the proposed addition..

*Schools Committee:* Rich Davidson reported that there are school closings coming and the committee is facing a hard situation.

*OHSU*—LaToya Fick reported they will break ground for the Oregon University System building in South Waterfront this summer. There were questions again on the status of the cigarettes being discarded by OHSU smokers in the neighborhood. LaToya said she would look into it. Tom Miller asked about the likelihood of Trail 24 being revised. LaToya said she would look into that but did not think so.

*VA Hospital* Dan Gutkowski reported he had not brought plans for the new VA garage for us but expects that groundbreaking will be in March. There will be 250 stalls. The Entrance will be level with Veterans Hospital Road, with the top side about level with the existing upper lot. He said the extended lot of 10 to 12 spaces had been completed. Susan Egnor asked about plantings to screen the garage from Terwilliger. He will check.

#### New Business

Susan Egnor reported that Rachel Felice with the Parks Bureau had said she thought Homestead should have a Stewardship Agreement with the Parks Bureau along the lines the Bureau has with other groups it works with in the parks. There was discussion of the draft based on the agreement Parks has with Friends of Marquam Nature Park. Susan Egnor is to find out whether the Parks Bureau needs to have this from us and how specific it needs to be.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Egnor