

# FAN Executive Board Meeting Monthly Minutes

7:00-9:00 PM

Washington Park Community Building

June 12, 2017

Facilitator: Margie James

Recorder: Pam Wooddell

## Board Attendees

Board Member	Present	Arrival	Absent
Lisa Arkin			X
Carlos Barrera	X		
Tim Blood	X		
Nancy Classen	X		
Bernie Corriqan	X		
Lena Houston-Davisson	X		
Greg Giesy	X		
Morqan Greenwood			X
Margie James	X		
Deb Jones	X		
Matt Lutter X 7:00	X		
Pam Wooddell	X		

## Public comment:

Jason Blazar addressed the issue of the neighborhood rat population causing problems with potential for spread of disease to backyard poultry as well as people. He requests FAN assist in creating a coordinated approach to dealing with rat control.

## Guests:

Mark Gissiner, Eugene Police Independent Auditor, discussed the 2016 Annual report summary of the Independent Police Auditor.

Beatriz Hernandez, Community Engagement Coordinator and Translation Specialist in the office of the Independent Auditor gave a brief explanation of her role with more vulnerable or non-English speaking residents.

Shannon Merrill, FAN resident with a background in community development presented a detailed proposal for an August 5, 2017 street art project and block party for the intersection of 22nd Ave and Tyler St with the primary purpose being to enhance the sense of community among the neighbors. She requested FAN sponsorship. A decision is needed by July 5 which is the deadline for city permits.

LAST MONTH'S MINUTES. Minor edit made by Margie.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**OUTREACH:** Bernie, Lena and Tim. Primary focus has been to improve turnout to the Friendly Park work parties which are needed to avoid use of herbicides in the park. Signs have been designed and priced.

July newsletter topics discussed. Most recent newsletter is in production.

**TRANSPORTATION:** report submitted by Todd prior to the meeting by email attached below.

**PICNIC:** Greg has made signs. Music and sound set up in place. Still need to continue outreach to food carts and community groups for table displays.

**SOUTH WILLAMETTE:** time did not allow discussion of a proposal for a committee to develop and carry out a survey of local businesses followed by a survey for residents. This discussion will go forward via email.

#### MOTIONS:

1. Re: Shannon's Street art proposal- FAN will not sponsor this project for this year but will consider support for 2018 including recommendation for Neighborhood Matching Grant. Motion made by Bernie, seconded by Tim. MOTION PASSED 9 to 1. (It is noted that there was general support expressed for the project but the short timeline was a problem)
2. Put discussion of rat overpopulation on agenda for July. PASSED 10-0
3. Approval of May FAN board meeting minutes. Passed 8 - 0 - 2 abstentions
4. Approval of FAN picnic signs including funds needed to cover costs until reimbursed by city. PASSED 10- 0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00

### **FAN Transportation Team Update: June Meeting Notes. Submitted 6/12/17 by Todd Miller**

Location: Billie Mac's at 19<sup>th</sup> & Jefferson on Monday, June 5, 7:00 pm.

Attendees: Todd Miller (chair), Margie James, Lena Houston, Bill Sharp, Andrew Borntrager & Mae.

Bill, Andrew, and Mae are neighbors on 1900 block of Washington Street and have an interest in the Jefferson Street/Washington Park traffic calming discussions.

South Willamette Repave: Margie recommended we follow up with the city on the Willamette Street repave project and volunteered to do that. FAN should get an update on the project status, particularly with the funding going into sidewalk improvements and utilities which was not part of the original

street design and public input process. FAN should know what the plan is and how we can provide input.

Margie followed up on June 7 that the city engineer overseeing the construction phase of the project is Patrick Cox, and he will be picking up the public involvement pieces from transportation planner Chris Henry. Patrick offered that he will know more about timing and meeting opportunities in the next few weeks, but welcomes input meanwhile.

The Team took a straw poll of general perceptions of the South Willamette restriping. Everyone agreed that it is much better for biking and walking, and seems to generally work well for cars, too – at least no major problems. Left turns can be a problem at times for those that frequently use the street. The signal light at Woodfield Station is seen as a good improvement and works well. Bike lanes make it easier to turn right out of driveways.

Todd also recollected that we need to be following up with the Civic Alliance folks too to ensure we keep apprised of the schedule and opportunities to influence any transportation access decisions, including the proposed path to go through the site.

Sidewalk Collective: Todd introduced interest among neighbors in following the model for community sidewalk grinding established by Greg Giesy and Nancy Ellen Locke and apply that to sidewalk reconstruction. Several neighbors on Jefferson and Washington between 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> are either currently getting sidewalks reconstructed or are interested in doing so and interested in community project pricing. Todd will follow up with his neighbor who is readying to start work soon.

Washington Park Traffic Calming: Bill Sharp has acquired some “Please Slow Down” signs (campaign style yard signs) and is placing them with neighbors along Washington Street near the park. He noted that the city’s response and signage has been inadequate, with 3 “Playground” road signs placed around the park, 2 of those barely visible directly behind trees. The signs are \$10 each to produce; Bill and others offered that neighbors are willing to buy a bulk of these and place them frequently along the street. That

should either get the attention of speeders, and hopefully the city which should recognize the extent of the issue at that point.

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The concept of a “park zone” was discussed, much like a 20 mph school zone, the team felt it was reasonable that the city could adopt a 20 mph park zone within 1 block of the park. Since Jefferson as the collector street is 25 mph, this slight reduction for the park seems logical/feasible and should be pursued.

Todd will follow up with Carolyn Burke at city parks about how much of the increase in ballfield use may be due to displacement from construction closure of ballfields at the Roosevelt School rebuild, and whether there is a scheduled decrease of Washington Park use this year.

Jefferson Street/19<sup>th</sup> Crosswalk: Todd discussed the crosswalk proposal for Jefferson Street at 19<sup>th</sup> and the team agreed that it is needed and links to the Washington Park safety as well. It was suggested that crosswalk markings should be extended to each intersection of 19<sup>th</sup> from Jefferson past the park (the next two blocks eastward: Washington and Lawrence). Crosswalks around each corner of the park would help too, as cars speed down the hill on those streets past the park, as well as at 20<sup>th</sup> where a pedestrian path continues across the park and connects to the playground and the spray park.

The discussion circled back to the “park zone” conversation and that the crosswalks could be part of that proposal, as well as speed cushions at the corners of the park at 19<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Avenues. Also discussed was a model where safety flags in buckets are available on either side of the intersection and pedestrians can pick those up for extra visibility while crossing. This could be particularly helpful on low visibility times when regular street clothes aren't as noticeable for inattentive drivers.

Next meeting: The typical first Monday meeting dates are problematic in the summer. The next falls during the holiday (July 3) and Todd will be on vacation the first week of August, then the first Monday of September is Labor Day. Todd may schedule another meeting in August pending others' availabilities.