

## **Harlow Neighbors Association Minutes**

**March 18, 2009**

### **Call to Order**

Executive Vice-Chair Peg Renkert called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Monroe Middle School Library. Executive Committee members present: Marguerite Zolman, Richard Edwards, Chara Carrier, Marian Spath. Chair Bob Kline was absent due to recuperation from surgery. All attendees introduced themselves.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The November 19, 2008, General Meeting Minutes were approved.

### **Officials' Reports**

Police Department Lieutenant Rich Stronach reported on efforts made to increase Patrol Division personnel in order to alleviate excessive overtime. The present economic situation facilitates expansion in both Police and Fire Department. A timeframe of 18 months is required from hiring a qualified applicant and training to reach the point of independent performance.

George Poling, Eugene City Councilor, noted his objection to a proposed 10% surcharge on garbage haulers without similar assessment on all other delivery trucks. He urged citizen participation in the City budget preparation open hearings scheduled in April.

Ron Farmer, EWEB Board member, reported on the utility's \$5 million fund to assist economically-challenged customers, on the increase in water rates needed to replace aging lines, and on the future development of the riverfront site.

### **Neighborhood Services**

Lorna Flormoe presented the Neighborhood Action Plan, an update of previous plans, based in part on a Vancouver, Washington, municipal model. The Plan is intended as a collaborative effort between the City and neighborhood associations, and will take nine months to a year to complete once the process begins in a neighborhood.

### **Nominating Committee**

Chair Richard Edwards announced the slate for voting at the May 13th General Meeting: Chara Carrier, Chair; Bob Kline, Vice-Chair; Marian Spath, Recorder.

### **Announcements**

Plant Sale at Grass Roots Garden on Coburg, April 4, 2009, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., to benefit Food for Lane County.

Lane County Master Gardeners' Native Plant Sale, April 25, 2009, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Extension Office

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Recorded by Marian Spath