

## **Harlow Neighbors Association Minutes**

**November 18, 2009**

### **Call to Order**

Vie-Chair Bob Kline called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Executive Committee members present: Marguerite Zolman, Marian Spath, Richard Edwards, Jennifer Yeh. All attendees introduced themselves.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The September 16, 2009, General Meeting Minutes were approved.

### **Speaker's Forum:**

#### **Jon Ruiz, City Manager**

Mr. Ruiz responded to several questions/concerns posed by audience members:

1. Street problems off Harlow, particularly Arcadia Drive, an unimproved street; possible solutions:
  - Will follow up on Harlow sub-committee report of January 28, 2009
  - Because Arcadia is a collector, City could share assessment cost
  - City could change ordinance prohibiting other users of Arcadia paying part of assessment; City Council will evaluate ordinances at a future time
2. Will check into lack of sidewalk on part of Garden Way
3. Traffic-calming device that was banned by Fire Department has been redesigned to address problem
4. Michael Kinnison will investigate problem of parking on Rustic Street that constricts driving area
5. Bob Kline will investigate private traffic-calming installation
6. Strategies in downtown development:
  - One "big" project not the answer
  - EWEB river site will help development overall
  - Creating hubs of activity, then connect them in interesting ways
  - Land values don't support private development, necessitating public expenditure
  - Public safety being addressed; street "problems" may be more a matter of perception than reality

#### **Lt. Rich Stronach, Eugene Police Department**

1. Ongoing negotiations for Country Club Road property, former Qwest Call Center; purchase would necessitate retrofitting and repairs
2. Downtown public safety an issue because of LTD bus station
  - Task force (Police/City/business owners) created to deal with problem
  - Portland's downtown development a national model, useful in Eugene
  - Budget constraints; however, need to improve situation before new businesses would be interested in locating downtown
  - Red Hats hired by Downtown Eugene Incorporated to serve as guides, spotting trouble

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3. Department now concentrating on “hot spots” of property crimes
4. Officers serving at football games do not deplete roster of Eugene officers on duty
5. Volunteer programs relieve officers of non-policing duties, including daily prep of police cars, graffiti removal

**Richard Edwards, HNA Nominating Committee Chair**

The Association is in need of a new Chair, as well as more Executive Committee members.

**Michael Kinnison, Neighborhood Services**

1. Mr. Kinnison echoed Mr. Edward’s request, noting that sizable participation in neighborhood associations carries more weight with the City
2. Not all 21 associations are active
3. Department now under aegis of City Manager’s Office, along with Human Rights and Sustainability Departments

**HNA Updates: Bob Kline**

1. Survey returns one of highest of all neighborhoods; March General Meeting will report on survey
2. City matching grants are available: please let Bob Kline know of school or church that could apply for a project to be funded

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**Next General Meeting Wednesday, 3/17/2010, 7:00-9:00 p.m.,  
James Monroe Middle School Library**

**Next Executive Committee Meeting Wednesday, 2/10/10, 7:00-9:00 p.m.,  
Bob Kline Residence, 594 Covey Lane**

Marian Spath, Recording Secretary