

Harlow Neighbors Association Minutes

September 18, 2009

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

The March 19, 2009, General Meeting Minutes were approved.

Officials' Reports

Representative Nancy Nathanson reported on two new assignments: streamlining shared services between the state and Lane County, and attention to forthcoming lack of rail capacity once the economic situation improves. She praised HNA for keeping her informed about pertinent issues. She also discussed the problems in retaining agricultural enterprises in face of increasing land pressures, especially in northern Oregon.

Eugene City Councilor George Poling referred to his interest in shared services with respect to the proposed merger of Eugene and Springfield fire departments. He reported that the Eugene/Springfield land study is on track for future City policy discussion. He will ask the City Council for a resolution to the ODOT to spare the grove of trees at the intersection of I-5 and the new bridge.

Police Department Lieutenant Rich Stronach addressed the latest Lane County crime statistics, which reflect the continuing crisis in jail/public safety funding. He also noted that the efforts made by Interim Police Chief Kerns have made the transition to his permanent appointment extremely non-stressful for the department.

EWEB Board member Ron Farmer reported on a 5% electric rate increase scheduled for November 2009; this will average \$3.75 per household. The May 2009 water increase, averaging \$3.40, was applied to replacing aging infrastructure. The renewal process for McKenzie River dams is proceeding, and the construction at the Beltline/Roosevelt facility is on schedule, under budget, and will be completed in 2010.

Executive Committee

Jennifer Yeh, the newest member of the Executive Committee, was introduced.

Affordable Housing Project

Richard Herman, Executive Director of Metropolitan Affordable Housing, and Harriet Cherry, Pivot Architecture, presented charts illustrating the proposed units at the Grange location, Willakenzie Crossing. Questions posed and answered included:

- Will there be a traffic light? Traffic Engineer will provide input as project proceeds.
- When will construction begin? Fall of 2010, completed in 2011.
- When will neighbors have an opportunity to provide input? A timeline of meeting schedule will be provided to the HNA newsletter.
- Are local trades to be involved in construction? Yes, Essex General Contractor.

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University of Oregon Community Relations

Karen Hyatt spoke on the purpose of this new department to notify communities of events that may impact neighborhoods and to advise students who live away from campus on expectations in neighborhoods. A parking summit is scheduled for this fall. She noted that the Thursday night Civil War game at 6:00 p.m., December 3, will have an unusual impact. It was recommended to Ms. Hyatt that the possible problem of customers at the new baseball field parking in the neighborhood instead of at the site could be solved by by keeping parking fees low.

HNA Committee Update

Bob Kline reported that designs for the new Willamette River bridge are outstanding.

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

**Next General Meeting Wednesday, 11/18/09, 7:00-9:00 p.m.,
James Monroe Middle School Library**

Marian Spath, Recording Secretary