

Harlow Neighbors Association Minutes

May 19, 2010

Call to Order

Interim Chair Richard Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Monroe Middle School Library. Executive Committee members present: Richard Edwards, Jennifer Yeh, Marian Spath and Marguerite Zolman,

FireMed: Bart Knoll, Director

Mr. Knoll discussed the benefits and privileges of FireMed Amulance membership. FireMed is the emergency lifesaving membership program of the Eugene, Springfield, and Lane Rural Fire Departments. The cost of FireMed Basic membership is \$62 per year, and the cost of FireMed Plus is \$97 per year. FireMed membership covers applicable patient out-of-pocket expenses for emergency ambulance transportation to the nearest appropriate hospital, compared to a possible \$2,000 fee without FireMed coverage.

Officials' Reports:

Representative Nancy Nathanson. She represents about 58,000 citizens in Harlow, Cal Young, River Road, Santa Clara, and Whiteaker neighborhoods, as well as part of Jefferson neighborhood and the Eugene downtown. Her present projects include incorporating recommendations to the government efficiency task force to improve cost effectiveness where state and county services overlap, creating excessive bureaucracy and paper work. A second focus is unifying the court system fees, which currently are a hodgepodge of fees added on by different courts. Representative Nathanson also is continuing her efforts to improve the rail system.

Eugene Police Department, Sergeant Michael Gilbert. Sgt. Gilbert reported that, despite the perception, crime has not risen because of the new bike bridge connection over I-5. He introduced several charts of data confirming this. He encouraged the audience to report all crimes either by telephone or by utilizing the online City website link to the police department. Graffiti should be reported, and, if possible, photos should be included with the report; these facilitate arrest by revealing style used. Graffiti is now painted over by police department volunteers, since budget cuts have eliminated actual department personnel.

Candidate Forum: County Commissioner Position #2

On May 18th, the Primary elections were held but none of the seven candidates for County Commissioner Position #2 received more than 50% of the vote which was required for an outright winner. The result of the Primary is that the following two candidates, who received the most votes, would be listed on the ballot in the run-off election in November.

Pat Riggs-Henson, Democratic nominee, spoke about her walking tours of Harlow Neighborhood prior to the election, a practice she plans to continue until the final vote for Springfield Position #2 in November.

Sid Leiken, Republican nominee, was invited but did not appear.

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Announcements:

Movie Night, July 14, Willakenzie Park

National Night Out, August 3, 6-8 p.m., Alton Baker Park is an opportunity to gather and meet your neighbors in HNA and Cal Young. This is a joint venture that will feature the National Night Out Caravan, fun and games for the children from the Parks and Recreation folks, and dessert! Your mail box will have an announcement of both events.

Election:

The following slate of nominees for HNA Executive Board was selected by unanimous voice vote:

Interim Chair: Richard Edwards

Vice Chair: Jennifer Yeh

Secretary: Marian Spath

Other Business:

John Byrne, Ascot Park area resident, presented visual evidence of parking problems for Ascot Street residents created by the entrance to the park at the end of the street.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Marian Spath, Secretary