

Overlook Neighborhood Association (OKNA) General Meeting Notes May 2008

Community Policing Report (Havilah Fershweiler)

- Burglaries have increased, especially in north end near Arbor Lodge
- Photo radar is coming to Overlook neighborhood
- Grafetti cleanup will take place along Interstate on June 14 from 9-noon. Meet at Trillium School. There will be free food afterwards at the Patten Park reopening celebration.

Willamette Bluff Lighting Project (Sally Kavanagh)

- 71 questionnaires were sent to neighbors near in area, 14 were returned (11 live along the bluff)
- General response is people prefer the existing lighting to the new decorative lights on display
- Existing lights are cheaper
- Group discussion: yellower lights may be more popular, Asidas cobra lights are pretty good looking, city will continue to evaluate lights

Polish Library (Dorota Zukowska)

- Looking to beautify area around library and also improve lighting

Greenspace between Going and N. Going Court (Chris Radcliff)

- Neighbors along the green space have applied for an enhancement grant to include sculptures, bicycle rack, and improved lighting.
- Green space is owned by the City of Portland
- No plans to open up the sound wall near Plaid Pantry

Interstate/Greeley (Rich Newlands – PDOT)

- Presented 2 options that PDOT is studying
 - (1) Close the right turn lane permanently (cars wishing to go on Greeley from Interstate would have to loop back at Russell, adding 2-3 minutes to the drive)
 - (2) Install loop activated flashing bicycle warning signal
 - Informal vote was 1/3 in favor of option 1, 1/3 in favor of option 2 and 1/3 with no opinion at this time
 - PDOT will contact Kaiser to get their input.
 - Decision expected in the next couple of weeks

Farmers Market (Mike Moran)

- Produce is already available at the market, which opened last week
- Goal is to grow to full capacity for 85% of the season
- Bob New is the manager now
- Lots of volunteer opportunities (call 971.344.0115) to help out

- Motion made and carried to release OKNA funds (\$7,000) to Interstate Farmers Market
 - Money will be used to help carry market through months early in the year before vendor fees start coming in
 - Funds will be returned to OKNA if the market ceases to exist

Interstate Rezoning Corridor Update (Eric Gale)

- Design committee, without OKNA input, proposed increasing height restrictions
- OKNA letter writing campaign was successful in making people aware that there are many concerns about increasing the height restrictions.
- Current proposal is to stay with original height restrictions for the most part – certain areas could have higher height restrictions if they are successful going through a rigorous planning process)

Committee chairs reports

- Secretary – we're still looking for a volunteer
- Publicity – June/July newsletter is ready for delivery
- Bluff fire Prevention – blackberries and clematis will be sprayed starting June 1, some grass seeding will also take place
- Transportation
 - Columbia River Crossing is available (see OKNA newsletter for details how to get a copy or read on-line)
 - Comment period is open, but it's best to comment by June 15
 - Tri-met closures on Steel Bridge will be happening this summer to install new tracks
 - **June 1–August 30:** TriMet buses will not use Steel Bridge; detours in place
 - **June 10–August 24:** Bridge closed to all vehicles
 - **August 2–24:** TriMet MAX will not cross Steel Bridge; shuttle buses provided
- Parks – June 14 Patton Park reopening (lots of activities for kids)

Diversity – meet 2nd Monday of every month at the Overlook House from 7-9 pm