

Historic Milwaukie NDA Minutes January 12, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dion Shepard, at 6:35 pm. It was held at the library's pond house. A total of 14 people attended the meeting.

First on the agenda was Milwaukie police Chief Robert Jordan. Chief Jordan has been the head of the police department for six months. He gave us some of his background and shared with us his goals for the department. He has been a police officer, DA, and FBI agent. Most recently he was in charge of the FBI in Oregon, but most of his career with the bureau he was dealing with corruption.

The chief has met individually with every employee of the police department. His goals for the department include, Milwaukie's participation in a region drug task force, officer training in computer forensics, increasing the canine program, balancing traffic enforcement with response to calls and cross training of officers in various areas of expertise.

The chief then answered questions from the group; topics included light rail security and safety, the transit center, gang activity, and sex offender registration. The chief has lived in several cities over his career and has seen transit systems that are safe and liked, and well as those that are not. The chief will look into whether the city's policy of registering sex offenders 5 days per week is making inquiries to Milwaukie's livability appear that we have an abundance of them living in the city. He also encouraged citizens to call whenever they are concerned or see something suspicious, if it is not an emergency they can call 503-786-7500.

Secondly, Ed Zumwalt talked briefly about Library board's plans for the Pond House and the recent establishment of a foundation to support the funding for the library's future plans.

Third, Dion talked about Kronberg Park Restoration. An event will be held January 17 from 9 am until noon. We will be planting trees and removing invasive plants.

Ray Bryan then gave a treasures report, updated the group on the NTPSP, and asked for input and concerns about light rail that should be addressed as the next stage of engineering begins.

Dion asked the members who previously volunteered for the pole topper committee if they would like to meet soon.

The Meeting was adjourned

Submitted by Ray Bryan