



**Wilkes East Neighborhood Association
Quarterly Board Meeting
November 19, 2009**

The quarterly meeting of the Wilkes East Neighborhood Association (WENA) was called to order at 7 p.m. Thursday, November 19, 2009, at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church and was facilitated by Brian Heerwagen, former WENA president. Kris Freiermuth, president, Curt Duval, land use chair, Lee Dayfield and Bob Lundbom, members at large, Billy Simmons, treasurer, and Laurie Simmons, secretary were in attendance. Marc Thornsbury, vice president, and Nancy Pyburn, member at large, were unable to attend.

Approximately 50 members of the Wilkes East Neighborhood Association were in attendance, as well as the following guest speakers: Kelle Landavazo with the City of Gresham neighborhood watch program, Anndy Wiselogle, East Metro Mediation coordinator, Don Bilyeu, City of Gresham engineering technician, Mike Abbate, City of Gresham urban design and planning director, Ric Catron, City of Gresham associate park planner, Sylvia Milne, City of Gresham crime prevention specialist, and Steve Wright and Carla Bangert with Multnomah County facilities and property management.

Brian Heerwagen gave an overview of the neighborhood watch groups in the area, provided a list of the various volunteer opportunities that are available in the Wilkes East area, and explained that WENA raises funds through grants and other fundraising activities. Kelle Landavazo spoke about the neighborhood watch groups and explained the importance of knowing your neighbors.

Lee Dayfield provided an update on the Nadaka Park clean-ups and indicated that volunteers are needed for grant writing. The next park clean-up is January 9, 2010.

Steve Wright and Carla Bangert invited the members of Wilkes East to attend an open house on December 10 to view the proposed Multnomah County warehouse and training center facility located on Sandy Boulevard.

Anndy Wiselogle helped facilitate the discussion regarding Nadaka Park, and Sylvia Milne discussed possible safety improvements.

Don Bilyeu reported on the NE Halsey bicycle and pedestrian improvements project.

Mike Abbate and Ric Catron presented the master plan objectives for the Nelson Property and noted the group's comments. Issues raised were focused on the south fence and gate, safety and lighting. Mike Abbate introduced the two Mayer-Reed consultants, Ron Heiden and Carol Mayer-Reed, who will be doing future planning of the Nelson Property. Mike Abbate encouraged the members of Wilkes East neighborhood to attend the three planning meetings regarding the Nelson Property. The meetings will be held at Gresham City Hall at 6:30 p.m. on January 14, January 20 and April 6. The master proposal will be presented to City Council at the April 6 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: January 25, 2010, at Billy and Laurie Simmons' adult foster care home.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Simmons, Secretary