



**Wilkes East Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting
January 25, 2010**

The board meeting of the Wilkes East Neighborhood Association (WEna) was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Monday, January 25, 2010, at the home of Billy and Laurie Simmons and was facilitated by Kris Freiermuth. Kris Freiermuth, chair, Marc Thornsbury, vice chair, Curt Duval, land use chair, Lee Dayfield, member at large, Bob Lundbom, member at large, Nancy Pyburn, member at large, Billy Simmons, treasurer, and Laurie Simmons, secretary were in attendance.

The WEna board unanimously approved the November 19 quarterly board meeting minutes.

Marc Thornsbury reported on the January 12 Gresham Coalition of Neighborhood Associations meeting. A copy of the 2010 Council Work Plan was distributed. The Housing Authority of Portland presented maps and information about subsidized housing in East County. City of Gresham provided information about urban forests and the city's tree canopy.

Curt Duval indicated there was nothing new to report on land-use. He attended an open house on December 10 and viewed the proposed Multnomah County warehouse and training center facility located on NE Sandy Boulevard. WEna sent a letter in support of this new warehouse.

Bob Lundbom provided an update on the WEna website, www.wilkeseastna.org. He indicated the website statistics show the server had over 3,000 visitors viewing almost 22,000 pages in January 2010. The board reviewed and provided comments regarding proposed articles for the draft WEna winter newsletter.

The board discussed potential agenda items for the March 22 Quarterly Meeting. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church. The church is located at 17405 NE Glisan. Potential meeting topics will include:

- Neighborhood news
- Jonathan David, City of Gresham Department of Roads, NE Halsey Bike Lane Changes and Pedestrian Light

Lee Dayfield provided an update on Nadaka Nature Park and the discussion at the City's open house on January 20. A trashcan has been added near the North entrance which was paid for with funds from the Metro Nature in Neighborhood grant. There are clean-ups scheduled on March 27 and one including SOLV on April 17. Representatives from the City of Gresham have made several visits to Nadaka and have expressed their pleasure with the progress of the clean-ups to date. The Nadaka Nature Park expansion celebration on January 11 was a success with over 70 people attending at St. Aidan's church.

In other business, Bob Lundbom reported that the plasma center on 16225 NE Glisan Street changed its business name to CSL Plasma. The company is owned by a larger group called CSL Limited that is based in Melbourne, Australia. He also reported that a Gresham landlord wants to fill a vacancy with a methadone clinic at 192nd and E. Burnside. The location has been vacant for more than a year. There will be an early neighborhood notification meeting regarding this clinic on February 2 at 6:30 p.m. at 19295 E. Burnside. He also provided a map showing four areas in Gresham that are large enough to be redeveloped for big box retail. One proposed site is at Halsey Crossing at 181st and NE Halsey.

Marc Thornsbury reported that he is working on a proposed update to the Bylaws.

Billy Simmons provided the Treasurer's Report and reviewed the budget for the coalition grant with the board. Kris Freiermuth reported that she is coordinating the project to obtain yard signs that will announce future WEna quarterly and annual meetings.

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

Next Board Meeting: February 22, 2010, at Billy and Laurie Simmons' adult foster care home.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Simmons, Secretary