



Wilkes East Public Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2014

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I. Call to order

- Marc Thornsby, Vice President, called to order the regular meeting of the Wilkes East Neighborhood Association at 7:10 pm on August 26, 2014 at St. Aidan Church, Gresham, Oregon.
- Board Members present: President Kris Freiermuth, Vice President Marc Thornsby, Secretary Greg Hartung, Land Use Curt Duval, Communications Bob Lundbom and Member at Large Juanita Null.
- Board Member absent: Treasurer Billy Simmons.
- Attendance 24 people.
- Special thanks to volunteers and supporting companies. Donations to WENA help offset costs such as the rental of the hall for this meeting.
- Website: www.wilkeseastna.org

II. Treasurers Report (Billy Simmons)

- Billy Simmons was not present. No report presented, slated for next public meeting in November 2014



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III. Guest Speakers from Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East: Director of Communications Sasha Davis & Vice President of Housing Development David Bonn).

- Building 25 homes on NE 165th and NE Glisan. Will be breaking ground in January or February of 2015. Construction will begin in early to mid-spring.
- HFH is working with City of Gresham Commission for Design Standards. Originally 26 units planned. In order to meet the zoning and fire regulations there will now be down to 25 units. This will add 2 extra parking spaces. In final process with 145 items will go in to the City of Gresham Design Commission. Anticipated review will be on November 5th of 2014. Permitting process should be done by the end of the year.
- HFH has just completed the Division project of 45 homes, which is the largest project by Habitat.
- Supplies from the Division project have been moving over to the Glisan property.
- It is expected to see people moving in the homes sometime near December 2015. During phase 1, 12 units will be built first along the Glisan side. Phase 2 will see the remaining 13 units built in the interior of the property. Phase 1 will be required to have all the parking, playground, open space and all the infrastructure done at that time.
- Tree removal and new curb along 165th. Ten foot buffer parking strip with landscape. Glisan along with sidewalk repositioned to the property line. No parking allowed on Glisan.
- HFH outreaches to the school district (Reynolds). Approximately 70 children will live there.



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IV. Guest Speakers: City of Gresham Transportation Planning Manager Katherine Kelly Chris Strong Transportation Division Manager: Powell-Division Transit Development.

- Powell-Division Transit Development is a joint project with Metro, TriMet, City of Gresham, City of Portland and ODOT. A steering committee for the project includes representatives from both public and private sectors.
- The project is two prongs: Transit enhancement along the Powell-Division corridor; and where along that corridor can be identified as station or opportunity areas.
- Metro is leading the transit portion of that project. Metro is looking to hear concerns, issues, excitement about the project which will be from Downtown Portland to Mt. Hood Community College. This could be a light rail, street car or rapid transit bus.
- Purpose of the project is for high capacity transit, were studies show high ridership. Division has the highest ridership in the region. Powell also has a high ridership that is anticipated to grow as well. Handout is presented to audience describing the project.
- Gresham will hold an “Open House” on September 18th for this project.
- Finalizing project will be late 2015 with route selection and stations locations. Projected completion would be 2020 at the latest.
- System enhancement plan outreach has studied the north-south east county connections and has determined it is inadequate. North-south high capacity transit is planned however has been places on a lower priority. Priority is based on 26 different factors including ridership.



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V. Chris Strong Transportation Division Manager: Powell-Division Transit Development.

- NE Pacific St with the development of the Nadaka Nature Park must be improved for park standards. Pacific Street is in process to build out into a full street along the north side of the nature park. Project is mindful of traffic calming and storm water management. This will include curb extension “bulb-outs” and rain garden for storm water runoff.
- Pavement preservation program includes NE 162nd, Stark, Hogan, and Powell micro-sealing and patching.
- Street light conversion project: City of Gresham will be retro fitting all the high sodium lights with more efficient LED lighting. LED lighting will use 80% less energy and longevity of the LED bulb is 15-20 years verses 4-5 years with the sodium bulbs. All lights in the city will be retrofitted by the end of 2015. Some of the poles will be replaces as needed.
- MAX trail project is a multi-purpose path along the MAX line and will integrate with Gresham-Fairview trail to provide enhanced bicycle-pedestrian ability through the community.
- Sandy Blvd project will be from east city limits to 181st construction will begin in 2016. Will finish building out the roadway as well as sidewalks and bike lane.
- Concerns over traffic flow and signal timing along NE 181st interchange: Several intersections are timed with “adaptive traffic signal control”. A computer monitors traffic and changes timing to coordinate movement going through the intersections. Adaptive control is split into two zones: I-84 westbound off ramp to north and east off-ramp to south.



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VI. Adoption of public meeting minutes from November 2013 and March 2014 meetings.

- Minutes from the November 2013 and March 2014 meetings were distributed. Motion to adopt minutes as presented. Al Harrison motions to adopt minutes. Second motion Lee Dayfield. Members voted unanimously. The minutes were adopted as presented.

VII. St. Aidan Church rental agreement renewal.

- Rental fee is \$25.00 per meeting.
- Motion to approve entering in to the rental agreement with St. Aidan Church by Bob Lundbom. Second by Richard Anderson. Members voted unanimously. Motion passes.

VIII. Nakada Nature Park update, Lee Dayfield.

- Construction of park began as of today (August 26th, 2014), to be completed by November 2014.
- Upcoming Events: Clean-up on September 13th and September 27th. Nadaka Community Festival on September 27th back in the meadow.
- Access to park is in the NE corner and from the apartments a walk way to the wooded area.
- Donation envelope presented for tax deductible contributions.



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IX. Good of the order.

- HB Lee middle school is looking for volunteers for the Community Advisory Board to represent Wilkes East. See the HB Lee website.
- Reminder of the upcoming board member elections at the next fall meeting in November.
- Albertina-Kerr Centers, Pam Kreklow updates construction project. Party to celebrate the new construction on Friday, September 26th, 12-2pm.
- City of Gresham “Green and Clean” is on Saturday September 13th, 9-12 noon. Information is on www.greshamoregon.gov/greenandclean.

X. Meeting adjournment.

- Motion to adjourn (by member). Second by Greg Hartung. Members vote unanimously. Meeting adjourns at 8:45 pm.

Minutes taken by Greg Hartung

Approval: Pending.