



Wilkes East Neighborhood Association

Public Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2018

Call to Order

Kris Freiermuth called to order the Wilkes East Neighborhood Association at 7:00 at Albertina-Kerr campus Gresham, Oregon.

Roll Call

Kris Freiermuth, Chair, Gail Voge, Member at Large, Bob Lundbom, Website and Newsletter, and Juanita Null, Member at Large.

Attendance: Approximately 25 people

Kris thanked all of the volunteers that deliver the newsletter. We only have enough money for 2 more issues of the newsletter. Kris is going to find out if we can pay for the newsletter cost using the Grant money. Passed around a basket for donations.

Danna Diaz – Superintendent of Reynold’s School District

Danna is working on system improvements to provide service to the school district. She is working on a student outlines and to better communicate with union and teachers. Some things that work well are: loyal and committed staff, dedication to students and community, have a very diverse community, and community partners. Items that Danna is planning on to streamline and have good quality are: for example: hiring employee’s, requisitions and purchases approval, how to reconstruct to provide quality services if someone leaves.

Every year all principals will submit a plan for the school year to Danna for her review.

Budget meetings have been going on and all minutes will be written up and put in a newsletter.

Questions from audience:

How does she feel about charter schools? She has worked with Charter schools before, kids need choices whether public or charter.

There is a problem with HB Lee kids harassing a neighbor after school. Danna is going to check on this problem.

What does she think about home schooled kids – how do they get graded, test scores, and are they above public schooled. Danna started literacy curriculum working on social



studies curriculum.

Election of Officers

Greg is going to come back on the board for land use.

Motion to have the officers remaining on as before was seconded and approved.

Babs Adamski – Specialist Outreach Back Yard Habitat

She gave a background to invite wildlife into your yard. Her goal to make urban landscape invite wildlife to the everyone's yards. 1. Increase amount of native plants, 2. Managing water on your property i.e. take down spout out so that it refreshes the water table, 3. Reduce pesticide use. The signup fee is \$35, then a technician will come and walk through your yard and give you some guidelines of plants.

Mike Elston – North Gresham Neighborhood Assn.

Mike came to give us an update on Kirk Park. Kirk park is located at 183rd and 186th on Multnomah St., can go to 188th and Glisan to get there. The Grant request was submitted for \$8,500. With this grant they need a lot of volunteers. A second Grant submitted was to the Metro Grant city enhancement. The third Grant was submitted for ADA equipment. They are having problems with homeless camping there.

Trimet did not show up.

Is anybody interested in having bulk waste, let Kris know.

Motion for approval of August public meeting minutes was seconded and approved.

Next meeting Monday, January 14, 2018 at 6:30, Simmon's home, 17104 NE Oregon St., Portland.

Meeting Adjourned 8:10