



## **Wilkes East Neighborhood Association** **Board Meeting Minutes**

April 13, 2020

Meeting took place via Zoom @ 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Kris Freiermuth, Chair WENA; Billy Simmons, Treasurer; Greg Hartung, Land Use; Bob Lundbom, Website and Newsletter; Sarah Jacobson, Member at Large.

### **Land Use Update - Greg**

Greg contacted the city regarding possible construction in the backyard of 16419 NE Wasco Street. There is a valid permit for the construction of an auxiliary building on this property.

- Greg plans to follow up with the city to determine why the neighborhood association wasn't notified of plans for construction at the above property or the construction taking place directly behind Halsey Market on 172nd. Previously, the city shared construction plans with the neighborhood association prior to the start of construction.

### **Newsletter- Bob**

The next newsletter edition is scheduled for the beginning of August. Deadline for article submissions is July 10th. Board to decide closer to publication whether hand delivering newsletters per usual will follow social distancing guidelines as public health/ state recommendations update.

Anticipated Newsletter Content:

- Dimitrios has offered to write an article addressing current lockdowns which focuses on coping strategies and local resources that might be beneficial for neighbors during this period.
- Billy will look into a possible article on changes to the old Donnelley building which is being used (either purchased or leased) by XPO.

### **August Public Meeting- Kris**

The board acknowledged possible cancellation or postponement of the next public meeting based on future public health recommendations regarding gatherings. Final decision on this is anticipated to take place at July board meeting. If health guidelines allow a public meeting in August, the board would like to hold the meeting at Columbia View park.



Suggested Topics for August public meeting:

- Update on Columbia View Park improvements: Where is the city in planning improvements at the point?
  - Kris has a list of financial resources/ grantors from the Kirk park project if needed to assist the city of Gresham with planned improvements.
  - Bob attended the public meeting regarding the planned development of city parks and confirmed the city's understanding of the neighborhood's desired improvements to Columbia View park are limited to a walking path designed to increase accessibility and garbage receptacles.
  - Kris will reach out to Tina for an update as well as clarification regarding access to the park from 172nd.

Additional Items:

- Sarah will create a Wilkes East Neighborhood Association FaceBook page in an effort to increase outreach and communication with neighbors.

Motion to adjourn- seconded @ 7:30