



Wilkes East Neighborhood Association **Public Meeting Minutes**

August 9, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:01 by Kris Freiermuth. This Public Meeting was held via Zoom.

Roll Call: Kris Freiermuth, President; Gail Voge, Secretary; Billy Simmons, Treasurer; Dimitrios Zourvos, and Sarah Jacobson, Members at Large.

Kris Freiermuth, President

Thanked everyone that joined the WENA zoom meeting. She introduced the guests – Dina DiNucci, Counselor City of Gresham and Chris Strong, Gresham Dept. of Environment.

Motion to approve WENA's March Public meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes was 2nd and approved.

Billy Simmons – Treasurer

We received the grant check from the City of Gresham.

Motion to approve WENA's July Board meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes was 2nd and approved.

Guests

Dina DiNucci – Counselor City of Gresham

She gave us a review of her background. Worked for City of Gresham as neighbor restoration chair. She owned a coffee shop for people to come and meet and discuss events. Then worked for Multnomah County as COVID case worker. The work that does as a Counselor for City of Gresham – Parks are important to the community. She would like for the community to be engaged and communicate to the council about any issues. Livability is a big issue and how to define it. The Shaul property off Powell Blvd was purchased by City of Gresham. We need community engagement for determining best funding for police, policies to handle people with mental health problems and high crime rate.

Don – Neighbor

He has been picking up trash along 172nd on his own. There are a lot of problems along 172nd with the homeless and one of his neighbors is a drug house. So a lot of problems happen there.

City of Gresham is looking for doing better by the homeless. If you have problems call 211.



Danelle Heikkila – Principal for H. B. Lee School

She has been principal for 5 years at H. B. Lee School. There are 2 assistant principals. They are looking forward to the school year even though they will be wearing masks. Her college interests were pre-engineer, graphic design and culinary.

Sarah question – What are school hours and what times of the day can everyone use the track to walk? School is from 7:30 – 5:00. By 5 all school activities should be done.

There is a School Resource Officer on site during the day.

Someone asked if Danelle knew about the drug house across the street on 172nd. She did know that there is a problem there. Don suggested that speed bumps should be installed on 172nd. A lot of cars driveway to fast up and down the street.

Chris Strong – Dept of Environment

He deals with Public Works Projects and Transportation Services (not Trimet). If you would like to get ahold of him Chris's email is chris.strong@gresham.gov and to review the current Public Works go to [greshamoregon/publicworks](http://greshamoregon.gov/publicworks). This department is looking at all public streets to determine what streets need help by putting in new pavement. A couple of other projects are on Sandy Blvd at 181st by making it 5 lanes and on 181st and Glisan they added turn lanes.

Question – How did they come up with the projects? By maintenance need – Glisan needed new lights and fix all the lines.

Question – Why are the electric lines hanging so low? Chris is going to check on that and get back to us.

Question – Why aren't the utilities underground? They coordinate with PGE to see where they can put utilities underground.

Question – What are the plans for crosswalks along 181st? There are a number of proposed crosswalks. They will be paid for through Grant funding.

Discussion about the C2C improvement project which includes the improvements in roads.

Question from Dan – Will there be camera zones? Not right now there are a lot of rules and regulations about having them installed.



Lee Dayfield – Park Activities

The SKIP program provides lunch for kids. On June 21st there was a Chess for Success program.

Play Grow Learn has done a lot of work at Nadaka park. The Campfire girls have repainted the Turtle rock at Nadaka park. Check YouTube to see vides of Nadaka Park.

The City of Gresham Parks and Recreation have a large agenda this year. They received a \$5 million grant and will be distributing this money for parks. They will use this \$1.5 million to purchase Shaul property and the rest for the 6 parks in Gresham. They are setting up a 60-member committee and should be up and running by October. Discussion was had about the Park Committee.

Dimitrios

He has worked in the mental health for many years. Dimitrios is starting a non-profit day program for special needs adults. This will help them to socialize and get programs to help them. Can look it up at keficareprogram.com. He will reach out to county depart and get referrals. Funding that comes in is not enough – Do fundraisers.

Question – Who mows the grass in Columbia View park? City of Gresham does not have enough funding to mow parks. You can call the Supervisor of Parks at 503-618-2934

Motion to adjourn was seconded and approved. Meeting ended at 9:00.

Next Board Meeting, Monday September 13, 2021.

All Board Meetings start at 6:30 pm.

All Public Meetings start at 7:00 pm.

Until further notice all meetings will be held via Zoom.