



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

August 14, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Greg Hartung. This Board Meeting was held at the Moose Lodge.

**Roll Call:** Kris Freiermuth, President; Greg Hartung, Land Use; Gail Voge, Secretary; Billy Simmons, Treasurer; Krista Harrison Member at Large.

### **Greg Hartung, Land Use**

Kris Freiermuth asked Greg to chair this meeting.

This public meeting was originally scheduled to be held at Nadaka park but due to the hot weather it was changed to the Moose Lodge.

Greg introduced all the WENA Board members in attendance.

He acknowledged all the volunteers that help deliver the WENA summer newsletters. The next WENA newsletter will be in November. All the WENA newsletters are on our website.

A big thankyou to all those people that pick-up trash along the streets.

### **Billy Simmons, Treasurer**

We have received the grant money from the City of Gresham. It will cover some expenses such as the printing of the newsletter, zoom costs, and website costs.

Motion to approve the March Public Meeting minutes. It was seconded and approved.

### **Nina Vetter, Gresham City Manager**

The City Manager oversees the day-to-day operations of the City and implements Council policy direction. She started on June 28, 2021. In 2021 the City of Gresham adopted a strategic plan. The cities mission is to foster a safe, thriving, and welcoming community for all. These are the Strategic priorities:

1. Financial Sustainability – The city will have to cut 30 positions.
2. Community Safety
3. Thriving economy
4. Housing for All
5. Community Vibrancy

The Action Plan is on the City of Gresham's website, [greshamoregon.gov](http://greshamoregon.gov). You can read the financial roadmap on the website.



Nina gave us an overview of the Budget Plan for this fiscal year. Since the Safety measure did not pass in the spring there will be a decision about having another Safety measure to vote on it 2024.

Be sure to report any complaints on [mygresham.gov](http://mygresham.gov).

The WENA November public meeting will include elections of Board Members.

### **Brian Monberg, Redevelopment Director, Rockwood B-188 Project**

Brian introduced Bill Hart, Architect (Hart Development) who is working on this project with Brian. The City of Gresham purchased 2 acres located at the corner of Burnside and SE 188<sup>th</sup> – next to the 188<sup>th</sup> MAX station and across the street from Downtown Rockwood. This development includes a new school, recreation, workforce training, housing, and retail area. The pre-development work on this project is not in a formal process. The school will include kids that do not adapt to regular high school and will only hold about 120 kids.

### **Janet Unruh, Urban Forestry Committee**

We are concerned about a neighbor on Glisan street that have cut down 6 or 7 trees. We are checking to see if they had a permit to cut down the trees.

Motion for the adjournment of this meeting. It was seconded and approved.

Adjourn 8:30

Next Public meeting, November 13, 2023

Next Board Meeting, Monday September 9, 2023

Website: [www.wilkeseastna.org](http://www.wilkeseastna.org)

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.