

WILKES EAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 24, 2011

Present: Marc Thornsbery, Lee Dayfield, Bob Lundbom, Billie Simmons, Greg Hartung

Absent: Kris Frierermuth, Nancy Pyburn, Curt Duval, Dan Clement

No guests were present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Marc Thornsbery ran the meeting in the absence of Kris.

Secretary, Nancy Pyburn, was not present so past minutes of meetings were not discussed or approved. Lee acted as Secretary for the meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Billie Simmons A motion was made by Lee and seconded by Greg with unanimous approval of members that the Treasurer's report be tabled until the next Board meeting.

Lee advised the group that she has had a conversation with Father Scott at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church and WENA will not be required to carry its own insurance for the meetings held at the church. St. Aidan's is considering WENA meetings as church sponsored. We do not have coverage for the tools stored in the container.

Bob Lundbom reported the WENA website will be down for about 4 hours on January 29th for adjustments. Bob agreed to be added to the Rockwood Action Group that Lee has been attending because they have items Bob can probably use for WENA newsletter and website.

Members agreed we should use one of our City mailings for the next general meeting in March. Lee will contact Kris to find out what the deadline is for getting the information to the City. It was agreed we should not make spring break a determining factor in our decision of when the meeting will be in March, preferably the last Monday.

Discussion about possible speakers for March meeting. Bob will contact Mult County Commissioner Diane McKeel, Lee will contact Jean DeMaster from Human Solutions and Marc will contact someone from the City to speak about residential compatibility project. We will all report back to Kris as soon as we get confirmations so she can put together the mailing for the City.

Lee Dayfield reported on things happening at Nadaka. She is working with Jim Labbe of the Audubon Society on grants to develop the Nelson property. They have been meeting with Metro, City staff, City Councilors and representative from NFN Investments. Have also talked with representatives from Human Solutions, SnowCap and Grow Portland about support for the grants needed. Lee will attend a meeting of East Portland Food & Garden to talk about the community garden. Working with Eagle Scout, Jordan Beehler who is building bird and owl boxes for Nadaka which should be installed this spring. The bollards on the south end of the park should be installed within the month as well as the new bench purchased with grant money from Metro. Will get another doggipot for the south entrance this spring and Jordan has gotten 2 new concrete benches donated for the meadow.

The next scheduled cleanup at Nadaka will be with SOLV on April 16th from 9 am to 1 pm. Lee will be contacting St. Aidan's and Eastrose Fellowship to see if they are interested in having a big community event on that day using funds from the Metro grant. In the process of scheduling a cleanup in February with the Multnomah County crew.

General discussion about having an outdoor movie in the meadow of Nadaka or on the Nelson property. Different members present will check into things about what it would take to move this forward and report back at the February Board meeting.

WENA will consider having the Rockwood NA join us at times for events or meetings.

Lee will check the grant requirements about a sign for the Nelson property designating it as part of Nadaka.

Marc Thornsby gave an update on what the Neighborhood Coalition has been doing. The Coalition will now be recognized in the City code. Also working on bylaws template for neighborhood associations and Residential Compatibility project.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.