

WENA Regular 2011 Annual Meeting AUGUST 22nd 2011

Start Time: 19:10 PM PST \called to order by Marc Thornsbury, Vice President WENA Board

Announcements:

Snow Cap Charities operating in East Multnomah County

A severe shortage of food

If you have extra food that you are growing in your garden or orchard, etc: Snow Cap is accepting donations 9-5 MF

Nadaka Festival 2011

Thank you to many volunteers

Many supporting companies

Included Albertsons with generous donations

Neighborhood clean up

No cleanup is planned this year

Introduction of current WENA board members

Present:

Marc Thornsbury, Kris Freiermuth, Curt Duval, Billy Simmons, Bob Lundbom, Lee Dayfield, Greg Hartung.

Not present

Dan Clements

Speaker: Mike Smith with Metro Gang Enforcement

GET: 5 police officers

State funding, renewed grant each year

1 supervisor, 4 officers for all of east county

East county: NE 122nd east to Hood river county line

TAGGING

Gangsters and tagging crews

Home grown gangs from Gresham

More documented gangs in East County than Portland now

Attraction

Low income housing

Max

Transportation

Area

148 to 202, Glisan to Stark,

178 and Oregon

Apartments:

White sup groups, Latino and Black living in same apartments

Usually stay away from each other.

About Apartment Owners?

Working with GET

Making more livable

Other managers/owners living in California

About Reynolds High School?

Awesome!

Working with closely SRO's

Administration has done huge 180 and cleaned up schools

Border between Wilkes East and Wilkes West?

Lots of tagging on NE 162nd

Wilkes West NA Hired cleaning company to remove graffiti for \$2000.

Little prosecution

Following Gangsters

Vancouver, Oregon City etc

Grant funding

Write to your legislator

How are we effected by Gangs beside tagging

Riding at night on Max

Morning and day time not so effected

Typical crimes Gangs are involved with

Prostitution, robbery, pedestrian robberies, guns, drugs, assaults

Neighborhoods helps

Awareness

Specific areas we can address, Hands out Business card

If you see anything, call

NEXT SPEAKER: Jean DeMasters Director Human Solutions

Agenda: talk about new Facility on NE 181st and services provided

Human Solutions

Service Organizations to reduce poverty and homeless in our community

Shelters for mostly families open year round

Area served East Multnomah County

Most homeless families are doubled up with family

150 families a night

Help getting people back on their feet

Helping find a new job with wage to support family

Families do not want to move into Gang areas

Owns Pines Apartments

150 children

66 units

Helping families in those housing units to get ahead.

Rockwood Building:

Located On 181st between Couch and Davis Ct

Top two floors: 47 apartment units

15 of those will be reserved for Homeless Families

32 of those will be for low income families

Ground floor will be 6 social service agencies

Including Human Solutions, Head Start classrooms, Loaves and Fishes, Wallace Medical Concern, Sun School program and Lifeworks Northwest

Expecting 40,000 people a year to come through building for these services

People are moving in now

Grand opening will be announced Oct 4th

Will this bring in people from other areas?

More problems

Will bring more people into the area

Servicing people already here in the area

Serving families with children

Employment service provided to those ready and willing to work

Wallace is generally older people and people with childrens

Services are not attractive to young single men

How is the building funded

Tax credit from the state government

Loans

From the city of Gresham

From Bank of America

Mortgage Payments:

From the rent paid by the social solution agencies

Duration of Services

Energy assistance clients

Are served just once

Homeless clients

Between 6 and 9 month is expected

Families will move into apartment

Get the education needed for above min wage job

Get employment assistance

ADDTION TO THE AGENDA

Speaker Lydia Curran, Ride Connections

Non-profit organization providing transportation

For Seniors

Over 60

With disabilities

For Doctor appointment, etc.

Free services

Funded by state and federal

Volunteer based

700 drivers in network, of which 400 are volunteers

Own vehicles or bus or van, depending on requirements

BUSINESS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Elections for the WENA Neighborhood assn

Count and quorum of people that lives in Wilkes East Neighborhood

23 present including the board

Billy Simmons, Treasurer reports

Wilkes east monies

Last 12 months, \$191.00 collected from donations

\$360.00 annual expenses break down

\$106.00 for the web site

\$120.00 for the meeting room

\$40.00 for the PO Box

\$30.00 bank fees

\$13.00 Web site domain

\$50.00 Oregon Secretary of Registry

Other expenses

Refreshment for the Nadaka Clean-ups although mostly donations

Grant monies pay for:

Port a potties

News letters

Improvements for Nadaka

Labor for removing invasive species

Adoption of the Minutes from March 2011 Quarterly Meeting

Everyone has a copy

Motion to adopt accepted

Motion seconded accepted

Vote: All in favor no one opposes

Minutes are adopted as written, unanimously

Board Member Elections

Are open to volunteer nomination

Nominees

Kris Freiermuth for President

Marc Thornsbury for Vice President

Greg Hartung for Secretary

Curtis Duval for Land Use

Billy Simmons for Treasurer

Bob Lundbom for Communications

Motion to close nominations

Seconded

Voted all in favor, no one opposes

Candidates slate are approved as

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Marc Thornsby for Vice President

Greg Hartung for Secretary

Curtis Duval for Land Use

Billy Simmons for Treasurer

Bob Lundbom for Communications

Motion to elected that slate

All in favor, no one opposes

Board members as elected:

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Marc Thornsby, Vice President

Greg Hartung, Secretary

Curtis Duval, Land Use

Billy Simmons, Treasurer

Bob Lundbom, Communications

DISK GOLF COURSE speaker Ty Baker

Proposal to install At Columbia View Park

Features

No Tax funds

Family friendly sport

No charge for the sport

Game is basic rules of golf

A basket is used rather than a hole

A disk is thrown

Small Leagues may use the courses

A Washington Park mentioned as an example

Maintained

By park employees

Columbia View is mowed by local families trained to do so.

Clean up crews

Cost of disk range from

7 dollars or so

Advantages

Park get used

HB Lee school uses for the PE Program

Added activities

Motion to support and installing golf disk course at Columbia View

Motion seconded

Low on numbers on quorum mention

Some people have left and we will have to take this up again at Octobers meeting

Objection: to those who have left knew the agenda and have left did not opposed it.

Vote taken: All in favor, none opposed

Motion accepted unanimously

NADAKA NATURE PARK update, by Speaker Lee Dayfield

Spring and summer, Sun program from HB lee

Learning about invasive plants

In June a festival was held

Over 250 hot dogs were served in the pouring rain

Campfire girls from the original camp some traveled to be apart of the festival

Friends of Nadaka is on Facebook

The 2 year Metro Nature in the Neighborhoods grant for maintenance inside grant for inside Nadaka had ended June 30th.

Summarize the accomplishments:

Metro's contribution was \$10,199.00

Supposed Matched with income and volunteer contribution of \$13,748.00

For a total grant 23,947

The actual value brought to the COG is \$91,916 with all the volunteer and contributions added

Over two years, 33 clean up

5 that included SOLV

Total of 903 volunteers

Friends Of Nadaka moving forward to come up with funding for the master plan to improve the Nelson property

Since the South Gate has been open

Neighborhood has gone down

Truck stolen

Seems to be more rifraft in the neighborhood

Apartment on 178 and Oregon have gangs

Only two or three things reported

Lighting for the Nelson Property

How does Lighting effect wildlife

Removal of the invasive plants has improved visibility

BYLAWS

Everyone present has a copy

Will be on the Web Site shortly

Please review carefully

Will be bringing up for adoption in October

Public comments

Motion to Adjourned

Seconded

Voted all in favor, no on opposes

Meeting adjourned at 20:30 pm