

# WENA 2011 Fall Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Monday October 24, 2011

**Location:** St Aidan's Church 17405 NW Glisan Street, Gresham, Oregon.

**Meeting called to order:** 7:10 pm PST

Marc Thornsbery as meeting moderator

**Introduction of Wilkes East Neighborhood board members:**

Kris Freiermuth-President

Marc Thornsbery-Vice President

Billy Simmons- Treasurer

Greg Hartung- Secretary

Curt Duval- Land Use

Bob Lundbom- Communications

**WENA thanks to volunteers and supporting companies:**

Nadaka clean up crews, Albertsons, Nadaka festival volunteers, etc.

**WENA web site info:**

Visit [www.wilkeseastna.org](http://www.wilkeseastna.org) for events, news and calendar

**Appreciation of donations:**

Financial contributions help with association expenses.

**Guest Speaker Brenda Allen, Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney.**

Working with the Mult Co DA office since 1994 prosecuting:

DUI and misdemeanors

Stolen car cases

Vehicular manslaughter

Burgleries and armed robberies.

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Brenda now is the Neighborhood Deputy District Attorney for east county (Corbett, Fairview, Gresham, Troutdale)

Michael Schrunk identified the need for the DA's office getting out to neighborhoods that have felt pushed a side.

Notably: WENA is a safe neighborhood

Problem areas include graffiti, transient people, and automobile prowls.

### **Tips:**

If you leave anything in the car, expect it to be stolen.

Don't leave GPS suction cup on windshield, they'll look for the GPS under the seat for example.

While warming up your car, sit in the car or lock the doors.

Crimes are of opportunity and the perpetrators usually do not plan to commit crime until they see the opportunity.

Neighbors are encouraged to get to know each other.

### **Reporting Graffiti:**

Photograph it. Detectives will match photos.

Report it online at [www.greshamoregon.gov](http://www.greshamoregon.gov) or call non-emergency number 503-823-3333

Call 911 only if it is happening right now.

### **Reporting Drug Houses:**

Identify problem houses, traffic and activity above normal levels.

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Write down license plates. Record activities.

Results may help with getting search warrants.

### **Guest Speaker Josh Stein- John Deere Project Architect**

#### **Update on John Deere expansion Project**

- Location: NE 181<sup>st</sup> and San Rafael.
- Built 1966, 72000 square feet.
- Expansion built to the east.
- Purpose: Consolidate DC's and make one regional DC (Distribution Center).
- John Deere park, soccer fields to local teams.
- The project will take 2-5 years.
- Phase 1, 22,000 square feet added for DC.
- Phase 2: additional 34,000 square feet for parts storage.
- Features: Landscape block, insulated buildings, rain gardens, added trees and grasses.
- Rain gardens with maintenance can last up to 20 years.
- DC expected to operate with 3 shifts, 24/7.

### **Guest Speaker Kelly Niemeyer-Gresham Assoc. Transportation planner**

Presented the maps of the existing transportation plan.

A member questioned visual impairment at NE Oregon and 165<sup>th</sup>. Particularly the

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limited visual distance when approaching the intersection while traveling northbound on 165<sup>th</sup> Question deferred to the Gresham Dept of Transportation for review of site to best determine actions needed.

### **Transportation System Plan (TSP) updates:**

- Automobiles, Freight, Pedestrians, Bicycles
- TSP adopted in 2002
- Transportation mode inventory
- Assess modes, crash data, and financial forecasts
- Vision: TSP will support the growth and development for the city of Gresham as economic provider.

### **Goals of the TSP:**

- Improve accessibility, economic development, health, livability, mobility, safety

### **Questions from members**

- Question: How much do stop signs cost? Answer deferred.
- Question: What is happening with replacement of center tower on PED XING at 172 and Halsey: Answer tower been on special order and is delayed because of condition of base damage.

**Guest Speaker Dan Blue, of Gresham Recycling was not present.**

### **Meeting business:**

Marc: Adaption of minutes from August meeting to tabled due to low number of attendees.

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**Treasury report:** Billy Simmons

**Expenses:**

- Honey bucket \$330.00.
- PO box \$42.00.
- Website quarterly FF \$26.43
- Oregon State Assumed Business Name fee \$50.00

**Open agenda:**

- Lee Dayfield presented update on Nadaka park.

**Meeting adjourned at 20:30.**

**End of minutes.**



