



Public Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2012

Opening:

The regular public meeting of the Wilkes East Neighborhood Association was called to order at 07:05 PM on August 27, 2012 in St Aidans Church by Marc Thornsbury.

Board members present: Kris Freiermuth, Marc Thornsbury, Greg Hartung, Curt Duval, Bob Lundbom. (Not present: Billy Simmons).

Attendance: 48 people.

Introduction, Marc Thornsbury:

- Introduction of the WENA board members.
- Thank you to all our volunteer and supporting companies.
- Special thanks to the people who helped with the annual cleanup this year: Rena and Bill Walden, Bob Lundbom, Leo and Kris Freiermuth, Glen Matthews, Brian and Loraine Vernwagon, Greg, Garret and Gardner Hartung.
- Events like this other information about the neighborhood are available on the Wilkes East Neighborhood website: www.wilkeseastna.org

East Metro Connections Plan-Speakers Shirley Craddick-Metro Councilor and Dana Licerno-Public Involvement Specialist:

- Roles of the East Metro Connection plan include brining several jurisdictions together to work on regional issues across jurisdiction lines.
- 5 jurisdictions involved are City of Gresham, Multnomah County, Troudale, Wood Village and Fairview.
- Transportation projects will help us for a more prosperous future in the east metro area.
- Transportation projects play a variety of roles such as spur economic development, mobility and conductivity, develop employment areas, and “way finding” to help people get around better.
- The five jurisdictions worked together over the last 18 months to identify these projects.



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East Metro Plans- (cont.)

- The importance to work together is because our transportation dollars are shrinking, therefore finding ways to use more efficiently and effectively.
- Projects are to be of regional significance.
- Identifies a group of projects for funding from regional, Oregon and Federal.

Introduction of Dana Licerno and Catherine Kelly, Head of Transportation planning:

- Robust partnership with jurisdictions.
- What are the priorities? Results as follows:
- Long term projects and short term.
- Committee members create broad goals such as livability, safety, using system we already invested in.
- Need for limit access highway from Hwy 26 to I84.
- Public outreach through neighborhood coalitions.
- Steering committee took in public input for recommendations.
- Presented plan to audience such as widening NE 238th and safety design improvements.
- Presents info packet which includes website.
- Competing with other cities for funding.
- The region has been underfunding, so we need to speak with one voice to seek funding.
- Funding is project specific.
- 120+ projects in this plan, all modes of transportation.
- Pedestrian improvements and intelligent signaling.
- Bus rapid transit connecting PSU, OSHU, PCC and MHCC.

Owens Corning Plant- Speaker Michael Bowling-Plant Leader

- Update on the Gresham Pl
- Owens Corning Found 1938
- Fortune 500 company for over 50 years, 5 billion sales revenue
- 15,000 employees, 20 countries
- Gresham: Newest XPS styrene foam facility, part of Building Materials plant



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- Nearest plant to us today is Rockford, IL.
- Committed to safety, unconditional.
- Employees own the safety programs.
- 25000 man hours without reportable injury.
- 2010 received 2 corporate awards for outstanding safety solutions that can be implemented in other facilities.
- Community involvement includes: Habitat for Humanity Centennial neighborhood builds, Wilkes East Parks and Trees summit, participate in SOLV beach cleanups, donations to 171st and Division habitat build, sponsor Friends of Nadaka event (Nadaka Community Festival).
- Environmentally: recycle 100% manufacturing waste, storm water discharge by DEQ permit by monitoring and sampling discharge for the Columbia Slough.
- Challenges from over the road truck drivers that have been exposed to salt.
- Air emission by permit authorized by DEQ, inspected by DEQ, no deviations from permit reported. Permit expires January 2013.
- EPA now requires monitoring emission of greenhouse gases.
- Gresham is a 7 acre facility, HCFC 142B Foam plant
- Since 2009, hired and trained 45 employees, 11 which are from or moved to the Gresham area.
- No front line supervisors, managers work directly with employees.
- 2011: \$5 million capital reinvestment to modify the line.
- Lee Dayfield comments: Thanks Owens Corning for their contributions to Nadaka festival for supplying the tents.

Rockwood Public Safety Facility-speakers Michael Parkhurst/ COG urban renewal program, COG Police Chief Craig Junginger and State Rep Laurie Monnes-Anderson

Michael Parkhurst:

- Handouts passed out.
- In process of building new police building on the old Kasche Nursery site on NE 181st near NE Glisan,
- Redevelopment agency of the city: property purchased in March of 2012
- Not a police headquarters, but neighborhood level police facility, to service Rockwood primarily.



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Rockwood Public Safety building (cont.)

- Move several functions to the new facility.
- Supports patrol officers and detectives.
- Community Volunteers in Policing will work out of the new building.
- Booking and temporary holding.
- Moving Metro Gang Enforcement to new facility.
- Consolidates city's property and evidence storage.
- This project fulfills one of the urban renewal goals.
- Training/meeting room primarily for police, however will be available to local community groups.
- Building design will allow for future expansion.
- Handsome, durable building that will last for a long time.
- When is this all going to happen? In the middle of design phase.
- Bids for construction late this year.
- Construction to begin in early 2013, expected to be wrapped up by the end of 2013.
- Presents view of exterior of building.
- Between 11 and 12,000 square feet.

Police Chief Craig Junginger:

- Current Rockwood facility is still being used for police reports and interviewing.
- Because of reduction in last several years, it is no longer being staffed during the day.
- Since the Human Solutions building opened up, some of their staffers were staffing the facility.
- Future for building unknown. Functions like reports and interviewing.
- Up to 10 people detained. Holding for less than 4 hours, then transported to downtown.
- Four hours is the norm for short term facilities.
- Benefits include creating activity with police coming and going, \$100,000 savings from leasing a warehouse, which will buy another police officer.
- Only ¼ of the property will be used, the rest for future expansion.
- Easier to build on to existing building rather than find new property.
- Saving money by moving police from headquarte



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Rockwood Public Safety Building (cont.)

- Not designed to be a headquarters, but always be a sub-station.
- Return on investment, no real return government building.
- Audience comment: return will be increased police presence.
- Will be closer to east precinct, hoping that Portland cars will be booking at the new facility as well.
- Training room: Community type room that can be used for meeting such as this as well as police training. Current training room holds 10-15, new room will be 30 people.
- Room will also host outside training.
- May have some benefit with light rail issues by increased activity.
- Acknowledgement of the donation of boulders from the property to be used at Nadaka park (Lee Dayfield)

Laurie Monnes-Anderson:

- State representation for Gresham, Fairview, Troutdale and Wood Village.
- 2012 legislative review handout. Public safety is always priority bill.
- 85-95% of Gresham budget is dedicated to police.
- No money for East Metro gang enforcement team.
- Every cycle to fight for funding. Chief, County sheriff and police to testify how important for funding.

Adoption of Spring 2012 Public Meeting Minutes

- Motion to adopt minutes: Al Harrison
- Second Curt Duval
- Minutes approved for adoption by unanimous vote.

Treasury report (Kris Freiermuth)

- Money donated helps us to pay for this meeting facility at St. Aidans.
- Pays for the treats at cleanups at Nadaka Park.



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Treasury report (cont).

- Billy makes sure he asks for receipt and he gets them.
- Donation basket passed around for pay for this meeting and the next.
- \$80.00 collected.
- Made about \$400.00 from the neighborhood cleanup, 40 people came out that day in June.

Adoption of WENA By-Laws (Marc Thornsburry)

- 5 year project for non-profit status.
- Key sections discussed.
- Motion to adopt: Al Harrison
- Second: Curt Duval
- Adoption of WENA By-Laws approved by unanimous vote.

Public comments:

- (Lee Dayfield)- Public meeting on Nadaka Park 6 pm September 13th at St. Aidans.

Meeting adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned by Marc Thornsburry by unanimous vote, time 8:45 pm.

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