



## **Wilkes East Neighborhood Association**

### ***Board Meeting Minutes***

May 20<sup>th</sup> 2013

#### **Call to order**

**Kris Freiermuth** called to order the regular meeting of the **Wilkes East Neighborhood Association** at **6:30 PM** on **May 20th, 2013**.

#### **Roll Call**

- Board members present: Kris Freiermuth, Billy Simmons, Marc Thornsby, Bob Lundbom and Greg Hartung.
- Board members absent: Curt Duval.
- Guests: None.

#### **Approval of minutes from last meeting (Greg Hartung)**

- Tabled approval of February 25, 2013, board meeting minutes.
- Marc moved to approve the board meeting minutes for April 22, 2013, as amended. Second, Billy. Unanimous vote, motion carries.

#### **Treasury report (Billy Simmons)**

- Bill for Port-a-potty \$117.50 paid out of WENA general fund.

#### **Land Use (Kris Freiermuth for Curtis)**

- An application has been submitted for a sports pub & hotel just west of the Days Inn near NE 181<sup>st</sup>.
- There is no further information regarding the Moore Excavation application to add a 6,000 square foot metal building on their property at 171<sup>st</sup> and Halsey.
- Kris noted the Nadaka Nature Park gate was closed on the afternoon of May 20 and speculated it may have been done as a prank.

#### **Website and newsletter (Bob)**

- Bob presented an invoice for web site hosting covering the second quarter (April through June) in the amount of \$26.43.
- Bob presented an invoice for the annual domain registration in the amount of \$12.95.
- Greg moved to reimburse Bob Lundbom for the two invoices presented. Second, Billy. Unanimous vote, motion carries.
- An article about the expansion at Abertina-Kerr will likely be the main feature of the newsletter.



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- The deadline for articles for the summer newsletter will be the weekend of July 6<sup>th</sup> to allow for publication and delivery during the first week of August.
- Bob requested contributions and story ideas for the summer newsletter.

### **Old Business**

- Kris noted that WENA had requested a \$1,700 grant from the city but was awarded \$1,500 because of the number of other neighborhood associations that also applied for grant money this year.
- Marc moved to modify the budget so the grant money awarded will pay for three newsletter issues and three port-a-potties while the general fund will be used to pay for one port-a-potty. Second, Billy. Unanimous vote, motion carries.
- Coalition report (Marc)
  1. Ann Pytania spoke about changes in Gresham code to improve residential development in the city which could include incentives, additional regulations, or land banking (where the city purchases property to encourage the desired development). Marc will try to attend the Planning Commission meeting in June when the topic will be on the agenda for discussion.
  2. The Gresham Butte neighborhood association is concerned about the emergency communications tower proposed by the city of Portland to replace the existing installation on Gresham Butte, claiming it will ruin the visual character of the butte since the proposed tower would rise 60 feet above the tree line. The Gresham Coalition of Neighborhood Associations voted to write up a letter to the City of Portland, opposing the project and seeking alternative locations. Marc abstained from the vote. The board, by consensus, felt emergency communications is important to east county and that the impact of the proposed tower is minimal.
- Marc presented a draft transportation policy to the board which described a number of transportation improvements need in and around the Wilkes-East neighborhood. Marc asked the board to review the draft and suggest additions or changes to it. It was suggested that traffic calming on NE Pacific Street between 181<sup>st</sup> and 172<sup>nd</sup> be added as well as the pavement elevation change on NE Holiday at 162<sup>nd</sup>. By consensus, the board agreed to present an abbreviated version of the transportation policy at the summer public meeting with the full version posted to the WENA web site.

### **Speakers proposed for next public meeting**

- Jodi Lippert of Albertina-Kerr to speak about the expansion of their facility at 162<sup>nd</sup> between NE Glisan and Halsey.



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- Mike Rosenberger from Rockwood PUD.
- No response from Rockwood Business Coalition for speaker.
- Steve Fancher, Environmental Services Director for the city of Gresham, on sustainability.
- ODOT to be postponed until the fall meeting.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

### **Minutes**

- Taken and submitted by Greg Hartung
- Approval pending.

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