



## **Wilkes East Neighborhood Association**

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

August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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#### **Call to order**

- Having postponed the meeting scheduled for July 28, 2014, **Kris Freiermuth** called to order the regular meeting of the **Wilkes East Neighborhood Association at 6:48 PM on August 4, 2014**

#### **Roll Call**

- Board members present: Kris Freiermuth, Marc Thornsby, Billy Simmons, Curt Duval,
- Not present: Greg Hartung and Juanita Null
- No Guests.

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

- Approval pending for minutes from June's meeting.

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

- No bills and no payments were made in July.

#### **Land Use Report (Curt Duval)**

- Use of the property at NE Holladay and 162nd as an adult foster care business was discussed. Concern was expressed that the facility may not be properly licensed with the state.
- Regarding the proposed residential development on NE Russell St. between 164th and 165th Ave., the developer has submitted a request for a variance to allow a reduction in the length of the parking stalls provided by two (2) feet. By consensus, the board offered no objection to the variance
- Regarding the proposed AT&T communications tower southwest of the new Gresham Police facility near NE Glisan and 181st, there has been no new information and no apparent progress.



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### **Land Use Report (Curt Duval) (cont.)**

- Regarding the proposed development of a Walgreens on NE Glisan between 179th and 181st, there has been no new information and no apparent progress. Curt noted that the next step is a design review by the City of Gresham, but that no such review has been scheduled at this time.

### **Website and Newsletter (Bob)**

- A draft copy of the next newsletter was presented and Bob noted the need for copy for the "President's Message".
- Bills for the wilkeseastna.org domain registration in the amount of \$15.19 for May 2014 through April 2015 and the web site hosting service in the amount of \$26.43 for the third quarter of 2014 (June through August) were presented for reimbursement. Motion by Curt Duval to reimburse Bob for the bills presented in the total amount of \$41.62. Second by Billy Simmons. Motion passed 5-0.
- Bob noted that progress on the charter school planned for the area bordered by NE 192nd, Start, and Burnside is reportedly being held up by the Reynolds School District board and suggested that a representative of the charter school speak at a future public meeting. Marc agreed, but noted that having a speaker will be of use only if progress is made and suggested revisiting the topic prior to the annual meeting in the fall.

### **Coalition report (Curt)**

- David Berniker, the new City of Gresham Urban Design and Planning Director, was introduced and spoke briefly regarding his background. Curt noted that he was previously employed by the City of Hillsboro and stated that Berniker's philosophy was described as, "Connecting people to places".
- Curt noted that the City of Gresham has a new contract with a company to record meetings and minutes so they can be posted for access by residents.



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### **Coalition report (Curt) (Cont.)**

- A representative of East Metro Mediation explained the services available and ways in which they may be able to assist in neighborhood disputes. The City of Gresham is encouraging residents to sign up and use NextDoor.com, a Facebook-style service that connects residents within a neighborhood to each other. Non residents are not permitted to engage with, or see the content provided by, residents of a specific neighborhood. The service is being used on a trial basis. Residents of Wilkes-East (and other Gresham neighborhoods) can sign up at [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com).

### **Old Business**

- Presenters for the August public meeting were discussed including Kelle Landavaso, Heidi Beiererle, and Dina Girgenti-Lida. Discussion occurred regarding the possible addition of either Katherine Kelly or a representative from Habitat for Humanity, depending on whether either was available to attend. There was general consensus that the agenda was acceptable as drafted.

### **New Business**

- None.

### **Meeting adjourned**

- Motion by Marc Thornsby to adjourn the meeting. Second by Curt Duval. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

### **Minutes**

- Taken and submitted by Marc Thornsby.
- Minutes approved by the board on September 22, 2014.

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