



## ***Wilkes East Public Meeting Minutes***

November 17, 2014

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### **Call to order**

- Marc Thornsby, Vice President, called to order the regular meeting of the Wilkes East Neighborhood Association at 7:06 pm on November 17, 2014 at St. Aidan Church, Gresham, Oregon.
- Board Members present: President Kris Freiermuth, Vice President Marc Thornsby, Secretary Greg Hartung, Land Use Curt Duval, Communications Bob Lundbom, Treasurer Billy Simmons and Member at Large Juanita Null.
- Attendance 35 people.
- Special thanks to volunteers and supporting companies. Donations to WENA helps offset costs such as the rental of the hall for this meeting.
- Website: [www.wilkeseastna.org](http://www.wilkeseastna.org)

### **Guest Speaker Brenda Allen, Multnomah County Assistant District Attorney, Kelly Cloyd, Deputy District Attorney: Prostitution and Trafficking in Metro and East County area**

- Kelly Cloyd, 1 of three members of human trafficking team for the district attorney's office. 2 are assigned in the community to work on prostitution, and 1 assigned to the gang unit. There is a high correlation between gang activity and prostitution.
- Last ten years, particularly from 2008, women working prostitution are called victims. Sexual abuse occurs at a very young age. Children become runaways and we begin to see the prostitution arrests. They will meet a trafficker who will help them engage in prostitution with buyers or "johns".



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- Areas in our neighborhood that tend to be a higher in sex trafficking included NE 162<sup>nd</sup> at Burnside and SE 181<sup>st</sup> at Stark. These are more of the street level prostitutes. There are also trafficker who live within the apartments and hotels. They arrange the girls to do “tricks” inside the apartments themselves or go out on “dates”. Foot traffic seen going in and out of those apartments.
- Young (15-16 year olds) victims are usually involved with a trafficker as they would not know how to engage in that behavior activity on their own. The average age of victims entering prostitution is 12-14.
- Victim focus Treatment agencies that the DA office works with include SARC (Sexual Assault Resource Center) who deals with minor victims and Light Works for New Options for adult women victims.
- Indicators, what to watch for:
  - A) Foot traffic to and from apartment complexes that are higher than normal.
  - B) Girls with nicer material things that they normally would not have the means to have, such as a “Couch Purse” or name brands that cost hundreds of dollars.
  - C) Tattoos, with trafficker’s names, girls with matching tattoos, money symbols, MOB “Money over Bitches” tattoos, Dollar signs, etc.
  - D) Gang shootings likely, but not always, involve sex trafficking.
- Provision in Oregon for better sentences who traffic underage girls, such as life sentences for traffickers. In one case, 100 years.
- Running girls is more lucrative than running drugs. Gang acceptances often include initiations so the girls have a sense of loyalty to help the “our family”.



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- 162<sup>nd</sup> and Burnside activity is high due the plasma center.
- Portland police has the PCT (Prostitution Coordination Team) If you see something, call non-emergency number and ask to speak with the PCT. Gresham related EMGET (East Metro Gang Enforcement Team) and Neighborhood Enforcement Team.

**Shaunna Sutcliffe- Gresham Recycling Program Coordinator**

- Go Cart, new tool to aid single family residences. It's app, it's a tool, or a phone call. You will get a phone call, text message or tweet to remind you to take out your garbage, recycling and yard debris by 6 am the next morning. Provides links to on internet to tell you exactly what you can put in your recycling, garbage or yard debris, such as diapers, plastic cups. Also provide notification of delays due to winter weather. By signing up 2014.
- Handout: garbage and recycling guide passed out to the audience. Explains what can and cannot go in your garbage, recycling and yard debris.
- Metro will have hazardous materials roundups. Go Cart will notify when the next roundup for your neighborhood area.
- Annual Earth Day recycling collection event scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup> 2015 at City Hall. Will take things that cannot go in your garbage.
- Concerns about people going through your garbage and recycling carts. The code says there are two types of ownership for the carts. When it is on your property, it is your property. You have the call the police if you see someone on your property going through your garbage. When it goes the curb, it's is the property of the hauler. Call the non-emergency line if you see people going through your carts to report them. Deposit cans are lucrative for the people who go through the garbage. Suggestion to take the cans back yourself, set the cans aside the cart, or set up a neighborhood fund raising plan.



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**Kelle Landavazo- Gresham Emergency Management Specialist.**

- Coordinates Neighborhood Ready Program. It is combination of a disaster preparedness and crime prevention program. For more information, please contact Kelle Landavazo for more details.
- Emergency management program: what we do in the city when we have an emergency, what we consider an emergency and how we transfer in to a different mode of operation. Simple example was the storm last week when we had a little ice, transportation issue. We activate our emergency operations center so that we can coordinate functions between our police, fire and transportation services.
- Emergencies come in all shapes and sizes. Sometimes they're big such as a Cascadia subduction zone earthquake. What would that look like in our community, what sort of impacts that may have. More common routine disaster that we have are usually weather related. Others include hazardous waste spill, a storm, a major power outage or a disruption of our water services.
- The state has recently released the Oregon Resilience Plan. It talks about what we can expect if we do have the Cascadia Subduction Zone quake. That plan lays out as a region what we can expect and how long we can expect to be without services. Not having power, water for weeks on end. We encourage people to plan to for that and also thinking about you're your neighbors and what kind of support you may be able to provide especially to the more vulnerable neighbors.
- When it is a significant disaster, the city responds in a triage response to get the lifeline services back up and running as soon as possible. Our hospitals, our schools, our public infrastructure. None of the neighborhood are on that list. Questions to ask yourself: How long am I (and my family) willing to wait for help for government assistance? What can I do to make the impact less in my home?



### **Kelle Landavazo- Gresham Emergency Management Specialist (Cont.)**

- Our program is grant funded. We are required to practice our plans and to update our emergency plans every five years. One of the things we look closely at is the communication function. That is the thing that routinely always goes sideways in a disaster. Portland has the “Beacon Plan” whereas there are communications equipment throughout the city. People would be deployed to those locations to be able to get help and resources. Gresham has a similar plan at each of the fire stations. We have HAMM equipment at our fire stations along with HAMM radio operators that are partnered with those stations. They would be deployed to those locations and begin relay communications with our E.O.C. (Emergency Operations Center). Fire stations will be a place to get assistance during a catastrophic event.
- (Kris Friermuth) Reminds and encourages everyone to have a neighborhood watch group. It is important when we have bad weather, we have people who have cars who can go to the grocery store or pharmacy. It Contact Kelle Landavazo for more information.

### **Jean DeMaster, Human Solutions**

- Separate two projects Glisan Commons verses the Family Warming Center. Glisan Commons is a building that Human Solutions built. It is between NE 99<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> on NE Glisan. It is a four story apartment building. It has Ride Connection as its ground floor tenant. 67 units for low income and homeless that are above the ground floor. That is phase one. Phase two is 60 units for senior citizens, right behind the building. Glisan Commons and Family Warming center are two completely different projects.
- Family Warming Center just opened on NE 162<sup>nd</sup> and Burnside. The warming center is a project that Human solutions has operated for the last six years. It serves homeless families, it serves parents with children. About half the people in the warming center on any night are under 11 years of age. A lot of the children are 2-3-4 years old. The other half is the parents that are with them.



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**Jean DeMaster, Human Solutions (Cont.)**

- In the initial years, the warming center was serving about 30-40 people a night. The number of families grew so we moved from the facility on Halsey and 82<sup>nd</sup> for the first couple years. The number of families grew and so we moved to Parkrose Community United Church of Christ on 125<sup>th</sup> and Halsey. We could serve about 70 parent a night. More children and parents came, so we move to this facility (162<sup>nd</sup> and Burnside) so we can serve 100 parent and children a night.
- Generally we have moms and kids, but we do have two parent families as well as the single moms. The program is just to make sure homeless that homeless families don't have to live in their cars, don't have to live in buildings with no electricity or heat, don't have to stay in campgrounds in the winter time. We open in November of one year and stay open until April of the next year. We are not year round, just a winter warming center so homeless families don't have to stay outside.
- We open at 7pm at night and close at 7 am in the morning. We are not open during the day. Human Solutions has a Day shelter that is on SE 122<sup>nd</sup> and Market. 4 staff people that stay up all night to make sure the facility is safe. Most people that come at night have not had anything to eat all. Churches and other civic groups bring in evening meal and breakfast. Contracted with Centennial (School District) to feed the children daily.

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### **Lee Dayfield, Friends of Nadaka**

- Update on Nadaka Park. Construction has been underway for quite a while. Construction should be complete by the end of November. The community garden is basically finished, the fence will be going up tomorrow. The nature based play area has a large structure that represents a long house and is a play structure. The cedar logs were donated by Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation. All the standing logs and steppers came from the (Nadaka) forest. They had laminated root rot so they had been cut down early this spring. Oregon Trades women came to build the two tool sheds and the A.D.A raised boxes for people with disabilities. Berries will be around the community garden for people to pick and there will be one restroom. Covered picnic structure is close to Glisan.
- Funds came from Metro grants. The citizens, the Audubon Society, Columbia Slough Water Shed Council, East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District and Metro all worked together for about 4 years to build this park.
- There will be garden spots for at least 30 families. The Alzheimer center residents will start vegetables and will have one of the raised beds. Outgrowing Hunger (Adam Cole) will manage the community garden.
- Pacific street improvements is funded by two federal grants that the city of Gresham got as part of the requirement of developing the park.
- There will be a paved path from Glisan all away around the back of the nature based play area. Also includes bicycle racks and a paved way to get into the community garden.

### **Adoption of meeting minutes from August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 public meeting.**

- Member Richard Anderson motions to adopt minutes from the August 25<sup>th</sup> 2014 public meeting minutes. Al Harrison seconds motion. Vote is unanimous, minutes adopted.



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### **Treasurers Report, Billy Simmons**

- Paid \$126.25 for 2 porta-potty rentals for the Nadaka festival.
- Paid \$25.00 for the hall rental from last meeting.
- Paid \$25.00 for the hall rental to tonight's meeting.

### **Elections:**

- Slate for board members nominees:
  - 1) Kris Frieirmuth for President.
  - 2) Greg Hartung for Vice President.
  - 3) Juanita Null for Member at Large
  - 4) Billy Simmons for Treasurer.
  - 5) Bob Lundbom for Communications
  - 6) Curtis Duval for Land Use. (Subsequent to the meeting, Mr. Duval resigned due to health reasons)
- Al Harrison (Member) Motion to elect the slate as presented. Richard Anderson seconds the motion. All vote, one opposed. Motion passes.

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### **Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

### **Donations**

- \$84.00 cash donation.

### **Minutes**

- Minutes taken and presented by Greg Hartung
- Minutes approved by WENA members at the public meeting held on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.

Signed X \_\_\_\_\_

Greg Hartung, Vice Chairperson, Wilkes East Neighborhood Association.

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