



Public Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2015

I. Call to order

President Kris Freiermuth called to order the public meeting of the Wilkes East Neighborhood Association at 7 pm on March 23, 2015 at St. Aidan Church, Gresham, Oregon.

II. Roll call

The following board members were present: President Kris Freiermuth, Vice President/Secretary Greg Hartung, Communications Bob Lundbom, and Member At Large Juanita Null. Not present: Billy Simmons, Treasurer.

Total attendance: 29 people

III. Announcements:

- Guests: Valarie Tewkesbury and Andrea Watson from Reynolds School district board, talked about 2015 proposed school bond project. Presented handouts
- Sign-up sheet with your name, phone and email if you would like to be on the distribution list.
- Thank you for all who volunteer, particularly the distribution team that hand deliver our newsletter. Our way of communicating to you is the newsletter, so we hand delivery. If you are available to deliver to just your neighborhood. Please let us know if you can volunteer.
- Check the WENA website to know what's going on such as upcoming events like Gresham Earth Day. <http://wilkeseastna.org/>
- November minutes on back table for review. We will be approving the minutes later in the meeting. They are required by the State of Oregon. We also submit them to the City of Gresham to post on their websites.



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Announcements (Cont.)

- Also here is Monika McAllister who is the Nadaka Park Coordinator. She is the one to call if you have any questions about Nadaka Park.

IV. Approval of minutes from November 2014 public meeting

- a) Vice chair Greg Hartung presented the minutes from the last meeting. Motion by Al Harrison to approve minute. Second by Juanita Null. All in favor, no objection. The minutes were approved as presented

V. Speakers

- a) Sue Achim of East Rose Fellowship Church, Land Use.
 - Eastrose Fellowship Church purchased house at 1120 NE 179th. The house has been empty, only briefly rented to Rosemary Anderson High School during their remodel.
 - Intended to be used as meeting space, youth space and offices. House was built in 1973. It is a three bedroom, 1 level home. The house needed work to rid of smells. Volunteers removed carpet to the hardwood floors and painted.
 - House will be used by the church. East Rose is non-profit, house is off the tax rolls. Part of the process is to inform the neighborhood that this is happening and give you a chance to respond. Remains coded as LD5, could potentially be rented out as residential. Eastrose would advise neighborhood if that change would occur



Speakers (Cont.)

b) (Sue Achim, cont.)

- A buffer to include trees, shrubs, 8 foot fence /wall (masonry wall between house and salon, and 6 foot between next door homes). Homeless have been known to camp overnight, inhibits police and church from keeping an eye out. Church removed some of the landscape for better visibility. Six foot wall is not wanted by the neighbors.

b) David Bonn- Habitat for Humanity.

- Construction has started on The Glisan Gardens project at NE 165th and Glisan. Permit and inspections, pouring concrete and preparing plumbing. Framing will happen soon.
- Presented sight plan which includes companies that have sponsor this project. All families have been selected now and will spend 300 man hours into building these homes.
- 12 units will be built in the first phase. They will be completed and occupied by December 1st 2015. Total number of units will be 25. Second phase will start before the first phase is complete. They will be townhouse, 2 level with kitchen dining and living room on main floor. Bedrooms upstairs, although there will be some with a bedroom on the main floor. There will be 2, 3, 4 and 5 bedroom units.
- Residents are owner occupied and tend to stay for long periods, even generations.
- Maintenance. Since this is a condominium type project, there will be an accumulative fund for the cost of maintain the grounds and buildings.



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- c) Lee Dayfield and Monica McAllister Coordinator- Nadaka Nature Park.
- Official opening of Nadaka Nature Park play area and community garden will be April 4th 10:00 to 12 pm. There will be live birds from the Audubon Society. Speakers to include: Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick, Gresham's Mayor Shane Bemis, Oregon Parks and Recreation, East Multnomah soil and water conservation district.
 - Solve cleanup and other events presented by flyer. Monica to send over list of events for email distribution and website. Class for children in the park all summer. Please contact Monica regarding question on events and classes.
 - Planted 400 plants along NE Pacific.
 - Park Ambassador program for next year to greet people and have eyes in the park. Campers are to be reported. If you are interested in becoming a park ambassador, please contact Monica.
 - 50 garden plots, you can purchase a plot for \$25.00. Sign up at the opening or register on line. There is help for people who cannot afford.
- d) Rich Watanabe ODOT-East Metro project.
- Upcoming projects selection and design projects.
 - 2014 completions: NE Airport Way interchange at I205, right-hand lane on-ramp with "storage lane" N/B I-205, I-84 & Sandy River bridges project that includes multipurpose trail tunnel to Sandy delta, SE Powell Blvd: SE 111th to 176th pedestrian, bike lanes and crossing improvements.



Speakers (cont.)

Rich Watanabe (cont.)

- Upcoming and current 2015 projects: Re-paving I-84, US 26 MP 49.2 to MP 57 center medium, sunrise corridor, repainting Ross Island Bridge color green, I-5 and I-205 seismic retrofits and the Troutdale at I84 interchange improvements.

VI. New business

- a) Treasurer's Report (Greg Hartung, in place of Billy Simmons).
 - Expenses: from January's minutes \$126.25 for Port-a-Potties for Nadaka park events, \$56.00 for yearly PO Box rental. February minutes: \$2.00 account adjustment. Remaining WeNA balance \$184.00. We will be applying for a grant from the city for matching funds from volunteer hours.
- b) Neighborhood clean-up on June 24th at SEKO Logistics at 17949 NE Sandy Blvd. \$10 for car loads, \$20.00 for pick up. (0900 am-1200 pm)
- c) Al Harrison motions to send \$50.00 along with the completed form and November 2014 minutes to the State of Oregon Annual Minutes form 2014 corp #5238-94 we're incorporated 5/29/2008. Second motion, Juanita Null. All in favor, no objections. Motion approved.

VII. Adjournment

President Kris Freiermuth adjourned the meeting at 9:16 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Greg Hartung

Minutes approved at August 24th public meeting.

Cash donations \$50.00 counted by Al Harrison, verified by Greg Hartung.

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