



Wilkes East Neighborhood Association
Public Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2017

Call to Order

Kris Freiermuth called to order the public meeting of the Wilkes East Neighborhood Association at 7:00 at Albertina-Kerr campus in Gresham, Oregon.

Roll Call

Kris Freiermuth, Chair, Billy Simmons, Treasurer, Curt Duval, Land Use, Gail Voge, Member at Large, Juanita Null, Member at Large and Bob Lundbom, Communications

Attendance: Approximately 25 people

Guests: Rita Humphrey, City of Gresham, Code Control; Officer Steve Taylor, NET Team; Jenny Glass, Director Rosewood Initiative Project

Kris asked to have people run for an office

Rita Humphrey – Code Enforcement – Rita is leaving this position and Jessica Harper will be taking over with a new title Livability Manager. They take reports of any nuisance such as garbage in yards, abandoned vehicles, etc. They work with the police on squatters. Can use mygresham.com to make a complaint. Several questions were brought up regarding illegal parked cars.

Officer Steve Taylor – NET (Neighborhood Enforcement Team) Team – They work Code, Crime and Livability. Tip line 503-618-2638. Call this number if the report is not urgent, such as homeless camps, vacant house squatters, RV parked, or shopping carts stolen. To make a report online use greshamoregon.gov. There is still a problem with homeless at Nadaka Park. Steve told us that Nadaka Park is an open park so it is hard to make people leave. All parks are open at 5 am to close 8 pm winter and 10 pm in summer. There have been reports of homeless living in the property just across Glisan and Steve is going to look into contacting the property owner and let them know.

One of the visitors in attendance said that she was walking and came across a person lying on the sidewalk and asked what to do in that case. Steve replied that they should call the police and do not make contact with the person.

Jonathan Ellis, Team Director Boys and Girls Club – The mission of the Girls and Boys club is to empower kids. They have counseling services, food, mentorship, health and wellness so the kids can discover their full potential. They have kids from grade 1 thru 6th. They accept donations and you can donate online at bgcportland.org/rockwood.



Chris Strong – Transportation City of Gresham – He passed out a map of the neighborhood streets that are in need of being reconstruction. When they are reconstructed they will evaluate the street to see if the rock base is still in good shape if not they will have to repair the asphalt and rock base. If the rock base is in good shape then all they need to do is resurface the asphalt. Some streets they can put a sealer on the asphalt so the cracks won't happen. They are getting some new funding, so will be doing more work on neighborhood streets. To report pot holes in the streets, call 503-618-2626 or go to mygresham.gov.

Jenny Glass – Rosewood Initiative – The Rosewood Initiative is a non-profit organization dedicated to making the Rosewood area a desirable place to live. They set up this area due to the high crime. They want to build a community and have better communication between the police and community. There is no legal boundary. Within the boundary that they have chosen 58% are renters and most of the 14,000 people are low income. The focus point is to make the area safer. A couple of ways they are helping is by working with Tri-Met to increase the times between buses on 162nd and 148th. Also, working to get 162nd bike lanes and sidewalks installed.

There was a motion for WENA to support renaming 162nd and Burnside max station to be called Rosewood 162. Motion seconded and passed.

Curt Duval – Land Use – there have been pre-applications for apartment house being built on 179th and Oregon Street and for a gas station on the SW corner of 181st and Sandy.

Next meeting Monday, December 12, 2017, 6:30 pm at Simmons' Foster Care, 17104 NE Oregon St., Portland, OR

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm