



Wilkes East Neighborhood Association **Public Meeting Minutes**

August 5, 2019

This meeting was held at Columbia View Park. Co-hosted with The City of Gresham. They wanted any suggestions from our neighbors that attended the meeting about what we could do to upgrade Columbia View Park.

Roll Call

Kris Freiermuth, Chair, Gail Voge, Secretary, Billy Simmons, Treasurer, and Greg Hartung, Member at Large.

Attendance: Approximately 30 people

Speakers

Kris Freiermuth thanked the City of Gresham for approving the grant that WENA submitted.

Kevin Dahlgren, City of Gresham – 24 hour city program for assisting homelessness. He suggested that the My Gresham app is the best way to let them know about homeless situations. You can also call him at 503-618-2614 or cell # 971-978-8112. Kevin goes to all of the places that is known for having homeless sleeping. He talks to them and lets them know that they cannot stay here. He offers them any assistance if they do not want any then he explains to them what is expected of them. City of Gresham wants to put all homeless into permanent housing. This solves a lot of problems. Kevin travels the Springwater Trail and Nadaka Park every day. He works closely with the NET (Neighborhood Engagement Team) to solve the homeless problem. He is working to get the NET team to work after hours. Kevin goes to parks in the morning to mostly pick up garbage from homeless camps. He talks with the homeless people to let them know of all resources that are open to them and he will help them get in touch with the charities that he works with.

Tina Osterink, City of Gresham, Planning Dept.

She took down all suggestions that the participants brought up to help improve the parks. A concept plan will be submitted to City Council for approval. This is a multi-year effort and this will be a few years out for any projects to start.

Motion to approve last board meeting minutes. It was seconded and approved.

Next Board meeting Monday, September 9, 2019 at 6:30, Simmon's home, 17104 NE Oregon St., Portland.

Meeting Adjourned 8:00