



Wilkes East Neighborhood Association **Public Meeting Minutes**

August 10, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:10 by Kris Freiermuth. This Public Meeting was held via Zoom.

Roll Call: Kris Freiermuth, President, Gail Voge, Secretary, Greg Hartung, Land Use, Bob Lundbom, Website and Newsletter, Billy Simmons, Treasurer and Sarah Jacobson, Member at Large

Kris thanked all of the volunteers that went door to door to deliver WENA newsletter and to put out the Public Meeting signs. Kris also introduced the Board members and asked if anyone would like to join the WENA board and be a member-at-large.

Minutes for WENA Public meeting in March need a motion to postpone the approval of the minutes until the November Public meeting. It was motioned to postpone approving March Public meeting until November meeting. It was seconded and approved.

Treasurer Report – Billy Simmons

We received the Grant check from the City of Gresham. WENA owes Kris for putting a deposit down for the Zoom subscription.

Guest Speakers

Officer Blake is a member of the City of Gresham NETT team. This team has been supporting the Portland Police during the downtown riots. Gresham police have been taking Portland police calls but they have discontinued taking these calls because not enough manpower in the City of Gresham.

The NETT team consists of 3 officers and 1 Sargent. Their work includes dealing with drug houses and with local hotels that have problems with vagrants. Additional duties are abandoned vehicles, cleanup of homeless camps, Nadaka Park (change in Personnel), and also due to COVID they need to limit the in person calls and try to take care of problems via a phone call. The day shift has 7 police in the field for 127,000 people.

A lot of shootings are going on in Portland. The City of Portland has just gotten rid of the gun violence team. The number one crime is vehicle break ins.

A discussion went on about Nadaka Park - who is the contact person for Nadaka park and Tina Osterink answered that Outgrowing Hunger organization has taken over the running of Nadaka park. City of Gresham owns Nadaka Park so they are mowing the grass.

We are having a few random drive by shootings. The most recent ones are gang and drug related.



People are going through neighborhoods to break into cars. Since a lot of people have video cameras they can share the videos of any break ins with the NETT team. Give them a call to upload the videos. Non-emergency # is 503-823-3333.

The NETT team meets every morning to discuss and code problems that need to be address that day.

Tina Osterick, Resource Planner City of Gresham, with David Berniker and Katherine Kelly – There are 4 undeveloped neighborhood parks in the City of Gresham. Columbia View Neighborhood park is in the WENA area. Tina suggested to go to the web page for undeveloped parks in Gresham and in that web page you can give them some feedback about the parks. There is no funding at this time to improve Columbia View park. The plan at this time is to include pathways, picnic tables, playgrounds, landscaping and benches. Also on that web page is a list of next steps for all of these parks such as concept plan report, planning commission meeting September 14, and City Council meeting October 20.

Discussion was held regarding the disk golf that was set up in Columbia View park and it has been taken down. Neighbors around the park are worried that this will happen again.

A discussion was held regarding the easement to get into the park off of 172nd.

Carol Rulla – Chair Coalition of Gresham Neighborhoods. There was a discussion regarding the mowing of Columbia View and Carol was stating that there is no funding to pay for the mowing.

David Dyk – David is running for Gresham City Council, Position #5. He gave us a brief biography and his perspective.

Meeting ended at 8:51

Next Board Meeting, Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.