



Wilkes East Neighborhood Association **Public Meeting Minutes**

March 14, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Kris Freiermuth. This Public Meeting was held via Zoom.

Roll Call: Kris Freiermuth, President; Gail Voge, Secretary; Billy Simmons, Treasurer; Bob Lundbom, Website & Newsletter; Sarah Jacobson, Erica Porras, and Dimitrios Zourvos, Members at Large.

Kris Freiermuth, President

Kris thanks everyone that submitted articles for the newsletter.

Our Facebook page was updated with information regarding Friends of Trees.

Emily Bower, Executive Director at Gresham Redevelopment Commission

She gave us a background of the Rockwood West Gresham Urban Renewal Extension. In 2003 voters approved Rockwood West Gresham Urban Renewal Area. This urban renewal area will expire in 2023 and leave \$37 million in unutilized dollars. On Election day May 17, 2022 we can vote to extend the urban renewal district to 2029. See article in the Spring 2022 newsletter on WENA's website. For more information go to www.greshamoregon.gov/urban-renewal.

Jay Higgins, Associate Transportation Planner at City of Gresham

Jay is hoping to do another study for 172nd. They did a counter on south bound and north bound traffic. 50% of vehicles drove 24 miles per hour. The counter showed them that they are not seeing way too many cars on 172nd. They take the data from the counter put it into a spreadsheet. From the last time they did a counter there has been some improvement. This also tells them that we are not very high on the list for any changes to that street.

Discussion was held about the fast-driving cars on 172nd and Pacific. Despite what the data says we are still having problems. Some suggestions were to put in speed rumble and rumble stripes. Bump stripes not a good idea then you would hear noise every time a car drove over them.

Jay said that he will check with the Fire Department and with city engineers to see if there is anything they can do. Currently there is no funding for safety projects.

C2C – Clackamas to Columbia Corridor Project. Jay gave us a background of the C2C project. It was brought up that the traffic on 181st is bad now and when they get done it will be worse. People around here try to avoid driving 181st.



Keri Handaly – Senior Environmental Analyst at City of Gresham, Liaison Storm Water Management

She asked if anyone is interested to review the City of Gresham's storm water plan. They would like different points of view. There will be a series of meetings over the next 4-5 weeks. If you are interested please contact Keri.

Email Keri.handaly@greshamoregon.gov
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Greg Hartung, Land Use

The property on about 176th and Glisan was proposed for a Habitat for Humanity. The sign for the project came down. Habitat is in negotiation with City of Gresham. Billy notice that there are flags staked in that area.

A motion was proposed to endorse the Rockwood extension vote. It was 2nd and approved.

Next Public meeting, April 11, 2022
Next Board Meeting, Monday August 8, 2022.

Website: www.wilkeseastna.org

All Board Meetings start at 6:30 pm.
All Public Meetings start at 7:00 pm.
Until further notice all meetings will be held via Zoom.