



Wilkes East Neighborhood Association **Public Meeting Minutes**

March 11, 2019

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

Attendance: Approximately 18 people

Treasurer Report – Billy Simmons

We have \$108.66. \$100 of that is a loan from Kris. Upcoming bills - \$70 PO Box, \$26 Web Name, and \$50 Business name. We used to do neighborhood cleanup as a way to make some money. This became too much of an expense to set this up. Some one proposed that we sell ads in the newsletter. When asking for Grants ask for some more money to cover these other items like web design.

Kris reminded us that the WENA board would like to hear from our neighbors about what they are most concerned about in the neighborhood.

Speakers

Eric Chambers – City of Gresham – Eric talked to us about how Ballot Measure 5 (1990) Limited Rates and Ballot Measure 50 (1997) Limited Values (and capped rates). He showed us a comparison of a Portland home vs. a Gresham home. It listed the amounts that were paid by each home for General Government Services.

Eddy Morales – Newly elected Councilor for the City of Gresham – When he ran for office he had 3 projects he would like to be working on is Housing for Seniors, Gresham Parks, and Transportation. City of Gresham has just received a large amount of money that would help in building community centers around Gresham. He has started working on the Police Activities League and will be on the councils for Urban Forestry, Watershed Council and Primary Liaison Community Development.

Kristen Purdy – City of Gresham Recycling - Kristen talked to us about what we can and cannot put in the recycling bins. Any items smaller than a 3 oz cup of yogurt cannot be put in recycling. These small items will just get caught in the machines and cause them to stop which reduces work time.



Robin Stowers – Media Representative – Rockwood Rising Update – Nothing new to report but things will be happening and this year they will have a ground breaking. Robin talked about what is proposed to be in each of the buildings. The project plan is for job training, market hall, mixed use village and a community plaza.

Donna – Rockwood 10 – She came to tell us about the project that is interested in the 13.77 acres adjacent to South Park school. The school and property is owned by the Lutheran church. They have a big balloon payment coming up and so would like to sell the park property. There is a proposal from a company from out of state Community Partnership. They would like to build 224 apartment units – 20% affordable housing. This would be 3 stories and no elevator. Parking would only be 1 space per unit. They propose to build a community center. Rockwood 10 does not endorse this project. This property was always supposed to be a park. There is a meeting regarding this project in Council Chambers on 3/27/19 at 6:30.

Motion was submitted to support Rockwood 10 and was 2nd and approved.

Motion was submitted to adjourn and was 2nd and approved.

Motion for approval of November public meeting minutes was seconded and approved.

Next Board meeting Monday, April 8, 2019 at 6:30, Simmon's home, 17104 NE Oregon St., Portland.

Meeting Adjourned 9:00