



Wilkes East Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:35 by Kris Freiermuth. This Board Meeting was held via Zoom.

Roll Call: Kris Freiermuth, President; Gail Voge, Secretary; Billy Simmons, Treasurer; Greg Hartung, Land Use; Bob Lundbom, Website & Newsletter; Dimitrios Zourvos, Members at Large.

Kris Freiermuth, President

Introduces Chris Strong, Transportation Division Manager, City of Gresham

Chris gave us an overview of his position with the City of Gresham. He looks at traffic flow around 172nd to see if there are some projects that can be done to reduce traffic and the speed of vehicles. Some thoughts are traffic circles or humps in the road. 172nd is not considered a residential street. The last data they collected on 172nd was in 2016 so things have changed. He needs to see where the data takes him after analyzing the information. This project might not rise to the top and it might not receive funding. Some items that he will look at is proximity to school and parks. The fire department has stated that the fire trucks do not like the speed humps.

There is a lot of vehicles that drive way to fast on 172nd. A vehicle was forced off the road and went into the fence at the school. There have also been some vehicles driving in the park area.

Chris also offered to talk at the March WENA Public meeting.

Mr. Talus, Assistant Principal of H.B. Lee Middle School

H.B. Lee has some great teachers. The kids were great during classes, but some behavior problems were happening between classes. One of the goals for the teachers was to have a talk with the kids about being respectful to others. Things are getting better now than at the beginning of the school year.

One of the problems the school is having right now is to get substitute teachers.

He will send a biography to Bob Lundbom to put into the next newsletter.

Emily Bower, Executive Director at Gresham Redevelopment Commission

Rockwood West-Gresham renewal plan has a 20-year time frame and a budget of \$92 million. This urban renewal project will help with street improvements, small business help, helped fund the Boys and Girls Club and recruitment for large industry. There will be a vote to see if they can add 6 years to the project which will add about \$37 million to



spend. Emily is working on trying to get new markets set up mostly focusing on small businesses.

We asked Emily to send in an article for the March newsletter.

Billy Simmons - Treasurer

Bob Lundbom submitted an invoice for \$26.43 for the website hosting. A motion to reimbursement Bob for \$26.43 was approved and seconded.

Greg Hartung – Land Use

Habitat for Humanity has submitted a proposal to build on the site on the south side of Glisan directly across from Nadaka Park. Building 20 townhouses 2-, 3-, & 4-bedroom units. A couple of concerns are not enough parking spaces, the driveway is too close to the crosswalk and most of the trees will need to be removed.

Eco Carwash on 181st and Glisan will be expanding to the lot next door. Greg has no issues with this project.

Hotel behind the 7-11 on NE Bar Road. They are changing the name to Holiday Inn Express. No concerns with this

Kris Freiermuth, President

Requested that any articles for the March Newsletter are due to Bob on February 14.

Kris invited the Nina Vetter, Gresham City Manager and Kevin Dahlgren, City of Gresham Community Health Services Advisor to talk the March Public meeting.

The NET team has been abandoned.

Play Grow Learn are having work parties on Wednesdays at Nadaka park.

Motion to adjourn was seconded and approved. Meeting ended at 8:00.

Next Board Meeting, Monday September 13, 2022.

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.