



Wilkes East Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting

April 8, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:42 pm by Greg Hartung, Land Use. This Board meeting was held via Zoom.

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

Billy Simmons, Treasurer

Billy paid for the newsletter printing with his personal account.

Motion to reimburse Billy for the WENA Spring newsletter printing. Motion was seconded and approved.

Bob Lundbom, Website & Newsletter

WENA has trouble with our website. Bob discussed these issues with Kris Freiermuth, President and how to fix the problem. The plan is to hire an IT person to fix the problems. It will take about 2 hours at \$98 per hour. Bob has worked with this person before.

Motion to approve February WENA minutes as written. This was seconded and approved.

Greg Hartung, Land Use

Currently there is not a lot of building activity. Greg noticed that the home on NE Glisan was demolished. This house was adjacent to the Buddhist temple. Which is land that they own.

Pape Machinery on Sandy has installed cyclone fencing all around their property and looks like it will be electrified.

Assessment of March Public Meeting

Try to keep speakers to 15 minutes plus Q&A.

If speaker is late arriving just move on to the next speaker.

Teo from the City of Gresham spoke to us about how to send in a Non-Emergency complaint on My Gresham App. Such as Abandon vehicles, overgrown vegetation, and homeless support. The website is www.greshamoregon.gov/mygresham/ There are 3 ways to report – Mobile App, website, and phone number 503-618-2248.

Reports cannot be anonymous. You will need to leave a phone, email address, and/or name for follow up questions. Include as much detail as possible – nearest home address, description, and accurate vehicle description. Include a picture if possible.

Janet Unruh

Residents of the Rockwood Community located in Gresham, Oregon are asking the City of Gresham to save the Douglas fir trees and greenspace located on a 1.22-acre parcel located at [270 NE 188th Avenue](#).

SGS Development LLC, the same developer that attempted to destroy a 260-tree forest and wetland in Gresham in 2021, is at it again and is now trying to destroy a 50+ Douglas fir forest in the heart of Rockwood.

In 2021, the City of Gresham was able to use funds from Metro, East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, along with state funds to purchase eight acres of woods and wetlands next to Southwest Community Park in order to save those 260+ trees in Shaull Woods. The City of Gresham paid \$2.5M for the Shaull Woods property. The property at [270 NE 188th](#) is listed at \$459,900, a considerably lesser price. Purchasing this property would be an invaluable investment in the Rockwood community.

We are now asking the City of Gresham to follow that same precedent in Rockwood and purchase the parcel on 188th Avenue to save these 50+ Doug fir trees and preserve this greenspace for our Rockwood community!

Kris Freiermuth, President

Kris has confirmed speakers for the Summer WENA Public Meeting, and they are Dina DiNucci, Councilor with the City of Gresham and Janet Unruh with an update on the NE 188th proposed purchase by the City of Gresham.



Someone mentioned that the Otter statue is missing. Kris said that she thought that they were going to take it to be fixed.

Motion to adjourn. It was seconded and approved.

Adjourn 7:56

Next Public meeting, Monday August 12, 2024

Next Board Meeting, Monday May 13, 2024

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.