



Wilkes East Neighborhood Association

Public Meeting

August 12, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Kris Freiermuth, President. This Public meeting was held at the Moose Lodge, 16411 NE Halsey St., Portland, OR.

Roll Call: Kris Freiermuth, President, Greg Hartung, Land Use; Gail Voge, Secretary; Bob Lundbom, Website & Newsletter, Krista, and Eric & Robyn Elkay, Members at Large.

Kris called the meeting to order and introduced the Board members. She thanked the volunteers that delivered the WENA Newsletters. The Newsletters are delivered door to door. We need to have all volunteers let Kris know how many hours they put in delivering the Newsletters. We need to know how many hours so we can report to the City of Gresham when we apply for Grants.

Take a couple of minutes to read the March Public meeting minutes and the July Board meeting minutes.

Michael and Margo Manahan live in the boundaries of Portland Wilkes area. They live on 156th between Fremont and Halsey. They have a situation going on in their neighborhood. Houses are being bought and used for businesses such as care homes or sober homes which are zoned for residential. There is an article in the Willamette Week written by Lucas Manfield exposing the practice of buying houses and having homeless people move in. Michael gave us an overview of the process he has had to do to deal with this house and the problems that come with it. He has been dealing with City of Portland and they don't even know what department handles this.

Dina DiNucci, Councilor with City of Gresham

November Ballot Measures – There are 2 measures on the November ballot.

1. Ballot measure 26-255 – Voter Threshold. This Charter requires voter approval to change any work, phrase, grammar, or punctuation in the document. The current Gresham Charter requires that amendments must receive 60% or more of the votes in favor of the change. If this ballot measure is approved, any amendment of the Charter would still require voter approval. Charter Section 45A would be amended to change the voter approval requirement to “A majority of votes cast on the proposed measure”.
2. Ballot Measure 26-256 – Urban Renewal. If approved, this measure would amend the Charter to be consistent with existing state law, allowing the City Council, as the governing body charged with the powers authorized by state law, to perform any act or carry out any function to approve Urban Renewal Plans and substantial changes to Urban Renewal Plans.



Ed Spadlin – ToothTaxi Volunteer. He volunteers for The Dental Foundation of Oregon. This is a non-profit organization that supports and funds the “Tooth Taxi”. This is basically a large rolling dental clinic on wheels that travels across Oregon to schools and communities, not only to educate families, but giving actual dental care to children in need. To date Ed’s efforts have raised nearly \$4k by gathering recyclable cans and plastic bottle as part of the Oregon Bottle Drop charitable donation program. You can donate your own bag of bottles

Linda Neal, RN – UpRiver Village. Supporting positive aging at home by providing socialization and volunteer services to seniors in Gresham, Troutdale, Fairview and Wood Village. Services will be delivered by volunteers who are neighbors and friends – our community. The goal is to provide an extensive array of support, with an emphasis on socialization. Volunteers will provide transportation, assistance with housework and yard work, technology help etc. There are membership fees. Go to uprivervillage.org to review all of the information online.

Greg Hartung, Land Use. Greg gave us an update on the EquipmentShare property on 17311 NE Halsey St. The proposal was to cut down over a hundred trees in the back of their property. Greg had submitted a letter that opposed the cutting down of the trees. He has found that the City of Gresham gave them a variance for them to cut down the trees.

Motion to approve the July Board meeting minutes and the August Public meeting minutes. This motion was seconded and approved.

Motion to adjourn. It was seconded and approved.

Adjourn 8:30

Next Public meeting, Monday November 11, 2024

Next Board Meeting, Monday September 9, 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 Board meetings will be held via Zoom.

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