



Wilkes East  
Neighborhood  
Diversity, Harmony,  
Community – together we  
can make a difference!

# WENA GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

## 10 November 2025 at 7PM

See PowerPoint slides at the end of the minutes.

Call to Order	Claudette	7PM
Roll Call of the Board	Claudette	2 min.
Roll Call of the Board: Bob (media), Claudette (treasurer), Janet (secretary), Eric (member at large) were present. Kris (president) was absent.		
Note: We had 20 attendees.		
Secretary	Janet	3 min.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of 15 October, 2025 Board minutes</li> <li>• We weren't able to approve October's minutes because we didn't have a quorum.</li> </ul>		
Treasurer	Claudette	5 min.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treasurer's report</li> </ul>		
Land Use Officer	--	--
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our Land Use Officer has resigned from the board.</li> </ul>		
Board responsibilities presentation and invitation to join the board (see PowerPoint slides, below)	Janet	20 min.
ELECTIONS	Janet	15 min.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incumbents were re-elected via slate.</li> <li>• All were in favor, none opposed, two people abstained.</li> </ul>		
November public meeting speakers	Cathy	22 min.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cathy Keathley, what's happening in Gresham</li> <li>• Councilor Cathy Keathley was elected to a four-year term on Nov. 5, 2024, and sworn into office in Position 3 on Jan. 7, 2025.</li> <li>• She has lived in Gresham since 1962, growing up in Rockwood, where she raised her family.</li> </ul>		

- She has been an elected Gresham-Barlow School Board director, board member for 100+ Women Who Care East County, and on the Council of Advisers for Spirit of Gresham.
- She served on City Council from 1993-94, before her then-employment with the City of Gresham prevented her from running for re-election.
- She loves being a city councilor and enjoys involvement in city matters.
- She talked about the cancellation of the plans to make Cook Plaza into a homeless center, and said that the involvement of residents made a difference in that outcome. While the project was under consideration, she held a listening session with residents to hear their concerns.
- She mentioned the East Multnomah Outreach Prevention Intervention (EMOPI), which is a community program aimed at stopping youth violence and empowering young people to succeed. EMOPI partners offer free services and recreation activities for youth.
- She said that during the federal government shutdown, while SNAP was unavailable, the City of Gresham issued an emergency donation of \$10,000 to SnowCap Community Services.
- About ICE activities in Gresham, she said that Gresham police are not helping ICE detain people, but they may observe if they are aware of an active incident. Gresham police are responsible for writing a report on ICE incidents.
- Q&A
- What's the status of the Rockwood Greenspace? The grove of Fir trees was slated for clear-cutting to make way for a development. So far, nothing is happening.
- When can the NET team start again? This is in progress. The police department has filled

positions, but there is also turnover. There are 20 police officers now.

- Comment: Neighbors of the apartment buildings at NE 162 and Wasco (1351, 1375, 1379 NE 162<sup>nd</sup>) are tired of the drug dealing and trash. They would like to see code enforcement.
- When can the fire station #74 on Halsey (I think they meant 1520 NE 192nd Ave, Portland, OR 97230) get an upgrade? Building upgrades are paid for with a bond, not the levy. We should be able to get funding from state matching grants. This would reduce the taxes paid by residents.
- Cathy told us that the City has an \$8M deficit in its budget. This is partly because costs are over 5% and property tax is 3%. This creates an ongoing deficit. She discussed urban renewal funding briefly.
- What is happening with the Rockwood Police Station? It isn't being used, and was a waste of City funds. We need an update on that.
- Jason Naumann, Rockwood Common Tool Libr'y. Jason 23 min.
- Jason presented the tool library and its many activities.
- The tool library is a 501C-3 with 253 members.
- The tool library currently consists of a truck that has a variety of tools for lending out. Residents can borrow tools on Saturday and return them the following Saturday. He brings the truck to the Rockwood Center at 17805 SE Stark, on Saturdays from 10AM to 1PM.
- Some of the activities that Jason is engaged include the following: Repair and ride, tool sharpening, youth internships, micro businesses for youth, mending circle, scavenger club, and free pantries. Please see the website at <https://tools.rockwoodcommon.org/home-1>
- Jason has a BFA in graphic design and sculpture.

Specialties: branding and identity, marketing material, prepress, illustration, carpentry, drafting.

- He became interested in starting a tool library in Rockwood after belonging to one in Lentz neighborhood.
- He believes that the tool library and its activities and workshops can help the neighborhood be resilient.
- He enjoys teaching children about using tools, repairing appliances, and taking old appliances apart.
- He hopes to have funding to obtain the garage (I think the address is 18450 SE Stark St, Portland, OR 97233) and expand the tool library with more workshops and maker space.
- Q&A
- Jason invited attendees to come outside to the parking lot and see the tool library truck.

Note: We postponed approval of the October meeting minutes.

Meeting adjourned

8:30P  
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**No meeting in December**  
**NEXT board meeting via Zoom: Jan 12, 2026 at 6:30 PM**

TONIGHT...

**ELECTIONS**

FOR THE WILKES EAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

**BOARD**

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Annual election of officers

- Elections are held during the November public meeting (tonight!)
- All positions are up for election.
- No experience is required.
- Nominate yourself!
- Become a board member!
- Help shape our neighborhood.

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# What are the Board Officer Responsibilities?

Source: *Neighborhood Associations Administrative Procedures* (PDF document)  
Updated March 2025  
<https://www.greshamoregon.gov/community-and-neighborhood-engagement/neighborhood-associations/>

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## Board member responsibilities

- Board membership is a one-year commitment where you'll gain knowledge that will be relevant even after your time on the board.



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## Board officers

- President (or, chair)
- Vice president (or, vice chair)(vacant)
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Land use officer (vacant)
- Members at large



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## President

- Leads and represents the association
- Presides at all board and public meetings
- Sets the agendas
- Conducts the business of the association in consultation with the board

Kris Freiermuth, incumbent



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## Vice president (vacant)

- Assumes the responsibilities and duties of the president if he/she/they are absent.



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## Secretary

- Records and keeps the minutes of all meetings
- Ensures that the board and the City of Gresham receive meeting minutes
- Maintains a file of association documents and correspondence
- Sends notices and information to members

Janet Unruh, incumbent



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## Treasurer

- Checks the mail
- Manages association funds in a bank account
- Deposits monies and pays bills for the association
- Ensures checks over \$100 are signed by a second board officer
- Presents a treasurer's report at each regular meeting

Claudette Naylor, Incumbent



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## Land use officer (vacant)

- Reports on new land developments in the neighborhood (using the city's information system)
- Coordinates notifications of proposed new land developments



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## Member at large

- Attends board meetings once per month
- Votes at board meetings
- Contributes to the board's direction and initiatives

Eric and Robyn Elkay (shared)



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## Members at large

- There can be several members at large on the board
- Become a member at large at anytime (not just tonight)
- No experience is required
- Contact any board member to join us!

It's a great opportunity and experience, whether you've been on a board before or you're considering the idea for the first time.



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## CANDIDATES

Nominated by the board:

- President, Kris Freiermuth
- Vice President is vacant
- Treasurer, Claudette Naylor
- Secretary, Janet Unruh
- Land Use, vacant

## ELECTIONS PROCEDURE:

Are there other nominations?  
If there are no objections, we vote as a slate.

All in favor of the slate as presented, raise your hand.

We count the votes.

- In favor
- Opposed



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THE END



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