

Wilkes East Neighborhood Association Board Meeting October 29, 2008

The regular meeting of the Wilkes East Neighborhood Association (WEna) was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 29, 2008, at the home of Billy and Laurie Simmons and was facilitated by Kris Freiermuth. Kris Freiermuth, chair, Marc Thornsbury, vice chair, Lee Dayfield, land use chair, Billy Simmons, treasurer, and Laurie Simmons, secretary were in attendance. Guests in attendance were Marvin Madtson, sergeant, and Sylvia Milne, crime prevention specialist, of the City of Gresham Police Department and Bob Lundbom, WEna Web master.

The WEna board unanimously approved the September 29, 2008, minutes as modified.

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Marvin Madtson reported on the escalating problems of illegal activities associated with some of the patrons of the ZLB Plasma Services at 16225 NE Glisan Street located in the Glisan Center. He explained some of the measures the police department is making to help alleviate the problems. Sylvia Milne, the new neighborhood watch coordinator at the City of Gresham notified the board of changes being made to the neighborhood watch program to include background checks and a new training program for neighborhood watch block captains.

Bob Lundbom presented the board with a mock-up of a quarterly neighborhood association newsletter as a way to communicate information to the neighborhood and provide advertising to local merchants to help offset the cost of printing. The board unanimously approved the idea to create a quarterly newsletter and sell advertising.

Lee Dayfield reported that the October 11, 2008, INTEL-SOLV Clean and Green project for Nadaka Park was a success. Twenty-seven adults and eight children volunteered their time to clean up the park and contributed over 110 hours. The project was supported by several Wilkes East Neighborhood merchants who provided refreshments for the volunteers.

Kris Freiermuth announced the semi-annual board meeting will be held at H. B. Lee Middle School on February 16, 2009, at 7 p.m. The City of Gresham will mail notices to the residents of Wilkes East neighborhood announcing the meeting. The board will meet in November to discuss agenda items.

Billy Simmons issued a check for the payment of WEna's post office box.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: November 11, 2008, at Billy and Laurie Simmons' home.

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Simmons, Secretary