



**Wilkes East Neighborhood Association
Annual Board Meeting
August 24, 2009**

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The annual meeting of the Wilkes East Neighborhood Association (WEna) was called to order at 7 p.m. Monday, August 24, 2009, at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church and was facilitated by Marc Thornsbury, vice chair. Kris Freiermuth, president, Lee Dayfield, land use chair, Billy Simmons, treasurer, and Laurie Simmons, secretary were in attendance. Approximately 50 members of the WEna Neighborhood Association, one guest from the Owens-Corning plant and two guests from Port of Portland were also present.

Kris Freiermuth gave thanks to those that have distributed flyers and newsletters throughout the neighborhood, volunteered for various neighborhood projects and provided refreshments. She provided a recap of the goals that had been achieved by the neighborhood association since last year's annual meeting:

- WEna's Web site is up and running
- Quarterly newsletter was accomplished
- Databases, e-mail and volunteer lists for Friends of Nadaka are maintained regularly
- Monthly clean-ups at Nadaka park have been implemented
- Annual neighborhood clean-up in partnership with Metro and SOLV occurred in July
- Two grants from the City of Gresham were received. One for a Nadaka project and another for the quarterly newsletter for one year.

Kris Freiermuth reported that there are some social problems in and around NE Glisan and 162nd. A resolution for the problems where the strip mall is located has not been met. The neighborhood association continues to work in partnership with the manager of the property, the police department and merchants.

John McClellan, Owens-Corning plant manager, gave an update on the plant. The plant went into full operation in July 2009, and Mr. McClellan indicated an open house of the facility is being planned for late September or early October.

Speakers Jason Schwartz, manager, Port of Portland noise management department and Kelly Sweeny, Port of Portland neighborhood liaison reported on Portland International Airport's east runway extension project.

Jonathan David, City of Gresham senior planner was unable to attend the meeting. Instead, Kris Freiermuth provided an update on the NE Glisan and NE Halsey resurfacing project that will occur over the next 30 days.

Lee Dayfield provided an update on the clean-up projects that have occurred at Nadaka and the status of the grants that have been applied for.

The group discussed the Nadaka Park and the Nelson property acquisition. Judy Pitzen moved to withdraw WEna's support from the Nelson Property Acquisition grant. The motion

was seconded. After further discussion, the floor was opened to comments directly pertaining to the motion. The group voted and three votes were counted in favor of the motion and 29 votes were counted against the motion.

An election of officers for the 2009-2010 year was held.

- Kris Freiermuth was nominated and seconded to fill the position of chair.
- Marc Thronsbury was nominated and seconded to fill the position of vice chair.
- Laurie Simmons was nominated and seconded to fill the position of secretary.
- Billy Simmons was nominated and seconded to fill the position of treasurer.
- Curt Duval was nominated and seconded to fill the position of land use chair.
- Lee Dayfield was nominated and seconded to become a member at large, with one opposing vote.
- Bob Lundbom was nominated and seconded to become a member at large.
- Judy Pitzen was nominated and seconded to become a member at large, with one opposing vote.
- Nancy Pyburn was nominated and seconded to become a member at large.

Everyone was thanked for their participation and attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: September 28, 2009, at Billy and Laurie Simmons' adult foster care facility.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Simmons, Secretary