



**Wilkes East Neighborhood Association  
Board Meeting  
February 22, 2010**

The board meeting of the Wilkes East Neighborhood Association (WENA) was called to order at 6:35 p.m. Monday, February 22, 2010, at the home of Billy and Laurie Simmons and was facilitated by Kris Freiermuth. Kris Freiermuth, chair, Marc Thornsby, vice chair, Curt Duval, land use chair, Lee Dayfield, member at large, Bob Lundbom, member at large, Billy Simmons, treasurer, and Laurie Simmons, secretary were in attendance. Nancy Pyburn, member at large was unable to attend.

Kris Freiermuth presented the October 26 and January 25 board meeting minutes for approval. Marc Thornsby moved to approve the October 26, 2009 and January 25, 2010 board meeting minutes. Lee Dayfield seconded. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Marc Thornsby and Curt Duval reported on the February 9 Gresham Coalition of Neighborhood Associations meeting. Topics of discussion included speakers for future meetings, bylaws, and the retail building design code regarding big box development. It was reported that a full-time City planner would be working on the retail building design code project for six months. Curt Duval indicated he would be attending a land use training provided by the City of Gresham.

Curt Duval provided the Land Use report. He explained that a notice of application for a land use development permit had been submitted to the City of Gresham for the property on 17811 NE Glisan Street. The request is to conduct car sales, in addition to real estate and loans, in an existing office with associated parking. After discussion, Marc Thornsby moved to authorize the Land-use Chair to respond to the City of Gresham with comments pertaining to application 09-26000193. Comments shall address specific code requirements pertaining to landscaping and distinct pedestrian access and shall note the Neighborhood Association's concerns as to the lack of prior communication from the City or the property owner, inadequate parking to accommodate inventory, customer and employee vehicles, and parking along NE 178th and in the rear portion of the property. Curt Duval seconded the motion and the WENA board unanimously approved.

Since the last board meeting, Bob Lundbom has completed the WENA winter newsletter. It is now in the process of being hand delivered throughout the Wilkes East neighborhood. Kris Freiermuth instructed the board members to deliver any extra newsletters to local merchants for their customers.

The board discussed potential agenda items for the March 22 Quarterly Meeting. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church. The church is located at 17405 NE Glisan. Potential meeting topics will include:

- Neighborhood news
- Jonathan David, City of Gresham Department of Roads, NE Halsey Bike Lane Changes and Pedestrian Light

- Nadaka Park update

Lee Dayfield provided an update on Nadaka Nature Park. There will be a clean-up event March 27 and another on April 17 with SOLV. Metro's mobile garden will also be at the April 17 event selling native plants and trees to the community. Lee Dayfield will attend a meeting on March 3 with Todd Jones, City of Gresham Parks Superintendent and Kate Harrington with Friends of Trees to discuss the placement of four large trees provided by Friends of Trees through the Nadaka Metro Nature in the Neighborhoods grant. Lee Dayfield also requested the board members submit their volunteer hours for grant seeking purposes.

Lee Dayfield indicated the Nadaka Nature Park master plan will be completed in April. Lee Dayfield made a motion to discuss with Todd Jones at the March 3 meeting the possibility of installing a pedestrian gate at the south end of the property once the master plan is finalized and approved by City Council. Curt Duvall seconded the motion. After a board vote, five members were in favor and two were opposed. Funds for a pedestrian gate are provided in the Nadaka Nature in the Neighborhood grant.

In other business, Kris Freiermuth reported on the February 2 early neighborhood notification meeting regarding the vacancy at 192<sup>nd</sup> and E. Burnside. She indicated the landowner decided against filling the vacancy with a methadone clinic.

Marc Thornsby provided the board with a preliminary draft of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for review, and also commented on 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.

Billy Simmons provided the Treasurer's Report and reported the account and the budget for the coalition grant are on track. Two donations from board members were received at the board meeting by the Treasurer for WEna's account. Kris Freiermuth indicated the board should consider having a donation box at the Quarterly Meetings to obtain funding in order to continue projects such as the neighborhood newsletter.

Kris Freiermuth reported that the yard signs for announcing future WEna Quarterly and Annual Meetings have been printed. The board discussed possible locations within the Wilkes East neighborhood for placement of the signs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: March 22, 2010, at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Simmons, Secretary