



Wilkes East
Neighborhood

Public Meeting Minutes

August 26th, 2013

Opening:

- The regular public meeting of the Wilkes East Neighborhood Association was called to order at 07:05 PM on March 25th, 2013 in St. Aidan's Church by Marc Thornsby, President.

Board members present:

- Kris Freiermuth, Marc Thornsby, Greg Hartung, Curt Duval, Bob Lundbom and Billy Simmons.

Attendance:

- 22 people.

Introduction, Marc Thornsby

- Introduction of WENA Board Members.
- Thank volunteers and supporting companies for the Nadaka clean-up and festival: Albertsons staff and Army National Reserve.
- For newsletters, please visit Wilkes East Neighborhood Association web site: www.wilkeseastna.org
- Thank you for everyone who has donated in the past to help defray expenses of this association, including the rental of this hall.

Speaker Mike Rosenberger, Rockwood Water PUD terminal manager:

- Board of Directors goals are to be more active in the community, connect with neighborhood associations and customers.
- Rockwood has been around since 1922 as a water district.
- In 1990, Rockwood became a people's utility district (PUD).
- Provides water to 62,000 people. 2/3 customers are in Gresham, 1/3 in Portland and some in Fairview.
- Starting in April, we have reached out to neighborhood associations including Centennial N/A, Glenfair N/A, Rockwood N/A and the Nadaka festival.
- Informative conservation program, on website listed on literature.
- Website also has information on rebate programs and assistance programs.



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Speaker Kerry Aden, Rockwood Water PUD Conservation coordinator:

- Education program, reach out to all schools in district.
- Provide water grants for schools, bussing for field trips and gardens.
- Classroom presentations.
- Sponsor school assemblies
- Provide maps to schools for water conservation.
- Water conservations, providing brochures with water conservation tips for indoor and outdoor.
- Rockwood PUD website: www.rwpud.org
- Conservation devices are provided free of charges, such as hose nozzles, aerators, timers.
- Toilet rebates and home audits.
- Office location is NE 196th and Halsey.

Speaker Jim Labbe, Portland Audubon, laminated root rot.

- Laminated root rot problem at Nadaka Park.
- Fungal infecting of the root, transfers by roots coming in contact with healthy tree.
- Mostly effect Douglas fir trees. An infected tree loses leaves.
- Makes trees unstable in the ground.
- 4 patches of root rot identified in Nadaka Park.
- 10 trees are to be removed from the park
- Replacing with resistant trees, opportunity to diversify trees.
- Funding needs to be found to remove trees, from City of Gresham, East Multnomah County. None of the grant money will be used. Grant money is for capital improvements.
- Hardwoods are immune; a number of conifers are that very resistance.
- By planting resistant trees, it creates a blockade to prevent the spread of root rot.



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Speaker Kris Freiermuth, WeNA President, regarding Albertina Kerr.

- Read article in the newsletter, the article about Albertina Kerr was written by them.
- The Board spent quite a bit of time last month discussing this issue. General we felt the expansion of the campus was pretty neutral. However, now we are beginning to see some problems they need to address.
- Concerns over 165th with an exit and entrance. Part of that is a fire lane and will back up right to the people living on Oregon Ct.
- Planning to have fire truck enter from the north end of property and circle the property, then come out the south end of the property. Cars will be going in and around the facility.
- Traffic going east will want to use NE Oregon instead of Glisan.

Speaker Kris Freiermuth, WeNA President, regarding Albertina Kerr (Cont).

- Concern that the facility will contain people with issues that would be a concern to us. Never had a problem with the young children or patients.
- The building they will be replacing will have a 12 foot fence, these are people will be in that building that they would consider be concerned enough to have a 12 foot fence. Should the 12 foot fence be along 165th St.
- Complaints from Cascadia, people sleeping on the sidewalk.
- Material of the fence will be chain-link.

Speaker Marc Thornsby, WeNA Vice president, Bylaws

- Bylaws had been updated elections to the November, aligns our elections with other neighborhood associations in Gresham.
- Bylaws missions to address transportation issues in and around that face our neighborhood.



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Speaker Marc Thornsby, WeNA Vice president, Transportation Policy:

- Issues brought to our attention on draft policy:
 1. Freight traffic on NE 169 between Wilkes Elementary and Halsey. Primary issue is inadequate signage for the truckers. Better signage and truck turn around.
 2. Signal timing at NE 181st and NE Sandy. Residential and shift change from Boeing traffic as well as commercial traffic. Signals are poorly timed. Ask the city and the state to improve the signals.
 3. Signal timing at NE 181st and Interstate 84. Poor timing. Urging the city of Gresham and the state to balance the timing without impacting traffic off of I-84.
 4. Signal timing at NE 162nd and NE Sandy. Quite a bit of congestion, timed to favor traffic east and west on Sandy. Ask the city of Portland and the state to improve signal timing.
 5. Center-turn lane at NE 162nd and Thompson is wide enough to sustain a center turn lane. Several accidents have happened. Ask the City of Gresham and Multnomah County to restripe that section of 162nd.
 6. Lane reduction at NE 162nd south of Halsey. Our action to eliminate the stub lane to the south and the lane north of Halsey to become a right turn only lane.
 7. Add turn lanes at NE 162nd and Sandy. Our action would be to add 300 foot right turn lane on northbound 16nd to eastbound Sandy Blvd.
 8. Traffic calming NE Pacific between NE 172nd and NE 181st, urge the city of Gresham to add two traffic calming devices.
 9. Traffic calming on NE Wasco to be added to transportation policy.
 10. Left turn lane, westbound NE Sandy Blvd to southbound NE 162nd. Action to ask city of Portland and ODOT to widen Sandy Blvd to 162nd.



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11. Expand overpass by Union Pacific Railroad at 162nd. Encouraging rail version of ODOT to pressure UPRR to improve the overpass. Long range goal.
 12. Pedestrian facilities on NE 169th between Halsey and NE Schuler. Complete sidewalks to the bike path at I-84 for safe routes to schools.
 13. Pedestrian facilities on NE 162nd from NE Hoyt and NE Halsey. No sidewalks. Action item to urge City of Gresham and Multnomah County to work on completing the east side of the street.
 14. Pavement elevation at NE Holiday and NE 162nd.
 15. Rail crossing at NE 181st just north of Halsey at NE San Rafael coming apart.
 16. Rail crossing at NE 178st on NE San Rafael, asphalt approaches has been eaten away. Gap 4 to 6 inches and 6 inches deep.
 17. Marked crosswalk at NE 162nd and NE San Rafael. Request to mark crosswalk north of intersection.
 18. Street improvements on Sandy Blvd from 145th to 162nd. Encouraging to expanding 2 travel lanes and center turn lane.
 19. Street improvement on NE Sandy from 181st to 201st. Encourage Gresham and ODOT to place on tickler list.
 20. Generally addressing of freight traffic and mobility through Gresham.
- Audience comments and concerns:
 1. Adding a cross walk for the residences of Pine Apartment at NE 178th and NE Glisan to cross to west side of parking lot to Albertsons.
 2. NE 162nd near LDS Church, culvert is washing out again just before the S curves.
 3. Suggestion to add 25 mph speed limit and speed bumps to NE 169th north of Halsey. Only one speed limit sign. No school signs, either.
 4. Widening of NE 162 sidewalks, what will become of the tree at 1214 NE 162nd? Kris will take it up with Don Baylou (GOC Transportation).



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5. What is a traffic calming device and how can I get lots of them? Marc will discuss in a few moments.
 6. Loud car at 2 am racing eastbound on NE Oregon Street, 3 nights in a row awakening residence. (Between NE 165 and 172nd)
 7. Trees obscure speed sign on 165th and Oregon.
 8. Oregon St. and 165th rise prevents backing out by residences.
 9. Concerned about new traffic from Albertina Kerr on NE 165th when new driveways are put in. Likely traffic will head east onto Oregon St.
 10. NE Sacramento & 169th by Wilkes Elementary, numerous semi-trucks right in front of the area Wilkes Elementary, using side streets.
- Motion to adopt Transportation Policy as amended (Greg Hartung). Second (Claudette Naylor). Members unanimously approve motion.

March 25th 2013 public meeting minutes:

- Motion to adopt meeting minutes as presented (Claudette Naylor). Second (Kathleen Anderson). Members unanimously approve motion.

Treasurers report, Billy Simmons:

- Deposit from the city grant.
- Paid \$235.00 for port-a-potties used at the Nadaka Community Festival.
- Today's cash donations \$50.00.

Meeting adjourned:

- Time 21:40

Meeting minutes:

- Submitted by Greg Hartung
- Approved (Pending)



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