



Wilkes East Neighborhood Association

Public Meeting

March 10, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Kris Freiermuth, President. This Board meeting was held via Zoom.

Roll Call: Kris Freiermuth, President; Bob Lundbom, Webmaster & Newsletter; Gail Voge, Secretary; Claudette Naylor, Treasurer; and Janet Unruh, Member at Large.

Claudette Naylor, Treasurer

Claudette received some training from Billy Simmons (ex-treasurer). We have a positive amount of money in our account. She paid Hush Ink this month.

Kris Freiermuth, President

The November WENA Public Meeting minutes were projected on the big screen for everyone to read.

Motion to approve the November WENA meeting minutes with correction. This was seconded and approved.

Jeff Woodward – Program Manager, Joint Office Homeless Services (JOHS)

The Cook Plaza Building was purchased by the county in December 2022. The goal has always been to convert it into permanent shelter and resource hub with the ability to continue serving during severe weather events. The new name will be East County Homelessness Resource Center.

Jeff gave us an overview of this project. 29 personal shelter pods in an adjoining lot. The shelter operator will be Sunstone Way. They operate sever shelters in the Portland area. The City of Gresham will be working very closely with Sunstone Way. There will be a good neighbor agreement setup to describe how a facility and its neighbors will behave towards each other. Jeff has talked with the neighbors in the apartment next door, Kaiser Permanente (across the street), churches in the area, and other businesses along Stark Street.

There is a meeting on March 20 to talk about the community engagement in this property.

The intent is to provide services to homeless people during the day and then go back to their homes at night. This hub of resources is to get them treatment so that they can move onto their next step in life. Zack Kearn is the Management Analyst for Homeless Services Department; Multnomah County will be working on this project. The groundbreaking will



be within the next month. The building needs to be remodeled and updated. The opening will be around December 2025.

Jane Foreman, Chair, UpRiver Village

UnRiver Village is a small group of volunteers developing a new not-for-profit resource for seniors in Eash Multnomah County (Gresham, Troutdale, Fairview and Wood Village). On July 1 they will be able to provide help to older adults to remain living in their own homes. Contact UpRiver Village if you are interested in volunteering. Website is uprivervillage.org.

Kris Freiermuth, President

Announcements – There are some handouts on the table in the back.

Greg and Eric are working on the clean up day in May. Let Kris know if you would like to volunteer.

Motion to adjourn. It was seconded and approved.

Adjourn 8:11

Next Public meeting, Monday August 11, 2025

Next Board Meeting, Monday April 14, 2025

Website: www.wilkeseastna.org

All Board Meetings start at 6:30 pm.

All Public Meetings start at 7:00 pm.

Until further notice all Board meetings will be held via Zoom.

Until further notice all Public meetings will be held at the Moose Lodge, 16411 NW Halsey.