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WENA BOARD MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

Date format: 12 May 2025

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88498344381?pwd=h93BRY1rgbOAYU4LnyA051zd3p2udX.1>

There's more information about the meeting in the AI summary, below.

Call to Order	Kris	6:36 pm
Roll Call of the Board	Kris	2 min.

Board: Kris Freiermuth, President, Bob Lundbom, Website and Newsletter; Greg Hartung, Land Use; Claudette Naylor, Treasurer; and Janet Unruh, Secretary.

Guests: Alma (neighbor)

Meeting minutes taken by: Janet Unruh, Secretary

Guest speaker, Lieutenant Don Livingstone of the Gresham Police Department, spoke first so that he could leave the meeting afterward. He was on the Portland Police Bureau for 27.5 years and now 1.5 years with Gresham Police. He referred us to Charles Skeahan for information about Cook Plaza and homeless issues.

There were two recent incidents which happened to Alma, our guest. She described them as follows:

A homeless fellow, about 24 years old and probably on drugs, and a white guy. She opened the door because she expected a neighbor. She went outside to speak with him because her cameras are there. She gave him a fruit snack from her car, and he left.

Yesterday, there was another incident, someone aggressively ringing the doorbell, someone on a bike. A different guy. Older – about 28 or 30, black man, black bike.

I was completely alone and I was a bit off-balance. It was so unexpected. I've lived here 1.5 years and nothing like that had ever happened. I called Kris right away.

Claudette: We should be able to tell people where they can get food.

Alma: The Portland resource book – little pink book, is ideal for that. We can get them at the public library.

Alma exited the meeting.

There are more details from Lt. Livingstone in the AI summary section, below.

Secretary Janet 1 min.
Board meeting minutes 14 April 2025 approved.
Corrections: none.

Treasurer Claudette 5 min.
The bill for the dumpsters used for the spring cleanup has not been received.
Other expenses should be turned in ASAP.
We received \$751 in donations for the event.

Land Use Officer Greg 3 min.

The survey from Metro about the spring cleanup event has not been received.
Habitat for Humanity on 181st – we'll have to follow up.
Habitat for Humanity on Glisan across from Nadaka Park is moving along.
Sandy Blvd. project underway.
See Other notes, below for information about the dangerous intersection at 162nd and Sandy.

Spring cleanup event review All 10 min.

It was great to be able to use the Moose Lodge parking lot. We didn't have to worry about liability.
We actually left the parking lot in better condition than we found it.
One of the two 30-yard dumpsters was completely full and the other, ¾ full.
Great stacking thanks to Bob.
We had to lock the two dumpsters to keep people out. No one had gotten in and spread trash around.
Metro says we have 30 days to send documents about the event (and prove that we held it and that it was a success). This will affect our ability to have grants from them in the future. We have to report the tonnage from Waste Management. We met all the requirements.
There are more notes in the AI Summary, below.

Potential Speakers for the August general meeting All
Notes: We need 2-3 speakers. See additional notes in the AI Summary, below.

Open Agenda All
Notes: We discussed closing our current Zoom account and starting another because the current Zoom login was not turned over to the board when the person who had it left our area.
Meeting adjourned time

Next Board Meeting: July 14th via ZOOM

AI summary of the meeting:

Quick recap

The group discussed recent incidents of strangers knocking on doors in the neighborhood and potential safety measures, including installing peepholes and using security cameras. They also reviewed the success of the recent community clean-up event, approved reimbursements, and discussed administrative matters such as shutting down the existing Zoom account and using a new Gmail account for document storage. Lastly, they discussed potential speakers for an upcoming meeting in August and decided to remove Billy's physical address from the website.

Next steps

- Janet: Send out the spring cleanup event report as a Word document for team review (DONE)
- Kris: Follow up with Emon Ghassemi and Chuck Skeahan as potential speakers for the August public meeting at Moose Lodge
- Janet and Greg: Work on setting up a new Zoom account before the end of July
- Kris: Remove the automatic payment for the current Zoom account
- Greg: Cancel the existing Zoom account at the end of the subscription
- Lt. Don Livingston: Email Janet with locations around the neighborhood where homeless people can get food and services
- Lt. Don Livingston: Send Chuck Skeahan's contact information to Janet
- Alma's husband: Install a peephole in their front door □
- Kris: Process the waste management invoice and report tonnage data when received
- Greg: Submit the required photos and survey to Metro within 30 days of project completion for the cleanup event
- Kris: Look up and verify the status of Emon Ghassemi's previous speaking engagement
- Kris: Talk to Steve at the Moose Lodge and ask him for feedback on the Spring Cleanup Event
- Greg: Follow up with Steve at the Moose Lodge for feedback on the cleanup event
- Bob: Remove Billy's physical address from the Wilkes website
- Greg: Update Janet's title from "member at large" to "secretary" on relevant documentation

Summary

Strangers at the Door Safety

The group discusses recent incidents of strangers knocking on doors in the neighborhood, particularly at Alma's house. Lieutenant Don advises against opening doors without checking who's there first and recommends not giving food to strangers at the door. He explains that the police department is understaffed, with only one officer assigned to the Neighborhood Engagement Team for livability issues. The group discusses potential safety measures, including installing peepholes and using security cameras. Janet requests contact information for the officer handling these issues, which Don agrees to provide.

Successful Community Clean-Up Event

The group discusses the recent community clean-up event, which was highly successful. They collected \$751 in donations and filled nearly two large waste bins. Volunteers, including students and families, helped make the event run smoothly. The location at the Moose Lodge was praised for its

convenience. Greg suggests spacing out the containers more in future events. The group agrees that holding such an event every couple of years is appropriate due to the amount of work involved.

Board Approves Reimbursements and Discusses Finances

The board discusses financial matters and approves reimbursements. Claudette reports a current balance of \$4,727.72, not including recent expenses or a \$751 deposit. The board approves reimbursements to Bob (\$38.98 for flags and vests, \$17.19 for domain renewal) and Janet (\$12.60 for printing). They also retroactively approve a \$180 payment made by Claudette for cleanup flyers. Kris mentions plans to apply for another grant.

Zoom Account and Spring Cleanup Review

The board discusses several administrative matters. They agree to shut down the existing Zoom account at the end of the subscription and start a new one with better access controls. Janet suggests using a new Gmail account she created for the neighborhood association for both Zoom and Google Drive document storage. The group also reviews the recent spring cleanup event, noting its success and the positive feedback received. They discuss the need to submit a report and photos to Metro within 30 days, as well as obtain tonnage information from waste management. Janet mentions she has started a report on the event, which she will send out for review.

Potential Speakers for August Meeting

The group discusses potential speakers for an upcoming meeting in August. They consider inviting Emman Ghassemi, who was previously scheduled but unable to attend, or someone from the NET (Neighborhood Emergency Team) department. The group agrees that having two or three speakers is ideal, allowing time for Q&A. They also mention the possibility of inviting city council members or someone to discuss development projects in Gresham. Kris agrees to review her notes and follow up on potential speakers, while the group decides to consider current city projects for topic ideas.

Technical Difficulties with Document Sharing

The group discusses viewing and sharing meeting minutes, encountering technical difficulties with document sharing and zoom settings. Janet eventually takes control and successfully shares the document. Claudette raises a concern about food carts mentioned in the minutes, noting that nothing has happened on the lot except for cutting down a tree.

Remove Billy's Address from Website

The board discusses removing Billy's physical address from the website as he is no longer part of the board. After some debate about whether a physical address is necessary, Claudette moves to eliminate the physical address entirely and rely on email communication instead. The motion is seconded and adopted. The meeting concludes with a decision to remove the physical address from the website and use only email for contact. Greg mentions he will investigate how the new AI companion feature on Zoom works for generating meeting summaries.

Other notes

From Greg, about the intersection of NE 162nd and NE Sandy:

Subject: FW: U.S. 30 Bypass/Sandy Boulevard Investments Strategy

Please see the link below. This was presented to Portland residents. Given the proximity of Wilkes East, I felt it the importance of being included on the survey and particularly focused on the intersection of Sandy and 162nd being placed on the back burner. This intersection is dangerous and has a history of accidents, including fatalities. A left turn lane and sidewalk improvements seemed to be placed outside of the 10-year plan. WHY?

Again, this is in the boundaries of Portland, yet impacts Gresham.

Quote:

Intersection Safety Improvements at 162nd Avenue The intersection with NE 162nd Avenue does not have dedicated left turn lanes. Adding left turn lanes and giving left turning vehicles dedicated time to travel through the intersection can reduce conflicts with other people driving, walking, and biking. These improvements will likely require more significant construction to add width to the roadway and may need to be a longer-term project (outside of the next 10 years).

A survey is included at the end.

LINK:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/78067fee44a04be3a7f7e6660d13dac2>

Greg

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