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WENA BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

15 September, 2025 @ 6:30PM

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89944001511?pwd=xSAe3cMrljEYTUUEUllhOsAT7PPMf8.1>
(updated)

THE AI MEETING SUMMARY IS BELOW.

Call to order	Kris	6:30
Roll Call of the Board. Kris Freiermuth, President, Bob Lundbom, Website and Newsletter; Greg Hartung, Land Use; Claudette Naylor, Treasurer; Janet Unruh, Secretary. Absent: Eric and Robyn Elkay, Board Members at Large. Meeting minutes taken by: Janet Unruh, Secretary. Additional information about the meeting is in the AI summary below. Guests: none	Kris	2 min.
Secretary Approval of the 11 August 2025 General Meeting minutes (see attached). We postponed approval because we require a quorum of six people to approve. Motion to approve the July minutes by Greg, seconded by Claudette, all approved.	Janet	3 min.
Treasurer Balance \$4734.62. \$2,281.24 was left after the Clean-up Event. Bob submitted a bill for the quarterly payment for web hosting up to Nov. 27 for \$23.10. Motion from Greg to reimburse Bob \$23.10. Janet seconded and all were in favor. Follow-up: Since Kris and I are the only ones on the checking account, I guess she should be my second signature on checks over \$100. The bank would not know any of our other names. Do you agree? Or is the second signature just our security?	Claudette	20 min.

Update: Yes, we'll have two signatures on every check over \$100. Update: We should ask a bank officer how to add a third (backup) person in case Kris or Claudette aren't available. Kris will follow up.		
Land Use Report on developments. The Habitat project on 17640 NE Glisan has all the buildings in development. Also, note: the volunteers will be for more interior finishing tasks. Greg will find information about the plan for the next meeting. On NE 181st near Highway 205, fuel station construction is underway. The Taco Bell project near the Hwy. 205 offramp at NE 181st is nearly finished, and it has an ADA ramp leading up to it from the sidewalk. Claudette: The property next to the motorcycle shop – Claudette talked to the city about the overgrown grass, and they evidently came and mowed it.	Greg	15 min.
President, Kris The status of the otter in Nadaka Park is a go, and it will be where we wanted it. Jan Han went to bat for it. Also, in the Neighborhood Coalition meeting on Sept. 9, Carol Rulla brought up that the Gresham Outdoor Public Art raised funds to replace a bronze otter that was stolen from Nadaka Nature Park in Wilkes East NA. Gresham Parks staff were reluctant to put the new bronze otter back in Nadaka Park. Carol asked if the coalition would like to write a letter in support of Gresham Outdoor Public Art's and the Wilkes East NA's desire to place the bronze otter back in Nadaka Park. John Bildsoe made the motion that the coalition write a letter in support of placing the bronze otter back in Nadaka Park. Charles Teem seconded the motion. This motion passed unanimously. We should forward the letter to Judy Han. Kris will do that.	Kris	10 min.
Open agenda Racoons are around and we have to watch our pets. Kris' dog was attacked and she had to take it to the vet to get cleaning and stitches. Too-bright light shining into Glisan at night from temple. Janet will mention it to Sing Kway.	All	25 min.

Cook Plaza / homeless center at 24124 SE Stark St. (see flyer, below). Kris and I are going to the meeting. Mailbox status: Greg says the Fairview P.O. boxes are cheaper than others we discussed. \$180 for a small one per year. We need to follow up and find out about business insurance for a P.O. box. Janet will follow up and find out what the insurance would be because we have no revenue and we don't get much mail. Email issues – we should send the ones that are coming from the WENA website to Bob. Gresham Outdoor Public Art brochure – Kris dropped off copies to the board members. The other sculpture is already depicted as in Nadaka Park. Friday, Oct. 17 is the article due date. Janet should contact Steve at the Moose Lodge for an interview. We could also highlight the Moose Lodge. They host a variety of community events. Newsletter distribution – Claudette says that there is a section on or near NE 173rd that she thinks isn't covered. She says that the area could be combined with hers. We need a volunteer to cover Bob's distribution while he's on vacation. Claudette will try to find the young man who volunteered to help distribute newsletters.		
Meeting adjourned Motion to adjourn from Greg, seconded by Bob, all approved.		7:45

**Next Board Meeting: Oct 13, 2025
via ZOOM**

AI meeting summary

Quick recap

The meeting began with discussions about suspicious emails and formal meeting procedures including approval of previous minutes. Financial matters were addressed, including bank balances, website hosting fees, and reimbursement requests. The group reviewed various neighborhood updates including construction projects, land use issues, wildlife concerns, and plans for newsletter distribution and upcoming events.

Next steps

- Bob: Investigate spam emails forwarded by Claudette, Janet, and Wilkes to determine their source and potentially terminate email forwarding to stop the spam.
- Kris: Follow up with the bank about adding a third backup person for check signing and report back to the team.
- Board: Consider adding a third authorized person to the bank account for check signing.
- Claudette: Forward spam emails to Bob for analysis.
- Janet: Forward spam emails to Bob for investigation.
- Wilkes: Forward spam emails to Bob for investigation if he can find them.
- Chris and Claudette: Continue requiring two signatures on checks over \$100.
- Claudette: Pay Bob \$23.10 for the website quarterly payment.

Meeting Preparation and Materials Discussion

The meeting began with participants waiting for additional attendees, including Janet, Robin, and Eric. It was noted that Robin and Eric would not be attending due to Robin's rehearsal for her program at OBV. The group discussed a folder and brochures that Ikfre had dropped off, with Claudette expressing appreciation for the materials and their quality. Technical difficulties with audio were addressed, and the meeting appeared to be in an early stage with participants still joining.

Email Security Measures Discussion

The meeting began with a discussion about suspicious emails being received by several members, particularly those addressed to info@. Bob offered to investigate the source of these emails and suggested measures to prevent future spam. The group then proceeded with the formalities of the meeting, including a roll call and approval of the July meeting minutes, which was approved with a motion from Wilkes and a second from Claudette. The discussion highlighted the need for vigilance regarding email security and the importance of checking email source codes to verify sender authenticity.

Check Signature Requirements Discussion

The board discussed requirements for check signatures over \$100, clarifying that two signatures are required per the City of Gresham's rules for neighborhood organizations. They agreed to consult with a bank officer about adding a third backup signature option in case the primary signers are unavailable. The current bank balance was reported as \$4,734.62, including a recent \$1,376 city grant payment.

Financial Reimbursement and Updates

The group discussed financial matters, including a \$23.10 website hosting fee for August through November 2025 that Bob had paid and needed reimbursement for. Claudette clarified that \$2,281.24 remained after the cleanup event, but clarified that a \$500 donation to Moose Lodge came from their own funds rather than the Metro grant. The conversation ended with a motion to reimburse Bob for the website fee, which was approved by the group.

Habitat Project Land Use Updates

The group discussed land use updates, focusing primarily on the Habitat for Humanity project on Gleason. Greg reported that 5 buildings were under construction for the 20-unit development, though Janet later discovered drawings showing 16-17 buildings total. The team identified concerns about the tight spacing between buildings and missing play areas from the original plans. They also noted the construction of a new 7-Eleven fuel station and a nearly completed Taco Bell with an ADA ramp, though concerns were raised about the lack of lighting on the ramp. The discussion concluded with plans to review additional project details in their next meeting.

Habitat Project and Community Updates

The group discussed Habitat Humanity's construction project, where Bob explained that volunteers typically handle interior work like cleaning and painting rather than skilled construction tasks. The conversation then shifted to a successful otter relocation project at Nadaka, with Chris confirming it was approved and would proceed as planned. Claudette updated the group that she had contacted City of Gresham about overgrown grass near the Triumph Motorcycle store, resulting in the property being mowed. The conversation ended with Wilkes mentioning an upcoming celebration of Carol's accomplishments at City Hall.

Neighborhood Light and Wildlife Issues

The group discussed several neighborhood issues, including a bright light shining from the temple onto Gleason Street at night, which Bob described as dangerous and distracting. Janet agreed to contact the temple about adjusting the light, noting that the temple's guru is typically receptive to such requests. The conversation also touched on local wildlife, with participants discussing the presence of raccoons in the area and Wilkes mentioning he currently has four cats in his home. The conversation ended with a brief mention of a new Cook Plaza Homeless Center located at 24124 Southeast Stark.

Mailbox Service Setup Discussion

The group discussed setting up a mailbox service, with Wilkes reporting that the Fairview Post Office box would cost approximately \$180 per year without insurance, while the UPS store option was more expensive. The main concern was about revealing a personal address on the website, which Bob explained would make it a public-facing address. Janet agreed to call the Fairview Post Office to inquire about costs and requirements, particularly regarding insurance, and the group decided to revisit the decision in October after gathering more information.

Gresham Outdoor Art Brochure Distribution

The team discussed the distribution of a Gresham Outdoor Public Art brochure, with Chris having hand-delivered copies to various members. They reviewed the newsletter deadline of October 17th, with Bob planning to work over the weekend to assemble it for printing the following week. The group also discussed delivery coverage challenges, particularly regarding areas like 173rd Street, and noted that while some areas like Sandstone are covered by residents who send newsletters via email, they are still seeking volunteers to handle physical deliveries.

Neighborhood Newsletter Planning Meeting

The group discussed plans for distributing newsletters and organizing neighborhood events. They reviewed potential articles for the next newsletter, including a piece about Steve from the Moose organization and local land use updates. Bob mentioned he would include information about holiday events, winter preparedness, and elections in the newsletter. The team also discussed the possibility of including a

crossword puzzle and recipes. They agreed to meet the next morning at 9:15 to prepare for an event at Cook Plaza.

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Multnomah County Homeless Services Department (HSD) is holding a meeting this Thursday, September 18th, from 6 PM to 7:15 PM to talk with you about the new family shelter in Gresham.

ABOUT THE FAMILY SHELTER

The site is located at 24124 SE Stark St in Gresham. It is centrally located between Fairview, Wood Village, Troutdale, and Gresham. This emergency shelter will serve families and their students, many of whom may already belong to the local community.

The site will include the following critical services:

- Approximately 50 large-sized guest rooms with private baths for families
- On-site facilities such as laundry
- 24/7 on-site staffing
- Close proximity to public transportation (e.g., TriMet No. 20-Burnside/Stark)

ABOUT THE MEETING

Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM

Location: Mt. Hood Community College – Town & Gown Room (in Building 10, see [campus map](#))

Parking Info: [Park at Parking Lot A](#). (Enter at Entrance C, located at NE 23rd St and NE Kane Drive)

[Click here to RSVP](#) or reply to this message

THANK YOU

Thank you for reading this message. We hope that you can attend this Thursday's meeting at Mt. Hood Community College, for whom we are grateful for providing us with this space to speak with you.

We will have guest speakers (County leadership, HSD officials) followed by a dedicated Q&A session. Please RSVP, and again, thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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