## NWNA Board Meeting Monday, May 15, 2023

The meeting was held at Panera Bread and was called to order at 7:13 p.m. Chris, John, Mary, Kat, and Barb were present.

Kat said she will put Adopt-a-Park signs out later in the week for this Saturday, May 20. She will bring cookies; Barb will bring doughnuts and napkins. We will be raking bark, picking up sticks, fixing the NWNA park sign (the cork inside is warped). Kat will email Sue Hanson with the parks department to ask her what they would like us to focus on.

A house is slated to be torn down on fourth and two duplexes will be built on the lot. Kat showed everyone pictures of the lot that includes a large dogwood tree. She is concerned that it will be cut down. John suggested that she contact the developer to express our hope that the dogwood tree can be preserved. A few mature trees have already been removed from the backyard. The Early Neighborhood Notification meeting has already taken place.

Alex, the new Tree Committee chair, will lead a tree committee neighborhood walk tomorrow (May 16) at 6:00. They will meet at Bella Vista Park. Kat encouraged members of the board to join the walk.

The matching grant application is due by June 1 at 5:00. We will ask for funds to help pay for our Annual Picnic in the Park scheduled for July 20, but Kat would like to change it to **July 27**.

## Picnic ideas:

- ♦ Entertainment: (I texted Aaron with the June Bugs)
- ♦ Food: watermelon (4-5 cut up?)
- ♦ Ice-cream: ice-cream cones (find servers)—3 flavors with signs for each flavor and one server/flavor
- ♦ Balloon twisters: 2 (Olive has also offered to do a kid's show)
- ♦ Face painters: 2
- ♦ Kat's kid's games
- ♦ The city's event trailer
- ♦ Port-a-Potty
- ♦ Barb will purchase some raffle prizes at the Gresham Art Walk
- ♦? should we ask Backyard Habitat, Recycling, Bull Run Well Project, Tree Committee, land-use table (Set up a nice, inviting area for the groups to set up near the NWNA tent)

Last year we asked for about \$3,000 for the matching grant. We ended up giving some of the award back because we didn't use it all.

Kat will fill out an application to hold our picnic in the park.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.