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North Gresham Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 22, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
Clubroom of Rockwood Village Condos
18550 NE Wasco St. Portland Oregon, 97230

Attendance: Michael Elston, Kim Kovacs, Linda Parashos, Linda VanDeusen-Price, John Weigant, Rebecca Hergert

Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m., quorum established

Minutes were reviewed from the last NGNA Board Meeting (2019-06-17). No additional corrections were made. John moved to accept the minutes; Linda V. seconded. Approved.

Mike spoke to the fact that Janelle has resigned from the Board, and he wasn't sure Alesya would continue after her term was up. Both are very involved with their children right now & don't really have time.

Land use: Linda P

- There's nothing at all going on right now. There's a proposal for a different kind of vacuum to be used at the car wash but that's been on and off the books for three years.

National Night Out – August 6

- Mike asked if we have the postcards organized. Linda P said that they were sent back in with edits and she's waiting to see the new post cards. Linda P said she'd try to get a hold of them tomorrow, but Mike asked her to hold off until the following week. We don't want the postcards sent too soon.
- Linda V spoke with the new manager at Albertson's. They'll provide the same things they did last year under the old manager, with the exception of soda. Since the Rockwood PUD will be present with water, the Board believes this is a good change and supports it.
- Linda V said the one issue is that they don't carry the BBQ beans any more, and she wanted to know how we should handle that? She recalled running out of something last year. She wondered if we should have more potato salad or coleslaw, and mentioned the issue of keeping it cold. Mike suggested putting it in coolers and can bring two. Linda V also wondered about macaroni salad, or more chicken. John asked if we need a vendor's license or can one of us just whip up a bunch of beans? Mike & Linda V both thought there were legal issues and that wouldn't be possible.
- Linda V said the permit has been secured as has the Port-A-Potty (\$175). John said this should be provided by the City of Gresham to parks that don't have restrooms. He also asked about receptacles for trash & recycling. Linda V. will call Michael Gonzales to check. Becca said we only need two, one for each, particularly since we won't be providing anything in cans or bottles.
- The fire department has been notified and should be there.
- Linda P said she'll put out a blitz to the neighbors that we're not providing soda, but Mike didn't think we should advertise this, thereby encouraging people to bring their own.
- We also discussed tables. Linda V has two small card tables. John also has a couple and Mike can provide one. Linda V thought we'd need two to three longer ones for the food. Linda P needs a table for information, and will bring a small table. Linda V asked if we should look into

renting tables? Mike said yes, since even if the vendors bring their own, we still need longer ones for food. John said he'll ask his church if he can borrow a couple. He'll check and will let Mike know if he can obtain them. Linda P said she can pare her stuff down to one small table. Her push this year will be preparedness; she asked the city for a few preparedness guides and they sent her 175, so she's got plenty to give out.

- Linda V bought Chinete plates last year when they were on sale so we should be fine there.
- Entertainment will be provided again by Elsa & Spiderman. They'll need chairs.
- Vendors lined up. Not sure about the Light of Truth Church, and Linda will check with Lydia about that. Linda P confirmed that the OHSU nurses will come. The MMA gym person will be coming per Linda P. She felt it was good to let him promote his gym since he's part of the neighborhood. Linda P. spoke with the ReStore manager. They're interested in coming but they can't free up people without closing the store. Mike confirmed both the Family of Friends Mentoring and the Naturescape people will be there. Linda P said her son John will come and do a survey if he's not working. Mike will also have people there regarding the veteran's health program, and he'll have the playground petition for folks to sign. Becca e-mailed the Latino Network but hasn't heard back. The Party Trailer will make an appearance, but it's going to stop at all the neighborhood associations. We'll need to reserve parking for it, as well as for police and fire.
- Linda P mentioned her concern about a lack of volunteers helping to plan this, and cancelled her planned trip because she didn't want to leave all the work up to Mike & Linda V.
- The scouts will be there to help set up. Linda V will confirm the time with the scout leader – no later than 5:00. Becca said she'll come early with her daughter Bella to help set up. Workers should show up at 5:00. Linda V thinks the Port-A-Potty is due at 4:30 and will check on that.
- Linda V wanted to know if we still need people for raffle tickets. Mike didn't realize we were doing that again this year. Linda V said last year we bought a bunch of cheap toys for less than \$100, and she'll do that again this year. They weren't sure how to handle the tickets, and John suggested just writing out the kids' names & putting that in the raffle (don't give any part of the raffle ticket to the kids). Linda V has lots of tickets. She'll ask Michael Gonzales if he's got a megaphone she can borrow.
- Linda V asked about music. She said her daughter has a speaker that broadcasts over a wide area. They've had live music in the past. John wondered what we'd do about an extension cord. Mike said no, nothing that needs power. He'll think about it, and he'll see if Michael G. has any ideas or opinions about it. Linda V. will be talking to him and will ask. After further discussion, the group decided to not worry about music.
- We discussed advertising. We have one banner, but thought it might be a good idea to put up a second one at the other end of the park. John has a sign maker again and can make an additional banner. Mike said just the "NNO" info, with date & time, to hang up maybe the Friday before. John would like someone else to design it, though. It was suggested someone take a picture of the existing banner and use that as a starting point. Becca suggested leaving a blank space for the date & time so it can be changed each year – just taped over with the correct info. Linda P wondered if we should do much to advertise it – what if we run out of food? Becca said that she generally offers people two little pieces or one big piece, and then they can come back for more if there are leftovers.
- John asked if we should have nametags? Yes, everyone thinks so. Linda P has nametags and lots of felt-tip pens.

Park update

- He's going to meet with Councilor Karylenn Echols. She's offered her husband's services to write up an application for a 501c3 designation, and he plans to take her up on it if we're OK with it.

John asked about cost. Mike said we'll pay the fee, about \$350, he thinks. We may be looking at the end of 2020 before we have the funding for the park, so we'll likely have to renew the 501c3 once or twice. There's a filing fee every year with the state. Mike will get the information on the fees before we get too far along. It's not that expensive, and we need to have it to get corporate funding.

- We're still in a fix regarding neighborhood participation. He feels strongly that in order to get more people to attend, all our advertising and our meetings have to be in two languages. Linda P said we'd need the help of a translator, and Mike said Michael Gonzales can provide one. Linda P. wanted to know what it would cost, and Mike said he didn't think there'd be a charge.
- Colin Rath at Migration Brewing isn't willing to do a food night for 20 people – maybe 120. Mike's going to talk it up at NNO to gauge interest. He may add "Would you be interested in a food night?" to the petition.
- Linda P mentioned the OnPoint Community Credit Union says they do community grants. Mike will reach out to them.
- Mike would also like to talk to Ricki Ruiz, who was able to get a futsal park funded at Vance Park, but hasn't had time. He spoke to him briefly at the Volunteer Appreciation picnic and they agreed to get together.
- John mentioned that since every neighborhood association seems to want to be a 501c3, it seems like the City of Gresham should have an umbrella group that would cover them all? Mike thought there were legalities that would prevent this. John felt this needs to be a formal request since an informal one will be ignored. He also felt that some creative thought could be put into this. Mike asked John if he's be willing to talk to Michael Gonzales about it, and he said he would.
- Linda V asked if Mike had heard from Owens-Corning, and Mike said the jury's still out there. He should hear from Nike soon, as he thinks they make decisions in August.
- Becca mentioned a new principal is coming to Hartley, which could be very good for the park effort. She'll get Mike her name.

Kim moved the meeting be adjourned; Linda V. seconded. Meeting adjourned 7:34.

After the meeting, John W. showed a video clip of two parks, one with a dirt bike course and the other with a hill covered with artificial grass that kids slide down (like a sledding hill). He wanted us to keep these options in mind as something we could do instead of a playground, if we can't get funding.

National Night Out: Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at Kirk Park

Next Board Meeting: Monday, August 19, 2019, 6:00 PM
Clubroom of Rockwood Village Condos
18550 NE Wasco St. Portland Oregon, 97230

General Meeting: Monday, October 7, 2019, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Rockwood Public Safety Building
675 NE 181st Ave
Portland, OR 97230

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