

North Gresham Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
Monday, September 16, 2019, 6:00 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,

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m., quorum established

Linda Parashos moved to accept the minutes from the August 19 board meeting. Mike Elston seconded. Passed unanimously.

Land use planning:

- Linda would like to step down as land use chair.
- There's an Early Neighborhood Notification (ENN) meeting on September 30 at 6:30 PM at St. Aiden's Episcopal Church, 17405 NE Glisan St.
 - The notification came from Brian Varricchione, land-use planner at Mackenzie Architecture and Engineering, who's working with the original developer. The meeting is about a berm. She thinks Mackenzie is coming in to assist real estate developer Trammell Crow with redesigning a berm promised to residents on the east side of it. She'll need to go to the meeting to find out for sure.
 - Mike remarked that we'd need to be up on the city codes, as that's really the only way we'd be able to protest the change. Linda said that the ENN is the opportunity for the neighborhood to express *any* concerns – traffic, views, etc. Mike said he understands that for residential development, but doesn't think we can impact industrial. Linda responded that things like traffic lights and truck traffic do come up, but that we have less influence on industrial.
 - Mike will attend the meeting with Linda.

Park project

- Rally
 - The Wood Village Fred Meyer's is giving us snacks and drinks for 300 people. Mike will go there around noon to pick it up. He believes they'll provide apples & Gatorade.
 - Becca is willing to run the show.
 - We have tables; we don't think we'll need a canopy but will have one just in case.
 - Mike distributed probably 200 little fliers to the neighborhood regarding the rally; he looked for people with kids.
 - He ran into a Latino group. They had no kids, but were willing to bring their ice cream maker.
 - Linda said it's a sign of increasing inclusivity; Mike added it's also a sign of becoming a neighborhood.
 - Mike is hoping for a turnout around 200. He went from Halsey to Glisan on 188th, then 190th Place and around Holliday. He had a really good response, even among older people.
 - He spoke with everyone he could at a City Fest.
 - Mike feels he's done everything that can be done. He also sent an e-mail to the Mayor and City Councilors, but both the Mayor and Joe Walsh, Senior Manager for Neighborhood Prosperity and Youth Engagement, are out of town. He also contacted Kirk French, who'll be at both the Council meeting tomorrow and at the park rally.
- We're still about \$6,000 short of the funds we need, but we should be able to get that from the city via an Enhancement Grant. We didn't get this last year, but there will be more money on the table this year. We also have the Nike grant out, and we should know by the end of the month. Ricki Ruiz (Community Service Coordinator for the City of Gresham) is working on something as well.
- The equipment must be installed by the end of the year (Wells-Fargo requirement). He'll have to talk to Ross Recreation Equipment but thinks we can move forward even if we're short the \$6,000. Mike thinks we should ask for \$10,000 so we can include tables & seats. He also believes that if we can't afford to install the ADA equipment this year, we can do it later; a grant specifically for ADA equipment may be easier to get.
- Linda P wanted to know if Jim Dunn, Park Superintendent, will be at the rally. Mike thinks so. He thinks Tina Osterink, the Natural Resources Planner, will be there as well, and that she'll be bringing a larger display.
- The city's master plan for the park now includes the current playground location, a hard surface court in the future, and a location for a wellhead.

- Futsal will be one possibility. Tina will bring pictures. The feeling is it'll get more use than a tennis court. Linda mentioned a concern that if we put in a basketball court, riff-raff will take over and scare the little kids off. Mike replied that that's why we're not putting in a basketball court. The hard surface we're planning will allow for other activities, like badminton. And he's not concerned about not having a basketball court; there are lots of other places kids can go to play basketball. Plus he's shooting to attract an age group that'll use the playground equipment.
- Ross does want us to do the assembly under the supervision of one of their techs plus someone from the city. That'll cost us less. Wells Fargo wants to help with the assembly, as does Active Children of Portland (the organization handling the 501c3).

General Meeting:

- Linda definitely wants to give a final report, but wasn't sure about the best place to put it. The group decided to leave it where it is on the agenda, before the speakers.
- Anthony Bradley will represent Play Grow Learn.
- Linda P said she told Chris Watkins from the Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET) to just do an update of what's going on in the neighborhood.
- Mike doesn't think he'll need 20 minutes for a park update
- Elections – John isn't interested in the Land Use position. Linda mentioned that if there's no land use person, the duties will fall on Mike. Mike will contact Alesya re VP position. He'd like to leave a member-at-large position open for a Latino.
- Linda P wondered if it would be wise to have a job description available for the meeting? It's not an easy position and requires a lot of training. Mike would like Linda to outline what needs to be done & how it needs to be done. Linda mentioned Carol's online training but also said that it's really challenging, with lots of detail and no interaction. There's a lot to the position. To interact with developers, for example, you should be able to read blueprints.

Other business:

- Linda P's son did a neighborhood survey at the picnic. He asked that Linda or he be allowed to present the results at the next meeting.

Linda P moved to adjourn the meeting. Linda V seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 7:05.

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

Next Board Meeting: Monday, October 21, 2019, 6:00 PM
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Submitted by Kim S. Kovacs, secretary