

Northwest Neighborhood Association Election General Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2019

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. John, Naomi, Barb, Dave, Elizabeth, and about 30 neighbors and guests were present.

- The April 29, 2019 minutes were approved.

- Bella Vista Park update: **Michael Gonzolas**, City of Gresham ONCE office

The super slide was removed earlier in the year, a new slide has been purchased and will be installed. An embankment needs to be built before the installation. The installation will begin on November 18.

- Neighborhood repaving: **Chris Strong**, City of Gresham Transportation Division Manager

More streets will be repaved in 2020. They will all require prep work, including wheelchair ramps at sidewalks. Work will begin in earnest in June. Expect dust, etc. when work begins. (Over 5-year period repaving approximately 25% of streets in town). Residents will receive a mailed notice before work will begin. The night before door hangers will be placed at each home's front door. (This project is focusing on local streets)

Division/Birdsdale — recognized as one of the worst streets when it comes to paving. There are challenges at this intersection.....it is on the city's radar for improvement.

There is a grant application in right now to address the gaps in sidewalks on Division.

Utility work that will be done will not include "undergrounding" (PGE and NW Natural).

Speedbumps on Wallula — they help out with traffic. A neighbor asked questions about installing more speed bumps to discourage drivers from cutting through the neighborhood. Strong listened and took notes.

A neighbor asked why repaving isn't going though NW 3rd Street. Strong said the repaving is focusing on high traffic streets, but he said that after this five-year project there will be more funding available for future improvements.

There was a suggestion that a stop sign be installed on 5th Street by the park. They said their dog was hit in that area because of a speeding vehicle, and she expressed concern about a child being hit. She pointed out that this is a thoroughfare between Wallula and Birdsdale. She also expressed concern about the intersection of 4th and Angeline.

Dave talked about Metro funding that is available. A proposal has been made to build bike lanes and sidewalks to fill in the gaps on Division (part of the Rapid Transit project). He said we are preparing a letter of support to present. Kat said as a NA we can band together to voice support for this effort.

"Motion that the NWNA support the City of Gresham's JPACT proposal for Division between NW Wallula and NW Birdsdale"

Nathanial Lawrence made the motion, Bill Sharrar seconded.
28 in favor, motion carries

- Initiatives: Housing, Nature, Transportation: **Shirley Craddick**, Metro Councilor
 - ▶ Investing in our region
 - ✓ Affordable homes for our communities
 - ✓ Protecting parks and natural areas
 - ✓ Dependable, safe transportation
 - ▶ Potential 2020 funding measure (Bond proposal — \$5 billion. About \$4 per household/month, would replace what we are currently paying)
 - ✓ Investing in affordable housing, transportation system
 - ✓ Focusing on corridors—a few have been identified in the area
 - ✓ One goal is the bring public access to Willamette Falls, there is currently a bankrupt, closed paper mill that Metro is looking at as a public site
 - ✓ Parks & nature: in 1995 a bond measure what passed, another in 2006, for Metro to acquire natural, open spaces (funding is made available to cities to fund these park/natural space projects)

- Park concept planning meetings: **Tina Osterink**, City of Gresham Natural Resources Planner

Six undeveloped parks, including a community park, SW Community Park (south of Grant Butte). This is a park intended to serve the entire community, but the neighborhood sees it as more of a neighborhood park. There are open meetings to discuss the future of this area.

Board Reports: Kat—sewer work being done in the neighborhood, 202nd and Birdsedale

- NWNA board election:

<i>Slate of candidates</i>	President: Kat Todd Vice president: Dave Dyk Treasurer: Naomi Butler Secretary: Barbara Adams Land-use Chair: John Bildsoe
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Motion made and seconded to accept slate of candidates: 16 in favor, none opposed.

- On Point balance: \$571.63
- \$70 was collected when we passed the hat.
- Raffle was held
- Announcements:
 - Dates not set yet for 2020 NWNA meetings

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.