

General Meeting, March 2

- We discussed location. The Rockwood Public Safety Building is a go for the March meeting, but Michael Gonzales will have to attend & stay throughout the meeting, so we don't think this is a long-term solution. John thought his church, the East Rose Fellowship Unitarian Universalist on 181st, may be amenable to using the building for these meetings. He had asked about holding the wellhead meeting there and they seemed fine with it, as long as a church member was present (and since John's a member that's not a problem). Linda P. thought it was a great idea to use the church, and Mike added that it gets us out into the community more. Mike asked John to explore it for the June 1 meeting, and John said he would get the OK from his church.
- Mike's got the census people lined up. The official start of the census is April 1. They need help and are willing to pay \$18/hour and up for assistance. John's interested, and Mike will send him information about employment.
- Linda P. has Ricki Ruiz, Gresham's Community Services Coordinator, lined up as well. He's involved with more than just disaster preparedness. His main thrust is getting to know your neighbors. We discussed how important that is, and we mentioned that had more neighbors known Mike he may not have had as much difficulty getting people to talk to him about the wellhead meeting.
- Mike asked how we get people to the meeting? John said we should ask the census people how they get people to open their doors.
- Mike also mentioned that both the playground and the drilling should be in process by the meeting.
- We spoke about the agenda. We'll zip through the general business first (minutes, treasurer's report) and then move to the speakers. We'll follow that with the park update and then a land use update. We'll ask for public input at the very end.
- Mike contacted the people in The Dalles for posters, but they're not available to make them for us this time. He'll ask Reynolds High School if they can help. He asked when we thought we'd need them by, perhaps the middle of February? Linda P said we shouldn't put them out sooner than two weeks before the meeting, and Linda V said the yard signs are generally placed one week before the meeting.
- Linda P mentioned that if we go to John's church, we'll have to change our yard signs. John said he can probably re-do them.

Regarding Land Use, Mike said he wasn't aware of anything else going on in the neighborhood at this time. He did touch base with Willy June, our Land Use Chair, and Willy's getting the info he should be getting.

National Night Out is scheduled for the first Tuesday in August. Linda P will contact the Rockwood Water Bureau to come out again.

There was more discussion about the pumphouse, specifically the fact that the planners had mentioned restrooms at the earlier meeting in December but that got shot down. Linda P thinks there have just been too many issues with restrooms in the parks. John felt that since most Kirk Park users will be neighborhood kids, perhaps a restroom isn't needed, that the kids can just go to their homes. Mike added that neighborhood parks aren't the same as community parks; community parks are much larger. If Kirk Park (a neighborhood park) got a restroom, all the neighborhood parks would want one, and Mike's not interested in pushing the issue now. John wondered if it would make sense to put in a wastewater pipe now, while things are torn up, even though we aren't getting the restroom now, but Mike didn't think it would be worthwhile. Linda asked what they do about the soccer games held at Kirk Park, and Mike said they put out a port-a-potty.

Kim spoke about NGNA's Facebook presence, describing how Facebook pages and Facebook groups differ. Facebook pages are static and work well for announcements, while Facebook groups are more like NextDoor, where members of the neighborhood can initiate posts and hold conversations. The idea is to advertise the Facebook page ("Like us on Facebook!"), and once someone does "like" the page and admin can click a button to invite them to the group. Kim suggested using both, as per recommendation from others, so you don't miss anyone by limiting the type of communication. Information from the NGNA board will be posted on the page and in the group. The board voiced support for this, at least for now. Kim brought up using identifiable pictures without getting a release from the subject, wondering if that could be problematic (particularly with photos of children). Linda P thought we should probably delete those she already posed. Mike with ask Michael Gonzales about the policy.

We discussed the food costs associated with National Night Out. Mike wondered if we should be talking to Fred Meyer regarding this event. They may perhaps give us discounts like Albertson's does. John mentioned perhaps adding "food contributed by..." to the signs. We discussed the potential of cooking some of the food ourselves (like hotdogs or chili) but we can't, since we don't have a food handler's license. John mentioned the possibility of putting out a plea for a food handler, and Mike thought that might work.

Mike said he should have information about the posters for the March meeting by our next board meeting. He asked if he should use the same theme (a playground) and the group thought yes.

Meeting adjourned 7:10 (Linda P made the motion; Kim seconded; unanimous vote to adjourn).

The next Board meeting is Monday, February 17 at 6:00 PM at the clubroom of Rockwood Village Condos, 18550 NE Wasco St., Portland, Oregon, 97230

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