

Northwest Neighborhood Association
Annual Board Election Meeting
October 26, 2020

The meeting was held via Zoom due to the pandemic of 2020.

At 7:06 we had a quorum (22 people in attendance), including Barb Adams, John Bildsoe, Kat Todd, Naomi Butler, and Chris Fast, and 15 neighbors.

Kat began by walking through the voting procedures on Zoom. She also asked if there were any visitors. All were neighbors except Michael Gonzolas and an officer from the NET team.

Bill Peterson made a motion to approve the Feb. 3, 2020 general meeting minutes. It was seconded and the minutes were approved.

■ Officer Rick Blake with the Neighborhood Enforcement team (with Gresham Police Dept.) made a presentation about what he and Officer VanBeak do.

- Work with neighborhood issues, many tips come from the MyGresham app. They've been around for about seven years, there's four officers on this team.

- Covid has caused some change in their operations, not a lot of hands-on work, not the face-to-face interactions that they were accustomed to. Two weeks ago they went back to their usual mode of interactions, but because cases are spiking again they are going back to not meeting face to face.

- Budget cuts have affected the department as a whole, but NET has been able to stay intact.

- Gresham Police did help out with the protests and riots downtown Portland, but that has stopped for the time being. The national election is next week, so they might be tapped into again if needed.

- Crime stats are available online. Officer Blake shared some of the stats verbally. He did mention that there have been calls about mail theft lately, as well as auto theft.

- There was a Q&A with Officer Blake for about ten minutes.

■ Board election: Kat presented a slate of individuals willing to serve. She also opened it up for others to express interest in running. Scott Forester nominated himself to run as the land use chair.

- Kat said we will vote on the slate minus the land use position so we can vote between Scott Forester and John Bildsoe.

- Kat invited Scott to introduce himself to those in attendance.

- John spoke about current and on-going land use issues.

- Kat suggested we vote on the slate of the officers first. Elizabeth Livingston made the motion that we vote to accept the slate.
- After some discussion Elizabeth called the question.
- Scott made a motion to create a co-VP position. It was seconded and approved.
- **There was a vote for the slate: It was approved by majority**
- Scott withdrew his name for land use. **John Bildoe was approved by majority.**

■ Barb gave a short Powerpoint presentation about the matching grant for the historical sign and a new bench.

- She talked about the NANA annual picnic in the park, which we've had since 2008. Due to the pandemic this year, we were not able to have the picnic. So we applied for the grant to fund the sign and bench instead.

- Kat talked about the two options for the bench placement. There was discussion about what the bench will be made of (metal/wood), and where current benches are located.

Nine neighbors voted to place the new bench at the Northwest corner of the park, and seven voted to place it near the water tank. The bench will be placed at the NW corner of Bella Vista Park.

■ Kat spoke about the Metro Community Enhancement Program grant. Eligible projects include neighborhood enhancement, safety, and many more. We did apply for it last year for some communications equipment in the event of a disaster, although we did not receive it.

- Brit suggested that we apply for grant money to replace trees that were lost when the new development along the south side of the park were removed, to improve habitat connectivity. Kat suggested we might look into native trees.

- John said the deadline is Dec. 15. He suggested we appoint someone to work with Joe Walsh with the city ASAP so we can move ahead on this. We will not have a meeting between now and then. Scott suggested we communicate this via email to include others in the neighborhood who were not able to attend this meeting.

John moved that the board put together a grant proposal for the park and that we inform and invite others to participate before our next board meeting. The motion passed with majority.

■ The rain garden was planted on Oct. 16, we invited neighbors to participate as an Adopt-a-Park event. Eight neighbors participated.

■ Naomi: \$3,014.67 balance which includes the grant money. We have not had any expenses these past six months.

■ John: land use report. He talked about the expansion of Gresham Sanitary's facility and capacity to handle more garbage. He said he would like to hear from neighbors who live near the facility. He pointed out that the Community Enhancement Grant comes from this.

- New development along the south side of the park: John spoke with the developer recently. It will be quite some time before the project is completed, including an apartment complex and clubhouse.

- There are two additional small developments in the works, one within the Centennial NA boundaries, and the other in a deep lot within our boundaries, which will include 9 units.

- John spoke about a number of other land use issues/projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.