

NWNA board meeting minutes

March 10, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. The January 13, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

Kat said she walked through the park today and noticed someone enjoying one of the newly installed benches.

John asked Kat if we have sent Rockwood Water a thankyou note. She said she will do that.

Barb shared her first draft of the Bella Vista Park history sign text as well as some possible photos. John suggested we include an old historical photo. Barb shared a photo of a house she believes was owned by the Towel family as a possibility. She emailed Michael Gonzales with the city to let him know that we are ready to send material to the communications department to begin designing the sign.

Chris talked about an online survey that he created to ask neighbors for grant project ideas. There have been five responses to the survey. One idea was basketball hoops at the Methodist Church, or maintaining the current hoops at Bella Vista Park. Another idea was installing sidewalks along busy streets within the neighborhood that do not currently have sidewalks. Another idea is to expand the new rain garden and installing a community garden at Bella Vista Park. We talked about the possibility of building a community garden in another open space within the neighborhood.

Kat said neighbor Bill suggested a circular bench area so people that meet in groups have a place to gather. Naomi forwarded an email from a neighbor that suggested a grant that would pay for necessary tree pruning. John suggested using grant award money to digitize the back issues of the Gresham Outlook. Naomi suggested more doggy poop bag stations as a neighborhood resource.

Our next general meeting is April 26. Kat suggested we talk about lining up presenters and begin working on our agenda.

We have already had someone ask for time to present, related to labeling storm drains, Keri Handaly with the Gresham Water Resources Division. Kat said she will reach out to her to invite her.

John asked if someone might make a presentation about the sidewalk issue, like Chris Strong. Particularly, why we do not have a good sidewalk system in our neighborhood.

Chris said he will reach out to someone to possibly speak about earthquake preparedness.

Naomi said it would be good to provide an update about the community enhancement grant and the survey results.

Current On-Point balance: \$2389.67.

Land-use: John said the Milne property went to the planning commission today. The zoning has been approved and is now going to City Council.

He said the Vance properties, currently heavy industrial, might end up as housing. John said he's hoping for some good changes. There will be an open house beginning on March 19. The county is putting that together.

Our next board meeting will be held Wednesday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. via zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.