

## **NWNA General Meeting Minutes Monday, April 26, 2021**

Kat called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

- The meeting was held on Zoom. Sixteen people attended, including NWNA board members, Naomi Butler, Kat Todd, John Bildsoe, Chris Fast, and Barbara Adams.
- USGS (U.S. Geological Survey) Geographer Dr. Nate Wood made a presentation about earthquake preparedness. He's a research geographer from Portland.

He works on evacuation modeling. He's been working in the Cascadia region for about twenty years.

He said although it is a threat, it won't be the end of the world. But, generally, people are not prepared for this imminent threat. People don't make risk-wise behavior choices because they don't recognize the threat, and they are optimistic. They wonder if their actions will make a difference, or if this is really true.

The best way to prepare is to get to know your neighbors....who has tools, resources, who might need help, etc.

Just telling people what to do isn't enough, they have to understand why and that it will make a difference in the lives of those they love. As a neighborhood association, we do have a positive voice and we can use it to make a difference in our neighborhood by sharing the importance of preparing for disaster.

A major earthquake would most likely be bad for old buildings, low lying coastal towns, and coastal infrastructure. For most of us glass will be shattered, chimneys might fall, power will go out, lines for gas, food, and water.

### **What can you do?**

1. Have a two-week plan (food, water, shelter for two weeks)
2. Have cash (ATMs will probably not be working) on hand
3. Do various things to your house to make sure you don't need to go to a shelter

Think about long-term plan: shelter in place? Leave and wait for area to recover? School options for kids?

Not sure when it will happen, maybe in our lifetime, maybe not until into our grandchildren's lifetime.

There will most likely be a lot of fires in the area, explosions, and ground liquification in our area when a large earthquake hits the area.

## **How can we be more resilient? What can we do at the household and neighborhood level?**

1. Drop, cover, and hold. The shaking will probably last for a good five minutes.
2. Keep old shoes, gloves, hard hat, under bed. (broken glass cuts bare feet...wear shoes!). Concrete will collapse, things will fall and crush cars, etc.
3. There are many things you can do inside and outside your home to prepare, as well as have material at hand (like staple gun, plastic sheeting, etc.) to enable you to stay in your home after it is damaged. (automatic natural gas shut off valve so your house won't burn down)
4. One gallon of water per person for every ? days (water heater tank is a good source). Don't flush toilets if you suspect sewer line is broken (assume they are).
5. Recovery: expect months or up to a year

After his presentation, Nate took some questions.

- Keri Handaly, City of Gresham's Water and Resource Division

- Storm drain marking volunteer project

- Reach out to neighborhoods/community groups

- Markers inform residents that the water goes to streams and rivers, not to dump things down (it's not a garbage disposal)

- Great activity to do with young people, practice map reading, good for Scouts and kids looking for activities

- Markers will stay on (after being glued) for three to five years

- Contact Keri directly to sign up to volunteer and to get a supply backpack: [keri.handaly@GreshamOregon.gov](mailto:keri.handaly@GreshamOregon.gov) 503-618-2657

- Community Enhancement Grant update: Chris Fast

- He went through some of the ideas that neighbors shared through a survey

- Next: board will go through the eleven recommendations, evaluation grant ideas to see that they meet the grant criteria, scope of the community enhancement grant.

- Chris has the ideas posted on a google doc and has made that public for commenting, etc.

- By October we will present our recommendation for approval at the annual board election meeting.

- Naomi added that neighbors are welcome to help research cost, feasibility of any of these ideas.

The February 8, 2021 minutes were approved.

Kat said a new ADA ramp is being built at the end of First at the park entrance. Some work is being done on the rain garden to prevent flooding in the future—there is concern about the giant sequoia that could be affected by flooding.

Naomi, treasurer's report: \$2389.67. We have an outstanding check for the historic marker, for \$1,600. The balance will be \$789.67.

Saturday, May 1 Adopt-a-Park event. We will work to pick up sticks, mainly.

John, land-use report:

He talked about the new development by the park.

The Shaull property—(technically in Centennial neighborhood, but affects us).

There was a meeting with Metro Councilors today, John attended. Talked about Metro attaining more federal money than is currently slated.

May 3 early notification meeting about Civic Drive development

Vance properties, Rockwood neighborhood—another project we might want to pay attention to

Kat suggested someone make a motion for the board to draft a letter in support of the city and/or Metro purchasing the Shaull property. John pointed out that we have issues going on at our park due to the new development along Powell, and that it is in our interest to support the purchase of the Shaul property to enhance/support our local open spaces. Paul Warr-King made a motion that we write a letter in support of the purchase of the Shaull property. There was discussion about why we need to maintain this property as an open public space. Gina Bono seconded the motion.

Motion: The NWNA resolves to send to the City of Gresham, Metro and any other interested parties a letter of support of the Shaull property purchase contingent on facts from the city's survey and reports on contamination and laminated root rot.

All twelve neighbors who were present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Paul Warr-King said that he is concerned about speeding on Wallula Ave., and she asked what we might be able to do to curb this problem. Kat suggested requesting the speed trailer from the Citizen's Volunteers in Policing. Paul said it was placed on Wallula for a day and it did make a difference during that day, but not after. Andre Miller suggested digital speedometer checks and said he was willing to contact someone from the city of Gresham about looking into the possibility of this in our neighborhood.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Who attended:

Britt McConn

Andre Miller

Danielle Anderson

Keri Morin

Paul Warr-King

Janet Unruh

Kirk Wagner

Michael Gonzales

Kat Todd

Naomi Butler

Chris Fast

Trevor Todd

Wayne M. (Mary)

Gina Bono

Barbara Adams