



Rockwood Neighborhood Assn.  
General Meeting – November 16, 2015  
Rockwood Building – 124 NE 181<sup>st</sup> Ave.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 by Catherine Nicewood.  
Introduction of officers.

June meeting minutes were not approved because no one in attendance was at that meeting. We will delay approval until the next meeting.

Police Chief Craig Juninger talked about issues in Rockwood: Gang shootings, Homelessness -4 kinds of people 1) economic issues 2) addiction issues 3) mental health issues 4) People who choose to be homeless. The city is 49.8% rental and 50.2% homeowners. The rental inspection program is helping with the older rundown apartments. The city has passed a public nuisance ordinance which will fine owners for problems at their properties. This encourages out of state owners to be more invested in their properties.

Angela – East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District  
Works within the urban boundary. Offers free workshops throughout the year about raingardens & water conservation. Also has a native plant sale twice a year. Grants for events about the environment. Raingarden incentive program offers \$200 for Gresham residents who make a rain garden.

Mike Rosenberger – Rockwood Water PUD  
Passed out flier showing that Rockwood residents pay the least for their water usage compared to other nearby cities. \$7.43 per unit/house base rate and then \$2.21 for 100 cubic feet after that. Average is 700 cubic feet each month.

Carrie – Conservation Coordinator and the Administrative Secretary Rockwood Water PUD  
Toilet rebate program \$50 per toilet up to 2 toilets per household. Cost to recycle each toilet is \$7.50. Businesses can do 3 toilets per site. Passed out brochure about different water saving tools you can receive free of charge. The water saving tools are either an outdoor kit or an indoor kit. Go to website for more information.

Election of officers. Roger Meyer made a motion to accept the current officers for another year. Passed by 9 to 0.

Roger Meyer proposed forming a housing committee to receive updates and to attend the East Portland Action Plan meetings. Roger offered to keep the board informed.

Josh Fuhrer – Rockwood Redevelopment Commission

Updates for the Rockwood Fred Meyer Site (Catalyst site). Currently selecting a developer for the area. Want to start construction fall 2016. Project done in 2017 with businesses open. Project plan is geared around 3 main areas. 1) Workforce development, 2) Entrepreneurship, 3) Technology. Rockwood has the youngest median age and the most diversity. The city wants to make a 10-12 thousand sf food market hall, also to create a marketplace to create 20 incubator businesses  $\frac{3}{4}$  of which would be food oriented with a footprint about 300-400 sq ft. Maybe use shipping containers as small commercial storefronts. A tech shop that partners with major businesses in the area (Boeing, Precision Castparts) to help train workers. East County Media are planning to open in the catalyst site and offer computer labs to teach kids about writing computer code and to train on computers. Albina Community Bank has shown interest in moving onto the site. This is a 6 acre site that can go up 6 stories.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48pm.