

North Gresham Neighborhood Association

April 4th, 2016

Location: Round Table Pizza

6pm

Attending: Kathy Schwabe, Gelinda Chernault, Linda Parashos, Mike Elston, Joan Albertson, Councilor Kirk French, James and Louise Mason, Tim Welch, Linda VanDeusen-Price, Tyler Wagner, Darcey and Chris Vincent.

Introductions and opening statement by President Kathy Schwabe, she wanted to address a correction to the by-law that there should be 2 meetings a year, not 3. She asked for any corrections to last meeting's minute. Motion by Gelinda C. to approve minutes, all present agreed.

There was a quick announcement about the coyote concerns among residents. Comments on how many neighborhoods and the county have struggled. This was a key issue during the last meeting. There is an urban coyote website available to residents.

Open to public comment:

- Consider moving meeting date to help increase attendance
- Introduction to Rockwood Farmer's Market by Tyler Wagner

The location is off Plaza del Sol (Old Fred Meyer location), occurring Sundays 11am-3pm. This event wants community input for program. Along with local business involvement and inviting local churches for participation. Joan suggested St. Anne church for volunteers and getting the word out. Tyler handed out flyers with additional details about the farmer's market. He also handed out a flyer seeking volunteers. Volunteer duties vary from information booth to help setting up.

- Veteran services available by Mike Elston

Mike presented on VA veterans and family. He is on their advisory board. Mike spoke on his background and why he began advocating for veterans. He mentioned about VA procedures and what veterans are eligible for. He has done multiple outreaches at various events. Some residents felt he could have a booth at the Rockwood farmers market. They mentioned he could have a presentation at coalition meetings, other NA's, the Oregon Vet News, and churches. Mike also spoke of Stand down events and the health card that all veterans are eligible for. Mike left his business with additional contact information.

- Joan and Tim present on CVIP

Citizen Volunteers in Policing is a 10 wk. class training program. It is sanctioned by the police chief and police sergeants. There are 3 marked cars, it is self-initiated, and there are about 40 residents trained for this. Tim went into detail on their duties such a delivering food boxes, monitoring the Springwater trail,

and speed enforcement. Joan also spoke about curfew enforcement. The radar trailer is used on high speed corridor/streets, and Joan and Tim asked if there are certain areas in our neighborhood that this can help. Kathy had mentioned that 192nd between Halsey and Glisan is a street of concern. As well as by the new development homes off 188th.

-Land use map by Linda Parashos was provided. She mentioned new development was limited. Mostly industrial work, any questions about projects to contact her.

- Kathy Schwabe resigns as president due to a move, and makes Gelinda Chernault as interim president. Kathy Partridge and Linda Parashos remain in their positions. Elections will occur in October meeting, position details are available to interested residents.

- Brief discussion of National Night Out, in regards to grants and paying for items.

-Neighborhood clean-up

Will occur sometime in Sept/Oct. date is still debatable due to mail flyer. Possibly the weekend after Labor Day. Residents were told that dumpster is provided. To bring yard debris, donations, and other junk for bins.

-Closing comments

Issues still exist in community. Coyotes are still present; residents are encouraged to leave cats indoors. Homelessness is not isolated to our location, it affects entire city. NET will be adding 2 officers, and begin TEAM task force- along with code enforcement. They want more community involvement. Councilor French spoke about emergency services. Gresham Fire has one of the best heart attack survival rates in area. There is a better response with new emergency vehicle.

October meeting is the 1st Monday of the month. (October 3rd). Location will be Round Table Pizza off 181st.

Meeting adjourned just prior to 8pm