



Rockwood Neighborhood Association
March 21, 2016
Rockwood Public Safety Facility
675 NE 181st Ave

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm by Catherine Nicewood.

Minutes approved for November 16, 2015 and for the June 15, 2015 meeting.

Speaker Daryl Godsby, Gresham Code Compliance Manager, spoke about the Rental Inspection Program. 2429 mandatory inspections were done last year and 409 home inspections. They find out about rental properties through Craigslist, Airbnb and other advertising venues also through property records and utility records. Questions were asked about lead paint but that didn't fall within his expertise. They do check that rental properties do have garbage service provided by the landlord. With the rental inspections Daryl feels that the city has worked with out-of-state and absentee landlords and solved some ongoing problems that the owners did not know about. He feels that the program has improved the livability for residents and protected the value of properties for the homeowners.

Speaker Joe Walsh, Senior Manager for Neighborhood Prosperity and Youth Engagement addressed the proposed zip code boundary review for people in Rockwood. Over 30,000 residents of Gresham have either a Portland or Fairview postal address. This request by the city with the post office has happened every 5-7yrs since the 1980's and every time it has been unsuccessful. Community identity is the big issue pushing for the change and also emergency services being dispatched.

Speaker Torrey Lindbo, Water Sciences Program Manager spoke about drainage and storm water management. In Rockwood if "you dump it, you drink it". We have a natural rock filtration system that helps protect our deeper groundwater, which is tapped by wells to supplement Bull Run drinking water. The number one contaminate that goes through our soil is the fungicide used to treat the telephone poles. The number two contaminate are landscaping chemicals like those used in "Weed and Feed". The City of Gresham has started to work on planning how they would manage hazardous spills or runoff containment along Federal freight moving roads where accidents might occur. The City is also focusing on the well head inspections near businesses that deal with hazardous materials. I.e. gas stations, automotive repair shops, Boeing etc. Rockwood has the most trouble-free storm water runoff filtration in the City.

Pastor Yuriy asked the residents to approve a change in our bylaws to update our number of meetings to two a year instead of one. Motion was made and passed.

Citizen discussions and announcements.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14pm

Minutes submitted by Donna Dionne – Secretary/Treasurer – RNA