

Northwest Neighborhood Association Election Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 29, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Board introductions, John, Elizabeth, Dave, Kat, Barb, Naomi present and ??? neighbors and guests.

ENN: Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment for 8.25 acre property at NW corner of Birdsdale and Division. Peter Finley Fry, planning consultant, and Victoria Milne (her father owns the property) land owner's representative made a presentation.

The property is zoned "industrial." Fry said they don't think this is the appropriate zoning for the property. Not suited for industry because of the steep slope and the property is surrounded by housing. Also, the property is already separated from "industrial" area (MAX, etc.) by the Gresham-Fairview Trail.

Fry said does expect to do another ENN within the next four-five months.

Comp. Plan Change—needs to show that their plan is equal to or better than the current plan in place (according to the city). Fry said that state has a rule that all cities have 20-year land supply for housing and jobs.

1. Apply with the city for change
2. Will provide city info as needed
3. Notice will go out to neighbors—posted on site, postcards.
4. Hearing will be at Planning Commission meeting (neighbors will have an opportunity to voice concerns during this meeting)
5. Last step—to City Council

Victoria's vision: "What can this be to (be positive) for Gresham?"

- Beautiful views that might be enjoyed
- Walkable businesses/retail
- Housing project predominately sprinkled with retail
(not single family dwellings, but not necessarily apartments. Possibly town houses)

Asking for commercial/mixed use

Would like to include a "public street system"

Kat publicly thanked M, who painted the mural at Bella Vista Park. She presented her with a card signed by the NRNA board and a gift card.

Michael Gonzales, ONCE (Office for Neighborhood and Community Engagement) manager for City of Gresham, **Metro's Community Enhancement Grant Program**

Speaking on behalf of Joe Walsh, to introduce grant program made available to Gresham City residents, a partnership with Metro. For every ton of waste that goes through the waste transfer station in Gresham \$1 goes into a grant fund. \$20,000 is available, applications are being accepted between October 1-the end of November, 2018. The projects must enhance the community, like movies in the park nights, landscaping, etc.

This is the first year this grant has been available in Gresham. Because of this there probably won't be a whole lot of competition. MG has a list of criteria available, it can also be found on-line "Community Enhancement Grants."

John encouraged neighbors to contact the Nwana with ideas.

Board reports:

Kat: Adopt-a-Park last Saturday, about 20 people participated. Worked on the garden area in the cement beds that Bill Hubert got going. Plantings and mulch was added. This work does benefit the Nwana's picnic in the park.

Picnic: well attended, 100 degrees but still went well.

Naomi: \$476.00. The grand was \$1,870.00, the total cost for the picnic was \$2,123.85. (\$100 gift card donations and \$69 donations at picnic, which means the Nwana actually spent \$84.85 towards the picnic)

May 7, 2018 minutes were approved.

Nwana board election

Slate of officers (Kat, Dave, Naomi, Barb, John)

Elizabeth McCullum made a motion to accept the slate, Sharon Rindt seconded the motion

In favor: 29

Opposed: 0

Bill Peterson asked what we might do to engage younger people and encourage them to come to meetings.

Dave talked about the website and encouraged people to log on and encourage neighbors to get onto the e-mail list.

Elizabeth raffled off some awesome gift cards, one to Jazzy Bagel, one Café Delirium, and one for Sugar Cubed.

The basket was passed and \$64 was donated.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.