

NWNA board meeting minutes

Monday, May 13, 2019

- The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. at Panera Bread. John, Naomi, Kat, and Barb were present.
- Kat was not at the general meeting April 29 at Gresham City Hall. She asked how it went and the consensus was that it went well.
- Kat passed out new message board keys to John, Barb, and Naomi.
- **Adopt-a-Park** will be held this Saturday, May 18, at Bella Vista Park. Kat suggested we work on Bill's garden area and that we pull weeds. She also suggested we replace the cork in the message board. Kat said one neighbor in particular has been upset about herbicide/pesticide being used at the park by the city's park department. Kat said she spoke with someone from Portland Parks who said they spray on a "need-to basis," mainly beds, but not play areas. Portland Parks put signs up as they are spraying and they take them away as soon as the spray is dry. Although they have tried to have neighbors weed they found that the number of hours involved make it time and cost prohibitive. There are four Portland Parks that are herbicide/pesticide free.

In Gresham licensed people apply the herbicide/pesticide, but they do not use any signage. Gresham Parks use only products that are licensed by the state. Spraying at Bella Vista Park has been done, it is possible that they will not do it again this summer.

Naomi suggested we talk to the neighbor who has issue with spraying at the park to organize a crew to weed at the park throughout the year

Kat suggested that in the meantime we communicate with James Dunn with the parks department to continue doing what they feel is best, and that we will work with our neighbors to come up with a solution to the chemical use issue at the park.

- Picnic in the Park: The deadline for the grant is May 20 at 9:00 a.m. Kat and Barb need to work on completing it. The tentative date for the picnic is Thursday, July 25. That date is looking good, Kat will run it by Dave. Kat said she would like to have the face painters back, and the two balloon twisters. The bubble boys were fun last year. John suggested that we come up with a plan for the picnic, he pointed out that we don't have a lot of time (one meeting in

June and one early July). John also suggested we talk to the manager at Cash and Carry and Grocery Outlet to ask for donations.

Naomi mentioned that during the general meeting in April we talked about the new slide, but that there was no discussion about modifying the mural. Based on the sketch provided at the meeting of the slide, it would greatly affect the mural. Kat said she isn't certain the funds will become available to buy and install the new slide. John suggested grant money from the new transfer station would be a way for us to fund this project. Kat mentioned that now that the slide is gone the children are climbing the rails more.

- Our June meeting will focus on picnic planning and individuals taking on responsibilities. Our next meeting will be Monday, June 17, at 7:30 at Panera Bread.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.