



## Powell Valley Neighborhood Association Member Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 30, 2018, 7:00 pm

Bullrun Townhouse Association Clubhouse, Gresham

### Board Members Present:

- Vice President: Jeff Muceus
- Treasurer: Nichole Burns
- Secretary: Stella Butler

### Board Members Absent

- President Rebekah Burns

### Guests & Members Present:

- Regina Blake, Jim Boersma, Roberta Hudson, David Widmark (guest), Linda Meade, Jackie Getman, Jef Kaiser, Tina Osterink (guest), and Mary McGaughey.  
(7 members total, 6 required for quorum)

Meeting open: 7:01pm

Introductions & Established Quorum has been met

Approval of Minutes from Member Meeting: Thursday, May 31st, 2018

**MOTION** by Regina Blake to approve Thursday May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 Member Meeting Minutes as drafted. Second by Jef Kaiser. **MOTION PASSED unanimously.**

### Reports:

- **President**

No report

- **Vice President**

Park Cleanup and planting native plant successes, (East Mult Co Soil grant funding plants), City of Gresham stepped up to help with invasive blackberries. Picnic table donated by City of Gresham.

Reminded members that we will hold elections at the end of the meeting.

- **Treasurer**

Check balance as of May 31, 2018: \$610.84

Bench purchase: \$ -250.00 (discounted)

Supplies for installation: \$ 28.59

Refreshments for Sept planning day

Reimbursement from Nichole for the Bench, supplies and refreshments

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Ending balance: \$ 436.08

- **Secretary**

Stella will be giving updates to the Neighborhoods from her position on the "Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Task Force" which will meet quarterly.

- **Land Use**

Jeff mentioned that a "Chick-Fil-A" is going to be built at the corner of Burnside and Powell Valley Rd.

Jef Kaiser mentioned that the traffic predictions involving the new Dutch Bros Coffee Shop had come true. Cars back up onto Kane Rd regularly. He also mentioned the apartment complex at the corner of Kane & Powell Valley didn't quite follow the criteria as required by the City. He also said he had not noticed a lot of additional traffic as previously thought. The "ASA" farmhouse at the border of 282<sup>nd</sup> went through the process of being nominated as a City Historical Landmark. Another owner has fixed it up to restore it's historic integrity.

News on the expansion of the retirement facility at the corner of 282<sup>nd</sup> & Powell Valley Rd. Nichole stated that their request to expand was approved.

Stella mentioned that she spoke with neighbors on Williams Rd between 4<sup>th</sup> & Williams. A developer has bought the property but nothing has been done so far.

### **Member Comments:**

- Roberta mentioned concerns about vandalism and streets needing repair. The City is trying to keep up. Jere worked with the City to have water bags installed for the new sapling trees at the East Gresham Park.
- Mary mentioned the City sent her a mailing about pothole repairs.

### **Old Business:**

- East Gresham Park Update – See "Vice President Report"

### **Guest Speakers:**

- **Tina Osterink, Urban Design and Resource Planner, City of Gresham & David Widmark, City Councilor, City of Gresham**

Tina has been listening to our NA about issues at East Gresham Park. Where we can and can't plant, benches and tables (amenities placement). Encroachment issues: Mike Wallace will be sitting down with co-compliant folks about encroachment issues around the park and other locations in the City and develop protocols for response. One idea is to use Americorps resources (paid temporary City staff). Wants to hear from members about issues that she can take back with her. Two things: Where do we prefer to plant and what do we want to plant?

Q: Mary M ask if Mike Wallace works with the City of Gresham when large trees blow down in and around parks and neighborhoods? Can we plant Thimbleberry to combat blackberries?

A: Tina suggests a work party with Mike Wallace's folks. Let him know. Jeff has his contact info. Tina gathers information on native species each year and she checks in with Mike frequently.

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Comment from Jef K that he wants the park to be included in the park master plan.

Tina handed out a map showing the City parks and discussed the community and neighborhood parks. Last year's plan included a "Parks facilities access and opportunities project." This year they will include which parks they are going to look at and what they will do to improve them. They are hiring a consultant to review the half dozen undeveloped parks and create some prioritization. System development charges have enabled them to collect funds to help parks. The City will decide what to do with it.

Stella commented that she testified at a parks works session.

David stated that development charges that each lot pays into helps pay for parks. Staff were directed to spread the monies among all parks, but the top three which includes East Gresham Park will be included in a master plan. David participated in our cleanup and had a fun experience so he wants to come back and do it again. He wants the NA to know that these parks are important to the City. He suggested the NA do cleanups more often because it engages the neighbors more to participate.

Q: Member Mary M asked if the Gresham Parks Director in these plannings?

A: Tina said yes. Since we don't have a parks "dept" we tap into the resources we have.

Q: Member Jef K commented that since the park will be included in the master plan, spending money without doing anything would be pointless. David said the monies will be spent with a purpose.

Member Jeff M commented that this opportunity should not be passed up and the NA should play a pivotal role in it's development.

Tina commented that one NA is actively pursuing grants to provide a new playground. This might be an opportunity for PVNA as well. We missed a "Community Enhancement" grant, but it will be available next year.

Mary M commented that the "Trust for Public Lands" works with cities to develop parks and should be consulted.

David commented that many parks are natural such as East Gresham. But we can add blended amenities to make the park more user friendly for neighbors.

Mary M made a comment about core habitats. Tina commented that we would need 30 acres to have a core habitat.

Q: Jef K asked whatever happened to the Sustainability plan phase one and two.

A: David said that phase one was adopted. They will go back and look at it again and ask if it still reflects our community. David shared the wastewater treatment plant which has won awards for not taking power off the grid as an example. A number of other projects are in the works.

Q: Mary M asked about water storage.

A: David said that we have a large aquifer under Rockwood which is charged off the Columbia River. We are adding two more wells. Our overall goal is to become

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sustainable enough to not rely on Bullrun. We are also retrofitting towers to earthquake standards.

### New Business:

- THANK YOU to the following outgoing board members for their hard work over the past year:
  - a. Rebekah Burns, President
  - b. Jeff Muceus, Vice President
  - c. Nichole Burns, Treasurer
  - d. Stella Butler, Secretary
- Election of Officers
  - a. Land Use – Nomination received from the floor and motion made.  
**MOTION** by Jef Kaiser to nominate Mary McGaughey for Land Use. Second by Jackie Getman. **MOTION PASSED unanimously.**
  - b. Treasurer – Nomination received from the floor and motion made.  
**MOTION** by Mary McGaughey to nominate Jim Boersma for Treasurer. Second by Regina Blake. **MOTION PASSED unanimously.**
  - c. Vice President – Nomination received from the floor and motion made.  
**MOTION** by Stella Butler to nominate Regina Blake for Vice President. Second by Mary McGaughey. **MOTION PASSED unanimously.**
  - d. President – No nomination. Position will remain vacant.
  - e. Secretary – Nomination received from the floor and motion made.  
**MOTION** by Nichole Burns to nominate Jeff Muceus for Secretary. Second by Jef Kaiser. **MOTION PASSED unanimously.**

No President installed. The NA will actively search for one that can fill the position.
- Approval of Board Meeting & Member Meeting Dates
  - a. Future member meetings – Two required yearly
    - i. Saturday, May 4, 2019 – 10:00 am (during the below park cleanup)
    - ii. Tuesday, Nov 19, 2019 – 7:00 pm (potluck at 6:30pm?)
  - b. Park Cleanups
    - i. Saturday, May 4, 2019 – 9:00am – 12:00pm (Member meeting at 10:00am)
    - ii. Saturday, Oct 5, 2019 – 9:00am – 12:00pm
  - c. **MOTION** by Mary McGaughey to approve the member meeting and park cleanup dates for 2019. Second by Nichole Burns. **MOTION PASSED unanimously.**
  - d. Board Meetings
    - i. Next meeting Dec 6, 2018, 4:30pm at Shari's Gresham

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- ii. Friday, Jan 11, 2019, 4:30pm at Shari's Gresham
- iii. Friday, Feb 1, 2019, 4:30pm at Shari's Gresham

**Roundtable:**

- Stella B would like us to see the park move forward.
- Roberta H thanked the Board for all of the notifications.

**Ending Time: 9:04 pm**

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Muceus, Secretary

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