

North Gresham Neighborhood Association Board Meeting  
Wednesday, June 17 2019, 6:00 p.m.  
Clubroom of Rockwood Village Condos  
18550 NE Wasco St. Portland Oregon, 97230

Attendance: Michael Elston, Kim Kovacs, Linda VanDeusen-Price, Linda Parashos

Meeting called to order at 6:08 p.m., quorum established

Minutes were reviewed from the last NGNA Board Meeting (2019-05-06). Linda V asked for clarification on one sentence; Linda P found a typo; Linda P noticed Gelinda's name was misspelled. Linda P. moved to accept the minutes with corrections; Mike seconded. Approved.

Land use: Linda P

- Forms were submitted for fast-tracking the warehouse on Sandy
- Linda couldn't get into ePlan and contacted Jamie Thomes from the Gresham Design Commission. The site had moved. Jamie provided updated information, and Linda provided a handout with the info to the Board.
- Linda also obtained a 5-page document regarding the Gresham Enterprise Zone. Kim will scan this information into a PDF and send it out to the Board.
- There are two developments up for public comment
- Linda asked if we should be notifying all North Gresham neighbors when this sort of thing comes up, given the limited opportunity to comment. Mike thought yes, that we should send it out via MailChimp and NextDoor. In the short-term, Linda will send what she wants sent out via MailChimp to Kim, who will send it out. They'll meet to go over MailChimp in September, once schedules settle down.
- The cabinet warehouse is moving the conservation area to another parking lot
- City Trail Cottages is still planning five houses. One is complete and one is in process. They're nice houses. Linda has requested a tour.

General Meeting Recap:

- Mike was disappointed by the overall attendance and also those who failed to come (Councilor Janine Gladfelter, Councilor Eddy Morales, Owens-Corning and Migration Brewing reps). Mike has sent out a request to talk to the city councilors.
- Linda V was concerned about the presence of little children at the meeting. She felt it was challenging for the speakers to overcome the noise level.
- Two brand new neighbors were there, although one left midway, no idea why. Linda P said she rolled out the red carpet for the remaining young man.
- The new gym owner couldn't make it due to his holding classes during the meeting time.
- Mike spoke to more than 100 people, trying to get neighbors to attend.
- Linda suggested putting out a poll, asking people what they'd like at the meetings (which presentations, speakers, etc.). Linda V asked if we could have this available at National Night Out.
- Mike mentioned that the neighborhood is getting younger. There are more people working, more with children. They think the meetings are a good idea and would like to come but they just don't have the time.
- Mike would like the posters for the next meeting to be in both English and Spanish. 55% of the people in our neighborhood are Latino, and we need to make sure they're represented. We will have to get an interpreter for the next meeting, and can do so through the Latino Network.
- Linda V spoke with Kirk French, and recommended door-to-door contact.
- Mike said that often the way to get people in the door is to highlight something that gets them riled up – but that's unfair and not the right way to increase attendance.

- Linda P mentioned bringing in the Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET). Mike thought this should be done every year or year-and-a-half anyway. Linda V said that the police bodycam is always a hot topic.

#### National Night Out – August 6

- Mike thought there was still time & said we can discuss this more at the next meeting.
- Linda P hasn't heard from the nurses, but it's still early.
- Linda V got a quote for Porta-Potties - \$190 and \$175. The lower number was from Honeybucket. Kim moved that we spend the money to rent a Honeybucket for NNO; Linda seconded. Approved.
- Linda V said that Albertsons won't provide soda this year. Everyone was OK with that, and preferred just relying on the water bottles provided by Rockwood PUD. We should make sure our vendors know they should not bring water bottles to distribute at the event.
- The new Albertsons manager was very nice and said he'd do what he could to support the event. Linda V will send him a list of what Albertsons contributed last year.

#### Park update

- Mike hasn't done more petitioning because of the heat, but plans on carrying on throughout the summer.
- He suggested we pick a date for the food night at Migration Brewing. After discussion, it was decided it should be done in September, once the kids are back in school and people are no longer vacationing. The timing will also give us the opportunity to advertise it at NNO, and allow us to advertise the October general meeting at the food night. It was also suggested that we invite other neighborhood associations to the food night.
- Mike sent a letter to the Trailblazers asking for tickets for a raffle, but apparently they have an agreement with the City of Gresham regarding this sort of thing.
- Linda P suggested speaking with Ricki Ruiz, who works for the City of Gresham. He put together funding for a futsal field at Vance Park. Mike will contact him right away.
- Mike brought up trying to get a 501c3 designation, since very few corporations will talk to us without that. It's an expensive and complicated process, however, so we're still hoping to find a better way.

#### Other business

- Kim will be gone on 7/15, the date of the next board meeting, so the group voted to move the meeting to 7/22. The focus of this meeting will be NNO.
- Linda P said that there's a meeting this Friday for volunteers for the fireworks enforcement effort. The police department will supply posters. She'd also like to put a banner up, but we don't know who has it. She may be able to figure this out at Friday's meeting. Like last year, there will be a "pets and vets" focus.

Linda V. moved the meeting be adjourned; Kim seconded. Meeting adjourned 6:58.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, July 22, 2019, 6:00 PM  
Clubroom of Rockwood Village Condos  
18550 NE Wasco St. Portland Oregon, 97230

National Night Out: Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at Kirk Park

General Meeting: Monday, October 7, 2019, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Rockwood Public Safety Building  
675 NE 181<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Portland, OR 97230

Submitted by Kim S. Kovacs, secretary