

NWNA Annual Election Meeting

Monday, October 21, 2024

The meeting was held at the Kyoudou Center at Gresham Main City Park. Kat Todd, Alex Kampf, Chris Fast, Barb Adams, Mary Makenna, and twelve neighbors attended in person, and six neighbors attended via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. We started with introductions.

The May 6, 2024 meeting minutes were approved.

■ It was moved and seconded that we vote on the slate of board nominees.

President: Kat Todd

Vice President: Chris Fast

Secretary: Barbara Adams

Treasurer: Mary Makenna

Land Use chair: John Bildsoe

Tree committee chair: Alex Kampf

Sixteen people present voted in favor of electing the slate of nominees, two in attendance via Zoom voted in favor. No one was opposed, but a few abstained.

The slate was approved.

■ **Alex Kampf**, tree committee chair, made a presentation about seasonal planting in the Pacific NW.

He began by introducing the group to himself, his interests, hobbies, and work.

Benefits of trees: Trees help keep temperatures lower than areas without trees. They absorb and store carbon dioxide, they absorb stormwater and pollutants, provide clean air and oxygen, etc.

Free trees! No-cost trees are available through Friends of Trees, (many non-profits are involved in the program as well to increase the city's/county's tree canopy). Yard trees and street trees are available. The order deadline is January 20, 2025. The neighborhood planting will be on Feb. 8, 2025. They will also water the trees for three years. (<https://friendsoftrees.org/get-a-tree/>). Alex logged onto the website and talked about the online sign-up page. Alex said there are about eighteen trees to choose from.

Mary Makenna asked if a few trees through the Friends of Trees program might be planted at Bella Vista Park. Several trees were lost during the winter storm earlier this year. Kat said the park was possibly overplanted with trees years ago, so she's not sure if the city would want more.

Fall/winter gardening:

- ◆ Final harvest
- ◆ Cleanup debris—share leaves with neighbors
- ◆ Removal of unwanted plants—dig out invasives or nuisances
- ◆ Cover vegetable beds to reduce erosion
- ◆ Mulch over planting beds and roots
- ◆ Best time to plant new trees, shrubs, and hardy perennials
- ◆ Pruning of deciduous trees
- ◆ Empty pots to prevent freezing/breaking

Planning for spring:

- ◆ Map out vegetable planting, rotate beds
- ◆ Choose new shrubs and trees to plant
- ◆ Start seeds indoors
- ◆ Consider converting lawn into planting area
- ◆ Choose bulbs and annuals to prepare for last frost
- ◆ Weeding gardens early and often

Alex talked about growing food: berries and canes, fruit trees, vegies, and herbs. He said his neighbor has berries that are still producing.

Alex said the Tree Committee is looking for more members. The group meets on a regular basis (they try to meet once every month, but sometimes they meet every other month depending on schedules). The group advocates for our neighborhood and strives to provide resources.

A neighbor asked if the Tree Committee might have any input options for new developments, particularly around the old K-Mart site. Alex said the NWNA submitted feedback recently advocating for shade trees and open space for this new development. Kat said the tree code is currently being looked at and revised by the city. Alex said the tree committee is submitting a letter to the Multnomah County Library system requesting that shade trees be planted around the new library currently under construction.

Marcia Meyers made a motion that the NWNA Tree Committee draft a letter to Multnomah County and Multnomah County Library Association (and any other upcoming developments within our NA boundaries) to encourage the initial planting of trees be done in a manner which maximizes tree/shade canopy to the constraints of existing site plan and consider altering plans where possible to provide significant canopy coverage.

Alex Kampf seconded the motion.

Fourteen voted in favor (in person) (no one was on Zoom any longer)
The motion passed.

Chris read through John’s land-use report:

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Land Use Report

John Bildsoe



Important Vision for Civic Neighborhood

The conceptual Civic Neighborhood Park is envisioned to provide both active and passive spaces with significant landscaping, including shade trees and grassy areas for recreation. The park shall also include play areas for children of various ages and other amenities typically found in urban parks.

Appendix 38 Gresham Civic Neighborhood (rev. 08/2023)

In nearby land use news, Multnomah County purchased Cook Plaza [19421 SE Stark St]. The repurposed property will serve as the East County Homeless Resource Center offering low-barrier drop-in day services, 28 shelter pods and 90 beds for weather-related emergencies.

CoG File #	Northwest Neighborhood Land Use Project Details & Locations
PRE-24-00547	All new 60 unit, 6 story affordable housing HomeForward project. Ground floor is amenity & administration spaces for the housing & Early Learning Center operated by IRCO. 36 parking spaces. 1S3E04DA 1202 (North of CAL on Civic Dr)
FMFP-24-00545	Subdivision Final Plat - Under review (Chet Antonsen’s 38 residential lots off Powell Blvd. Infrastructure currently under construction) 175 NW BRYN MAWR LN
PRE-24-00482	Potential 62-unit townhouse residential subdivision on 4.9 acre property. 2022 NW Division
DA-24-00475	Development of 2.76 acres fronting Division St. Proposing 2 buildings with 4 floors. 295 units (15 live/work) & underground parking @ approx 1.3 spaces/unit. 1S3E04DC 600 (East portion of vacant lot between Wallula & Overlook)
VAC-24-00399	City initiated Type IV R.o.W. vacation in “Civic Neighborhood”. Frees up development potential for K-Mart lot. NWA concern: Exact timeframe and location details TBA. Conceptual plan calls for 3~4 acres of park/greenspace on city-owned property between City Hall and CAL. Vacated Sections: Portion of NW Sleret Ave immediately abutting the south side of NW Burnside Rd & portions of NW Eastman Pkwy immediately abutting 440-550 NW Burnside Rd. (approx 6,500sqft)
PRE-24-00298	Construction of 9 townhomes comprising a 5 plex and 2-duplex units. 68 NW Birdsdaie Ave

Position of Land Use Director 2025 - Due to unavoidable circumstances, I am not able to be present at the 21OCT2024 NWA General Meeting. As the incumbent director, I am willing to serve for another term as Director, and/or Co-Director, and/or trainer of Land Use Director-in Waiting.

We passed the basket for donations. The raffle was held.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.