

Rockwood Neighborhood Association

November 18, 2024, 6 p.m.

Rockwood Village Community Center

20 residents, 4 speakers

Meeting was called to Order. The purpose of the Neighborhood Association Meetings was given.

Raine Folorunsho expressed her frustration about not being heard. Raine asked that her last name be added to the November 2023 minutes. Raine mentioned different non-profits that she would like to come to the General Meetings to talk about their work in Rockwood: Multnomah County Health and Wellness, Rockwood CDC, Rockwood Commons, and Outgrowing Hunger. There was a discussion about platforms in Neighborhood Association Meetings about racial issues.

Anthony Crosman made a motion and Sahara Miller seconded the motion to approve the November 2023, March 2024, and June 2024 General Meeting Minutes with the addition of Raine's last name to the November 2023 Minutes. The motion passed.

Police Chief Gullberg gave an update on the results of the Safety Levy. There have been staff challenges in hiring. In the year 2023 twenty Police Officers were hired and nineteen Police Officers retired. It takes a year to turn a new Police Officer to work on their own.

The City of Gresham has six Community Safety Officers that are supported by the Levy. They handle online reports, and do follow-up. They handle twenty to thirty percent of the reports filed.

Currently the Neighborhood Enforcement Team includes Sgt. Van Beek and one Police Officers. They work on livability issues that are long term.

All Star Recruiting is working with the City of Gresham in Police Recruiting. There are sixteen opening in the Gresham Police Department and 200 openings in the Portland Police Department. The goal is to hire two to three Officers a year.

The Behavioral Health Unit combines a Police Officers with a Case Manager from Cascadia to work with mental health calls and do follow-up that takes longer that a regular Police call.

There is one School Police Liaison Officer for all Schools in Gresham.

There is a plan to open the Rockwood Police Station in 2025 a few days a year.

The Portland Bureau of Emergency Services handles all dispatch calls. The City of Gresham has a contract with them to provide service. The City of Gresham has no control of the dispatch service.

At 6:50 p.m. Guy Benn, TOD Program Director, for Tri-met spoke on the Federal Study for the 181st Ave. MAX Stop. The website is [www.Trimet.org/TOD](http://www.Trimet.org/TOD). In November 2022 Tri-met received a Federal Grant to study the 122<sup>nd</sup> and Burnside Park and Ride, and the 181<sup>st</sup> and Burnside Park and Ride. They are doing an Assets and Gaps Analysis of schools, affordable housing, grocery stores, community services including the Rockwood CDC. The Site Design includes an Accessibility Study and an Architectural Study. Ash St. and Pine Street are dead end

streets to the property. There is an Open House December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Downtown Rockwood Market Hall.

The uses that have been brought up by the residents so far are: Community Maker Space for Art, Recreation, Music, and Dance, a Community Center, Workforce Development, More green space, Multi-generational housing, affordable homes, and a Day Care. The study will run through the middle of next year.

At 7:20 p.m. Jane Foreman from UpRiver Village spoke on their services for people 55 and over, and disabled of any age. They offer support services like getting groceries, watching a dog, changing light bulbs. They encourage people to be able to stay in their homes and remain active in their communities. They are a member of the National Village to Village Movement. They provide transportation, social and educational support like computer tech support, and meal preparation.

UpRiver Village is unique in that they provide an extensive array of services 365 days a year 24 hours, seven days a week. They ask that you request a service a day ahead. All services are done by volunteers. There are three levels of membership. July 1<sup>st</sup> they plan on being fully open. There is an opening for a Volunteer Coordinator. The volunteers need to be 18 years old and above. Their website is [www.uprivervillage.org](http://www.uprivervillage.org).

Next there was a discussion about Cook Plaza Homeless Resource Center. Concerns were brought up that the Center will be close to a School with children walking to and from school being harassed, drugs in Davis Park, lack of transparency from the County about the Project, where are people that do not have a place to stay going when they leave the Center when it closed at the end of the day, concern for tents

popping up around the property, increased crime in the area, people coming on Tri-met from other areas, and problems in the past at the “Red Barn” on Glisan.

The residents request that the Service Provider provide security 24 hours a day, a ride for people to a shelter when the Center closes, encourage self sufficiency for employment and housing, an Advisory Committee to work the Provider to work on any ongoing issues that may arise.

There was also a discussion about other shelters in the area.

Kenton Woman’s Village run by Catholic Charities that provide wrap around services.

Clackamas Service Center that provides wrap around services.

Menlo Park Village run by Cultivate Initiatives.

Elections: Raine Folorunsho made a suggestion that going forward we move the elections to the beginning of the meeting. Jack Fleenor made a motion and Sahara Miller seconded the motion to move the elections to the next meeting. The motion passed.

Kelsey Pleasant made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Deanna Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.