Wilkes East Neighborhood

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WENA PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

MEETING MINUTES - draft

10 August, 2026 @ 7 PM

Minutes taken by Janet Unruh, board secretary.

Location of meeting: Moose Lodge, 16411 NE Halsey St, Portland, OR 97230

Number of attendees: 39

Call to Order, 7 PM.	Janet	1 min.
Roll Call of the Board	Janet	2 min.
ANNOUNCEMENTS • THANKS: Thanks to our newsletter deliverers (10 min.) We passed out Stomping Ground gift cards to the newsletter deliverers. • SIGN IN: We asked attendees to sign in and provide their contact information • SURVEY: We asked attendees those who hadn't completed the survey online, to please fill out the printed version, pick one up on the back table • BYLAWS: Residents should review the new bylaws and be prepared to vote on them in November. Pick up a copy on the back table, or access it online on the WENA website (5 min.) • ELECTIONS: Will be held at the November public meeting • WENA AT THE CROSSROADS (10 min.)	Janet	30 min.
SPEAKERS • Ted Van Beek, introduce self and explain his role as liaison. He answered questions from the attendees regarding the police station on 181st, the addition of another NET officer, and how to request help with trash or other issues.	Ted	5 min.
• Carol Rulla, talk about what NAs can do for residents, past successes	Carol	25 min.
BUSINESS		
Secretary • Approval of WENA Public Meeting Minutes 3-9-2026.pdf (printed)	Janet	2 min.

• Membership voted to approve the minutes.		

Treasurer's report
• As of 7-22-2026, we had $3590.53 in the WENA bank account.
• We paid $2358.46 in bills.
• We received $1072 in matching grant funds from COG.
• We currently have $3430.46 in the WENA bank account.
• We voted to pay for the following:
  o Website hosting, $85.49
  o Picnic expenses, $929.58
  o Thank you gift cards $216.00
• Claudette made the motion, Janet seconded, all approved, none opposed.
	Claudette	5 min.

Land Use Officer • 16651 Wasco St. development • Middle housing causes property taxes to rise for all but drives property values down • The city is losing money even with the current property taxes • For middle housing, site plan does not need to include parking. • Stormwater runoff must be contained on the property	Janet	20 min.
Wrap-up, meeting adjourned, 8:30 PM	Janet	5 min.

Our next public meeting is November 9, 2026