

February 18th, 2025 WHDNA Membership Meeting Minutes

WHDNA meeting took place at Messiah Lutheran in West Hazel Dell, attendees were present in both person and online via Zoom.

Call to order: 6:05 PM

Welcoming statements and meeting opening by Brendan McCrain

Introduction of new Board of Officers:

- Newly appointed Vice President Tessa Wargo introduced herself to members

- Newly elected Secretary/Treasurer Amy Haight introduced herself to members

- Newly elected President Brendan McCrain introduced himself to members

Neighborhood Program Coordinator Marilee McCall introduced herself and spoke about Clark County's Neighborhood Outreach Program and her role in WHDNA

President Brendan McCrain gave special thanks to former WHDNA president Ila Westergard for her 30 years of service as WHDNA's president and for her outstanding dedication to the community.

Meeting Etiquette discussed by Brendan McCrain

- Importance of showing kindness and respect during meetings

- Introduction to Roberts Rules "light"

Treasurer Report given by Amy Haight

- There was an approved \$80 expenditure on 11/10/24 for website hosting and registration westhazeldell.org domain. There will be ongoing annual fees to maintain website.

- Current treasury amount is \$120

Brendan McCrain discussed Youth Leadership Committee

- Newly appointment Youth Leadership Committee Co-Chair Alan O'Donnell introduced himself to WHDNA members.

NACCC Update given by Brendan McCrain

- Brief explanation of NACCC

- Details from January NACCC meeting and their bylaw amendments

Neighborhood Action Plan was presented by Brendan

Committee Openings *(if interested in participating or for more information please reach out to Tessa, Amy Amy@westhazeldell.org , or Brendan Brendan@westhazeldell.org ; or send us a message at westhazeldell.org)*

Youth Leadership Committee (Youth Co-Chair Alan O'Donnell, Co-Chair TBD)

DEIA (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility) Committee

Diversity:

Learn who we are so we can better serve our diverse community!

Obtain census information

Accessibility goals:

Language translation

Meetings within NA boundary

Continue Zoom options

Events Committee - Please email Amy or Brendan with any event ideas. The following are some potential events we would like to organize: community-wide garage sale, social events so we can meet our neighbors, nature walks, STEM in the Park, etc. Continue established events such as Popsicles in the Park

Traffic and Safety Committee and Active Transport Committee

Community Comment Period:

What can be done about garbage and trash concerns along the I-5 corridor?

Voiced by Neighbor Deborah

This area of the county is managed by the Department of Transportation (DOT). DOT cites decreased funding and staffing as barriers to clean up. Other WHDNA members cite various reasons for trash, one of which being due to increased homelessness.

Deborah states DOT will provide eco garbage bags upon request for volunteers who want to clean up on side streets but this is not allowed on the actual freeway. Deborah has printouts that she can share with WHDNA for those interested.

Member Alissa mentions that Michelle Belkot is our County Councillor and county concerns would go to her rather than the mayor of Vancouver

Marilee mentions Adopt a Road program, Marilee to connect us to resources.

Resources:

Public Works:

All roads within our neighborhood boundaries are county-owned and controlled and funded by the county Public Works divisions (with the exception of privately owned roads.)

Public Works also has Adopt-A-Road and an Adopt-A-Park volunteer programs, click on the link for application form:

<https://powerforms.docusign.net/537b4f31-a503-492e-81b5-a7c696f67f0e?env=na1&acct=da433435-eb37-44fe-943f-da77e7b205b4&accountId=da433435-eb37-44fe-943f-da77e7b205b4>

Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT):

I-5 and I-205 and their on-and off-ramps (which includes the interchange area under the bridges) is under WSDOT jurisdiction and scheduling cleanup and maintenance comes from their department and tax funding.

WSDOT has an Adopt-a-Highway program:

Learn how to become a volunteer Adopt-a-Highway crew:

<https://wsdot.wa.gov/business-wsdot/highway-signs/adopt-highway/adopt-highway-volunteers>

The Adopt-A-Highway contact for SW Region is Jeffrey Wilson – Jeffrey.wilson@wsdot.wa.gov – 360.619.0604 office location: 4200 Main Street, Vancouver WA 98663. The program manager is Jeffrey.gibson@wsdot.wa.gov 360.705.7813

Support for the Unhoused

Voiced by Neighbor Ashley

Trash is but just a side effect to homelessness, to address this we would need to address the bigger concern of how we can best support our unhoused neighbors. Our neighbors who are homeless or have housing insecurity need support. Some people died in the recent cold weather due to lack of shelter. Addressing the root cause of homelessness is needed.

Neighbor Martha brought up potential resources for those with housing challenges: Washington Low Income Housing Alliance and Council for the Homeless:

<https://www.wliha.org/>

<https://www.councilforthehomeless.org/>

Water Tower

Voiced by Neighbor Christine

Clark Public Utilities 94th St Reservoir

Concerns for a very large and tall water tower going in next to houses in the Lakeshore neighborhood at 94th and 21st. Questions include the following: Why is it going in there? What is the purpose? What are the risks? Would this withstand a major earthquake?

This project is occurring along side with PUD water project on 99th st

Water tower preferable to more housing by some members due to traffic concerns

Water tower project is being managed by Clark Public Utilities Clark PUD. It was suggested that PUD could come and speak about this at a future WHDNA meeting

Clark Public Utilities 94th St Reservoir:

<https://www.clarkpublicutilities.com/system-reliability/lakeshore-94th-st-water-tower/>

<https://www.clarkpublicutilities.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/lakeshore-water-tower-public-notice.pdf>

Questions and comments can be sent to CommunityEngagement@clarkpud.com

Meeting Close and special thanks to Messiah Lutheran -

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM