

Wilkes Community Group

Board Meeting, 6:30 PM Wednesday January 11, 2023

Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84872944130?pwd=QTRlU3phMnRmS2FvcHZSYnl6aWlUT09>

Present: Board members: Shana Koalska, Kathi Holmes, Shirley Larson, Margaret Bitar, Carrie Goble, and Richard Mohle. WCG members Diane Tehune and Christina Avila

The meeting was called to order by Shana Koalska at 6:30 PM. The minutes of the last meeting and Treasury Report were presented by Richard Mohle and Treasurer Carrie Goble confirmed that Treasurers Report. Shana Koalska moved and Kathi Holms seconded a motion to accept them. Members present unanimously approved these reports.

Chairperson Shana Koalska conducted the meeting and welcomed our guest speakers.

Clay Veka and Carlos Hernandez of PBOT presented the *Vision Zero* program and specifically focused on the Wilkes area. They explained that the purpose of the Vision Zero is to reduce traffic accidents by lowering the speed at which motorists drive. Portland streets were originally designed with the assumption that people will always live in the suburbs and work downtown. The goal was to move them back as far as quickly as possible. But social conditions have changed. Traffic fatalities have increased rapidly with houseless persons living on the sidewalks and a more general alcohol and drug problems. With the covid epidemic, fewer people are working downtown so a new and more socially sustainable model has been adopted by PBOT.

Techniques for doing this include lowering the speed limits, reducing the number of lanes, installing lighted cross walks, installing safe bicycle lanes and more sidewalks.

A lively and informative question and answer session followed.

The PBOT presentation can be viewed at:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1?ui=2&ik=cd807a868d&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1754790563765673175&th=185a44b87075dcd7&view=att&disp=inline&realattid=185a44a8a058b1b152f1>

Items on the agenda were approved and the addition of a Wilkes Nature Area Cleanup Patrol committee chaired by Richard Mohle. Kathi Holmes agreed to find a speaker for the February 7th meeting. We will be meeting at the Police Training facility on Airport Way for the March 7th to receive information of the “active shooter” program.

Upcoming meeting dates | first Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM via Zoom unless noted

- Tuesday, February 7th, 2023
- Tuesday, March 7th, 2023 | Portland Police Bureau will present Community Active Shooter preparedness at the PPB Training Division on 149th & Airport Way

- Tuesday, April 4th, 2023
- Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023
- Tuesday, June 6th, 2023

Upcoming volunteer dates:

(1) Wilkes City Park Gardening, begins first Friday of March

(2) Birch Community Services from 6-8PM:

- Wednesday, January 25th, 2023
- Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023
- Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023
- Wednesday, April 19th, 2023
- Wednesday, May 17th, 2023
- Wednesday, June 14th, 2023

(3) Planting Event at Wilkes Creek Headwaters on Saturday, 2/11 at 9:45AM. Advance sign-up required.

Chairperson Shana Koalska closed the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Working Agenda for February 7th, 2023:

1. January 2023 Meeting Minutes Approval
2. Treasurer's Report
3. WCG's definition of "liveability". Safe. Community. Access.
4. Approval of WCG website updates: Wilkes Community Group | East Portland Community Office
5. Define WCG goals + events for 2023:
 - Summer Music in the Park with PP&R
 - Dumpster Days: one or two events?
 - Other opportunities/events - advocacy and enrichment? Natural area clean-up group? Drives (food, clothing, kids, holiday), Plant & Garden Share events, new playground for Wilkes City Park, Wilkes Creek Trail clean-up, along 162nd, etc.
 - Other community awareness/neighborhood resource? Encourage new membership! Newsletter, website, networking with Outer East Portland NAs, meeting signs, meeting fliers, info box at Wilkes City park, yellowpages for who

to contact & when (abandoned cars, lost dog, homeless, potholes, trash, safety, etc)

6. Other Community Concerns, Q&A

Useful Online References

Demographics of Wilkes

<https://www.portland.gov/neighborhoods/northeast/wilkes>

Homeless Camps: HOW TO REPORT

On a computer,

1. go to reportPDX@portlandoregon.gov
2. “ One Point of Contact “
3. “ PDX Reporter “ (middle of page half way down INSIDE the text)
4. “ Okay”
5. “Log in” (your email address should appear)
6. “Campsite Reporting” (note its approximate location)
7. “Accept”
8. Insert picture if possible
9. “Accept”
10. “Sumit Report”
11. It will say that it was received and give you a case number.

HOMELESS CAMPS Latest Report on Homeless Campsites

[One Point of Contact Campsite Reports \(arcgis.com\)](#)

HOMELESS Toolkit

[One Point of Contact | The City of Portland, Oregon](#)

Land Use - EPLUTC (East Portland Land Use and Transportation Committee)

committee chair Douglas Armstrong can be reached at dda882@gmail.com .

Neighborhood Greenways

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/50518>

One point of Contact Campsite online reporting form

portlandoregon.gov/campsite

Portland Police Log

https://twitter.com/pdxpolicelog?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor

Portland Police Training Advisory Council
<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/61449>

Portland Public Safety Resources at
<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/civic/article/681267>

Save Portland . org
<https://www.savepdx.org/>

Traffic Deaths & Injuries
<https://pdx.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=5385b143768c445db915a9c7fad32ebe>

Traffic Maintenance and Safety
<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/article/564769>

Vision Zero
Sharon.White@Portlandoregon.gov or 503-823-7100 and Clay.Veka@Portlandoregon.gov respectively or at Sharon White from PBOT Pedestrian Safety Outreach + Education and https://www.linkedin.com/in/clay-veka-8358175?challengeId=AOErvCJt714zAAAAAXb4o_Elq-b5vZzO1koNlcmIYtYcuGkwl5P6EjVpbCc_fd0dceuBULCXXbYZaunz30BGO5na7ellpJaxEg&submissionId=dc3ac17d-739b-5916-1ed6-e81e30dd407c

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Volunteer Groups

Detrash Portland: <https://www.detrashportland.org/> .

Central City Concerns can be found online at:
<https://centralcityconcern.org/#:~:text=Since%201979%2C%20the%20Portland%20community,addiction%20recovery%20and%20employment%20assistance> respectively.

Save Portland.org: <https://www.savepdx.org/>

Oregon and SW Washington Families for Safe Street at
<https://www.thestreettrust.org/policy/oregon-families-for-safe-streets/#:~:text=Oregon%20and%20SW%20Washington%20Families%20for%20Safe%20Streets,and%20dangerous%20conditions%20in%20Oregon%20and%20SW%20Washington.>