

**West End Neighborhood Association
Annual Meeting
November 13, 2024, 6:30pm, Reiche Community Room**

Present: Rosanne Graef, Barbara DeSerres. Bryan van Dussen, Mark Tappan,
Leana Good-Simpson. + 24 members of the public

Secretary: Barbara DeSerres.

Minutes of September 11 general meeting approved and accepted

Treasurer: Bryan van Dussen

Available Funds by Source

Norway Savings.	\$17,370
PayPal.	\$0
Petty Cash.	\$30

Less outstanding debits. -\$400. Karen Morency Nov. payment

Plus outstanding credits	
Total available funds.	<u>\$17,000</u>

Earmarks

WENA Age in Place.	\$2,326
Community Bldg.(MMC).	\$3,500
Swim for Life.	\$2,344
Harbor View (Fundraiser).	\$2,917
WENA General Fund	\$1,350
MMC ReForest.	\$3,554
MMC Reiche ReStart.	\$979
Petty Cash.	\$30

Total Earmarks.	
	<u>\$17,000</u>

Announcements

1. Community Policing - Carole Dunphe

Officers Savage and Hurley were introduced and answered questions from attendees.
The trash left at the base of Park St. has been removed.

No random assaults have been reported.

Residents were urged to lock their cars

Complaints about trash in the area between Angelo's Acre and the Irving Circle K on Commercial St. should be reported to SeeClickFix. SeeClickFix.com/portland_2 or call the Department of Public Works dispatch directly at 207-874-8493. DPW dispatch is also the number to call for needle pickup.

2. CDBG Application - Emily Bolt and Rosanne Graef

The Tate St. sidewalk is very deteriorated. A grant application for repairs is pending.

The Tyng/Tate playground adjacent to HarborView Park has a pending funding application for an adult fitness facility to be installed in the former basketball court.

Construction on these projects could start in spring of 2026.

Letters of support should be sent by Nov. 15 to:

Emily Bolt. ebolt@portlandmaine.gov for the sidewalk project

Tatyana Vashchenko. tvashchenko@portlandmaine.gov for the Tyng/Tate project.

3. Join In!! - Mark Tappan

The theory of social capital was explained.

This program, which supports social and neighborhood connections, is funded by a grant from MMC. Activities will include; study circles, a club fair, art related projects, potluck suppers, and a spring fun fair.

Publicity for these, and other activities, will be posted on the Reiche School kiosk, on the WENA website and on posters in public places.

4. Reiche ReStart. - Rosanne Graef

This program, which was funded by a grant from MMC during the pandemic, features activities at the Reiche Community Center ensuring the use of and access to the center. Activities include: morning exercise classes, movie nights, art activities, educational presentations, travelogues and ukelele lessons.

5. Reforest the City. - Susan LoGuidice

This program fosters knowledge of the importance of the urban tree canopy and encourages the planting of native tree and shrub species in the West End.

Activities include: tree talks, tree identification walks and tree planting activities.

6. Snow Shovelling. - Katherine Charbonneau

Katherine will be West End coordinator for this city program which matches volunteers

with people who need help.

7. Election of Board Members - Leana Good-Simpson

Five board vacancies were filled as followed:

Kim Sutton will serve another 3 year term expiring in 2027.

Kip DeSerres and Ethan Shrestha will be serving 3 year terms expiring in 2027

Katherine Charbonneau will be serving a 2 year term expiring in 2026

Christine McHale will be serving a 1 year term expiring in 2025.

8. Introduction of District 2 Councilor-elect. - Rosanne Graef

Wesley Pelletier was present, but had to leave early.

9. Portland High School Student Support - Rosanne Graef

The ESOL teacher reports that students who are the children of legal asylum seekers are very upset and often worry about being deported, An activity was organized to send them messages of support and encouragement.

Adjournment

After the meeting was adjourned, an election was held for 2025 officers.

Results as follows: Kip DeSerres. - President
 Rosanne Graef - Vice President
 Mark Tappan - Secretary
 Bryan van Dussen. - Treasurer

Next General Meeting: January 8, 2025. 6:30 Reiche Community Room

Submitted: November 14, 2024

Barbara DeSerres
WENA Secretary