5/18/26 NWONA Board Meeting Minutes

1. **Jasmine Vasavada - Port of Olympia Board of Commissioners President - elected in 2023**

- Port Overview - Lots of people don't know what the Port is and does -
    - People should own the assets to operate publicly owned infrastructure for the good of the community
    - Focused on economic development and environmental stewardship - particularly Budd Inlet
    - Lands are dedicated by Federal deed with specific use stipulations
- Port has 5 Commissioners - each with a district within the County
    - 45 staff members - most are maintenance staff
    - New Executive Director in the last few years
- Marine terminal in downtown Olympia - 200 acres on Port peninsula
    - Included: Swantown Marina, Port Plaza Park, HOCM (formerly Port property), Anthony's, South Sound Block Party
- Also operates the airport and ~800 acres in Tumwater that is home to New Market campus
    - No commercial service - hobbyists, civil air patrol, emergency operations, fire, medical
- Major Initiatives:
    - Budd Bay Cleanup
    - Deschutes River Estuary Restoration
    - Peninsula Master Plan
    - Airport Master Plan
- Port supports regional economy
- Questions?
- Tours are available…

2. **NW Volunteer Park**
    - First work party in late April - did some thinning
    - Some property line issues with the neighbor - looking to City for clear property line boundaries and markings
        - Inconsistency with volunteers and communication
            - Stick to fence line and keep English laurel buffer
            - Need a point person to keep people on same page
        - More info to follow tomorrow after Lauren meets with City
    - Next work party is Sunday 5/24 - need a few board members to help out

3. **Potential Dates for NWONA Activities**

- Summer Fun Fest - 8/29
- Fall Fest - 10/10
- Annual Meeting - November this year and plan for May in 2027

4. **Updates:**
    - Arts commission: Welcome figure dedication ceremony - June 3rd at 4:30 - more details to follow
    - Traffic box art comes out soon for selection
    - SNAP Ed cuts at Garfield - dedicated volunteers with SWONA to help out on the program
    - Garfield cuts -
5. **CNA updates**

- Justin Stang named new chair
- Discussion around outsourcing waste management
- Evergreen Pool - encouraged neighborhood associations to write letters

6. **Treasurer's update**