

**Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations
November 12, 2024 – Remotely Held (Zoom)
Meeting Minutes**

NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES	NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES
Centennial		North Central	INACTIVE
Central City	INACTIVE	Northeast	INACTIVE
Gresham Butte	Stephen Estes, Theresa Tschirky, Jim Buck	North Gresham	INACTIVE
Gresham Pleasant Valley	Richard Barker	Northwest	John Bildsoe
Historic Southeast	INACTIVE	Powell Valley	Stella Butler
Hogan Cedars	INACTIVE	Rockwood	Catherine Nicewood
Hollybrook	INACTIVE	Southwest	Dana Duval
Kelly Creek	Charles Teem, Karin Zachow, Carol Rulla	Wilkes-East	
Staff & Guests	Lina Sizmin, City of Gresham, Neighborhood Services; Terra Wilcoxson, City of Gresham, Comprehensive Planning Manager; Cassandra Rameriz; Sue Ruanola ; Janet Unruh		

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m., Jim Buck, Coalition Co-President presiding.

1. Meeting minutes for September 10, 2024, with one typo corrected, and minutes for October 8, 2024 were approved as presented.

2. No public comment was presented.

3. Development Code and Policies Update Phase 2, with Terra Wilcoxson, Comprehensive Planning Manager:

a. The presentation was an introduction to the development code and policies update project since the project is not to the point of making policy decisions. The purpose of the project is to review the Gresham Community Development Code for compliance with Oregon state laws; support of housing production; overall clarity, consistency and readability of the code and to remove outdated and redundant text. Terra shared the highlights of the findings and recommendations of a recent code audit for the project and answered Coalition member questions.

b. Next steps in the project: 1) Design Commission review of specific alternatives: standards that could be adjusted, how to define “smaller” projects that could be reviewed by staff rather than the Design Commission, and thresholds for staff review and 2) drafting the code.

4. Neighborhood and City News and Reports:

- a. Neighborhood Services Report: No report.
- b. Co-President Report:

Jim Buck:

- 1) Any constructive feedback on the candidate forum? (None offered.)
- 2) Highway 26 issue of the lack of trees which was previously brought before the Coalition and with Coalition recommendation, then brought before the city council asking for endorsement and partner on a presentation for the Oregon Transportation Commission to persuade ODOT to bring us up to the same standard as is used along Highway 26 on the west side: In May, council was receptive but nothing has been done. Letter was sent to council and the mayor in July asking for status and Mayor Stovall said that the issue had been referred to city staff. The last Oregon Transportation Commission meeting is December 4th. Question: Should I proceed with a presentation to ODOT? Approval based on nods and thumbs up from attendees. Carol suggested that an email be sent to council to inform them of what we plan to do and perhaps invite the mayor and/or council members to join him.
- 3) The Oregon Department of Forestry has grant applications available for up to \$500,000 for green infrastructure. Should we encourage the city to apply for one of these grants? Carol made the motion to encourage the city to pursue the green infrastructure grant through the Department of Forestry. Motion seconded by John Bildsoe. Motion unanimously approved.

Carol Rulla:

- 1) Reminder of Coalition elections in January.
- 2) Other announcements: 1. Friends of Trees planting, Saturday, November 23rd, 11:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., meet at East Rose Fellowship Unitarian Universalist church. 2. Cybersecurity Panel Discussion, November 21st, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in council chambers. Ideas for future Police and Community Together (PACT) Workshops are wanted—email ideas to Carol. 3. Do we want a presentation on red light camera trial project? (Several nods for yes). 4. Wood smoke regulations: Do we want a presentation on this subject? (Several nods for yes).

- c. NA Reports and Concerns.

1) Stella Butler-Powell Valley: We have a parks committee that has been very active throughout the year. In the last two months, we did invasive plant removal.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dana Duval – Coalition Secretary-Treasurer

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 10
