

**Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations  
September 9, 2025 – Remotely Held (Zoom)  
Meeting Minutes**

NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES	NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES
Centennial	Rick Dwyer	North Central	INACTIVE
Central City	INACTIVE	Northeast	INACTIVE
Gresham Butte	Stephen Estes, Jim Buck	North Gresham	INACTIVE
Gresham Pleasant Valley	Richard Barker	Northwest	John Bildsoe
Historic Southeast	INACTIVE	Powell Valley	
Hogan Cedars	INACTIVE	Rockwood	Catherine Nicewood
Hollybrook	Jeri Malin	Southwest	Kathy Gardenhire
Kelly Creek	Carol Rulla	Wilkes-East	
Staff & Guests	Chief Travis Gullberg, Gresham Police Department; Tricia Bootzin; Linda Parashos; Todd Kinsella; Thomas Stanley		

The meeting opened at 7:10 p.m., Jim Buck, Coalition Co-President presiding.

1. Meeting minutes for August 12, 2025, were approved as written.
2. No public comment was presented.
3. The newly reactivated Hollybrook Neighborhood Association was welcomed, represented by Jerry Malin.
4. Police Department Update, Chief Travis Gullberg: Chief Gullberg shared that when he came on board in 2020, the Police Department had just recently cut 12 positions. Today, he reported that we had regained that number of positions, plus some. The Gresham Police Department is budgeted for 180 positions. Currently, there are 19 new recruits—9 of which are in the academy at varying levels of completion, 8 are back with the department, post-academy, doing their field training which takes about 5 months and then there are other 2 recent hires within the last week and a half. They also expect to have 4 additional hires in the next month. The department is also recruiting for 5 lateral (already trained) detective positions and has one lateral detective in process. Chief Gullberg also stated that, by this time next year, he expected that we would be able to have many, if not all, of our specialty NET, traffic safety team and school resources officer units back into play.

There were 9 questions given to Chief Gullberg prior to the meeting. The following are his responses to the questions.

- a. Traffic concerns: In 2021, the traffic safety team was lost. The work, though, has not completely gone away. Working with their system partners throughout the entire area, work is being done to focus on speeding and street take-overs. Grant work is

being done for things such as driving under the influence, seat belt use and others. As an example, in the month of August, there were 560 traffic stops with 145 citations issued. They fully intend to bring back the traffic safety team when staffing allows.

b. Camera traffic enforcement: This is not as far along as was hoped. The original plan was for a red-light program, but now staff is considering a speed enforcement program. The city is looking for a zero-cost pilot program to help decide what could be done in long term. Currently, the project is in an RFP process, which is a review of contractual agreements, and then a company or possibly multiple companies can bid for that project.

c. Park/trail safety: Overall, Parks is looking at doing something to beef up security. With minimum staffing levels there are always some gaps.

d. Gang-related violence: A lot of the gun violence seen is gang-related. There is a strong partnership between the Police Department and Youth Services, working together to help prevent future violence, especially retaliatory violence. Since launching the city's ceasefire program, over 170 contacts have been established and over 30 people have been referred to services, preventing violence or preventing future violence and retaliatory violence. The statistics show that crime is down, violence is down and shootings are down.

e. Relationship with the Office of the District Attorney: The relationship is going well. We have a community DA residing in the Gresham Police Department offices, working directly with the staff.

f. Jail population control and adequate public defender concerns: The jail population control is always a concern for the Sheriff. Our Sheriff supports community safety and is doing everything possible to make sure people are held accountable. There is some disagreement on whether there is an adequate number of public defenders or whether the current public defenders should take more cases. There is some legislative support at the state level for additional funding.

g. Street takeover concerns: Police participation in street takeovers is done from a regional perspective. Gresham Officers provide mutual aid to Portland on street takeovers and Portland Officers provide mutual aid to Gresham. Gresham has officers that are trained in communication and de-escalation for crowd control situations.

h. Public drug use reporting: Reports should be made via the My Gresham app or by calling the non-emergency number. Chief Gullberg shared some stories of success with our Community Safety Specialists who provide an unarmed public safety response to some situations where a police officer is not needed.

i. New county library security: Full discussions have not yet been held but Chief Gullberg stated that it was on his radar.

j. Unregistered cars: An unregistered car is a primary violation for which the police can make a traffic stop. Because there are not enough traffic safety, police officers or parking enforcement, these unregistered cars are not picked up. Issuing a ticket for no registration has no “teeth” since the car cannot be legally towed. Code enforcement is able to use the lack of registration in developing a reason to believe the car is abandoned and tow the potentially abandoned car.

Questions and discussion from coalition members followed. Issues with various e-bikes, e-scooters, etc., speeding and riding on sidewalks were also discussed.

## 5. Neighborhood and City News and Reports:

a. Neighborhood Services Report: No report.

b. Co-President Report.

1) Since November 11<sup>th</sup> is a holiday, Jim suggested that we move the meeting to Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and asked if anyone had any thoughts or reservations on moving the meeting to November 10<sup>th</sup>—no reservations were expressed. The November meeting is moved to Monday, the 10<sup>th</sup>.

2) Carol brought up information on the city council's discussions on fire services given expiring contract for Gresham to provide fire services for Fairview, Troutdale and Wood Village. The fire services contract has been extended for one more year while the 4 city councils review the options, including a fire district and have discussions.

3) Stephen Estes brought up the new urban renewal project for Gresham and had some discussion on how the funding stream works.

4) Carol announced that for the first time, there will be a series of joint City Council and Finance Committee meetings starting this Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, and then again on the 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>. The meetings will be held by Zoom at 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

5) Jim asked Jeri Malin to give a little background on what happened to cause the Hollybrook Neighborhood Association to reactivate. Jeri noted that it was mainly a desire by neighbors to get to know each other.

c. NA Reports and Concerns. No report but there was some discussion on cottage clusters and middle housing issues.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dana Duval – Coalition Secretary-Treasurer

Next meeting: <b>Tuesday, October 14th</b>
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