

**Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations
October 14, 2025 – Remotely Held (Zoom)
Meeting Minutes**

NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES	NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES
Centennial		North Central	INACTIVE
Central City	INACTIVE	Northeast	INACTIVE
Gresham Butte	Stephen Estes, Jim Buck	North Gresham	INACTIVE
Gresham Pleasant Valley		Northwest	Kat Todd, Chris Fast
Historic Southeast	INACTIVE	Powell Valley	
Hogan Cedars	INACTIVE	Rockwood	Catherine Nicewood
Hollybrook		Southwest	Dana Duval
Kelly Creek	Karin Zachow, Carol Rulla	Wilkes-East	Janet Unruh
Staff & Guests	Mary Phillips, Senior Planner, Urban Design and Planning, City of Gresham; Gabby Sinagra, Planner 2, Urban Design and Planning, City of Gresham; Thomas Stanley		

The meeting opened at 7:02 p.m., Carol Rulla, Coalition Co-President presiding.

1. Meeting minutes for September 9, 2025, were approved as written.
2. No public comment was presented.
3. Tree Code Update, presented by Mary Phillips and Gabby Sinagra: (The Coalition had previously been briefed on the status and process of the tree code update, this presentation is a brief on the current status of the code update.) A short refresher on the draft policy approach used to update tree code was given along with a discussion of the feedback that was received during the process on each of the policy topics—canopy, tree preservation, tree replacement mitigation and enforcement. This feedback resulted in some alternative or hybrid approaches to meeting the requirements of the tree code. The next steps are to continue refining the policy and ensure that the policy is supportive of the community goals and responsive to feedback. There is an additional work session with council scheduled for November 4th.
5. Neighborhood and City News and Reports:
 - a. Neighborhood Services Report: No report.
 - b. Co-President Report.
 - 1) Carol Rulla made the following announcements:
 - a. Neighborhood election information should be on the city website for your neighborhood. When you have elections, the Neighborhood Services office and the coalition should be notified.

b. The North Gresham neighborhood has some people wanting to reactivate the neighborhood association. There will be a reactivation meeting on November 12th.

c. John Bildsoe checked on the proposal by the city to start charging neighborhood associations for the use of parks. After some internal city discussion, the policy is again that the fee is waived for the neighborhood associations to use the parks. Going through the permitting process for the park use is still required.

d. The new otter statue at Nadaka park has been installed. The official unveiling has not been scheduled.

e. For people that are interested in participating in the working meeting on the technical changes of the development code update, the meeting will be on November 17th at 9 a.m. at City Hall, room 1A.

2) Jim Buck announced that Carol Rulla received a resolution award from the state legislature. The award was passed by both the Senate and the House of the Oregon Legislature, complimenting her on so many years of public and volunteer service to our city in so many different capacities. The award is “certainly well deserved,” and “we certainly applaud you for all of the contributions to the city, as well as, our neighborhood coalition. So, thanks.”

c. NA Reports and Concerns.

1) Janet Unrah, Wilkes-East NA announced that their NA would be sending out their newsletter shortly.

2) Kat Todd, Northwest NA, announced that they had a successful adopt-a-park cleanup event on October 11th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dana Duval – Coalition Secretary-Treasurer

Next meeting: Monday, November 10th
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