

**Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations**  
**November 10, 2025 – Remotely Held (Zoom)**  
**Meeting Minutes**

NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES	NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES
Centennial	Mary Edmeades, David Porter, Rick Dwyer	North Central	INACTIVE
Central City	INACTIVE	Northeast	INACTIVE
Gresham Butte	Stephen Estes, Jim Buck, Theresa Tschirky	North Gresham	INACTIVE
Gresham Pleasant Valley	Richard Barker	Northwest	John Bildsoe
Historic Southeast	INACTIVE	Powell Valley	
Hogan Cedars	INACTIVE	Rockwood	Catherine Nicewood
Hollybrook		Southwest	Kathy Gardenhire, Dana Duval
Kelly Creek	Charles Teem, Karin Zachow, Carol Rulla	Wilkes-East	
Staff & Guests	Tina Nunez-Osterink, Parks Planner, City of Gresham; Astrid Dragoy, Parks Program Manager, City of Gresham; Lina Sizmin, Neighborhood Services, City of Gresham; Matt Hastie, Senior Project Manager, MIG (consulting); Jayme Wantowski, Police Community Outreach Coordinator, City of Gresham; Linda Parashos; Sue Ruonala; Thomas Stanley		

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

1. Meeting minutes for October 14, 2025, were approved as written.
2. Public comment: Linda Parashos announced that North Gresham Neighborhood Association is having a reactivation meeting on Wednesday (November 12<sup>th</sup>).
3. Gresham 2035 Parks Plan: After some introductions and information about the Gresham 2035 Parks Plan from Astrid Dragoy and Tina Nunez-Osterink, Matt Hastie from MIG, presented an overview of the plan background, the process for creating the plan, and then talked about some of the highlights and key recommendations in the plan. There was some discussion on the priority projects and more closely aligning the projects with funding realities. Short term implementation strategies for the plan included: expanding the type and level of funding, updating land dedication requirements, develop a safety improvement strategy, implement an asset management plan and replacement schedule, develop a maintenance management plan, implementation of priority projects, enhancing partnerships and strengthening public engagement. Next steps: The draft plan will be ready for public review starting Friday (November 14<sup>th</sup>). The final plan will be developed using information and suggestions

from the public review period, followed by the adoption process through city council and then implementation early in 2026.

4. Introduction of Police Community Outreach Coordinator, Jayme Wantowski. Ms. Wantowski stated that she wanted to get more involved with the neighborhood associations to help bring as much information to the community as possible. She provided her contact information: [jayme.wantowski@greshamoregon.gov](mailto:jayme.wantowski@greshamoregon.gov) 503-407-9494.

5. Neighborhood and City News and Reports:

a. Neighborhood Services Report: Lina Sizmin made the following announcements:

1) The city donated \$10,000 to SnowCap to help address the increased need as a result of the federal shutdown, and the uncertainty around the food stamp funds.  
2) Fire Station 74 had an open house-trunk or treat event on October 30<sup>th</sup>. It was a huge success, more than 1,000 people attended the event. The next open house will be held at Fire Station 71 on November 15 from 10 to noon.

3) Gresham is working with three other cities on fire services. The task force named East County Fire Services Task Force is discussing the future of fire services in Gresham and East County. The cities hope to finalize an agreement in the coming months.

4) Eric Schmidt, Gresham City Manager announced that he plans to retire on June 30, 2026.

b. Co-President Report.

1) Carol Rulla made the following announcements:

- a. Reminder that there will be no December coalition meeting.
- b. Coalition officer elections will be held at our January meeting.

c. Commissioner Jones-Dixon let us know that the county had decided to not move forward with the Cook Plaza East County Homelessness Resource Center project. The money that had been slated for the project is being redistributed.

d. The transportation subcommittee and the advisory committee updating the transportation system plan (TSP) are having a meeting on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 8:30 at the Rockwood Market Hall. There is also a Zoom option for the meeting.

e. Multnomah County is looking for people to serve on their Budget Advisory Committee.

f. Metro is looking for a community representative for their Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC). The deadline to apply is next Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. The position is for a two-year term, beginning in January. They have a mix of online and hybrid meetings, generally meeting on a Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

2) Jim Buck asked about what presentations the coalition would like to see in the coming year.

3) Theresa Tschirky provided a quick update on the levy advisory committee actions. The committee will report to council on November 18<sup>th</sup> on the levy funds and the difference the levy has made for the city. Also, the levy funds audit is to be reviewed by the finance committee around next February.

c. NA Reports and Concerns.

Jim Buck, Gresham Butte NA. GBNA provided a chipping service in their neighborhood for people that lived in close proximity to green spaces to help reduce fire risk in the neighborhood. The volunteer crew served a number of homes and residents using a 6-inch chipper.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dana Duval – Coalition Secretary-Treasurer

Next meeting: **Tuesday, January 13th**