

**Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations
February 10, 2026 – Remotely Held (Zoom)
Meeting Minutes**

NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES	NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES
Centennial		North Central	INACTIVE
Central City	INACTIVE	Northeast	INACTIVE
Gresham Butte	Stephen Estes, Jim Buck, Cheryl Breeden	North Gresham	
Gresham Pleasant Valley	Richard Barker	Northwest	Kat Todd, John Bildsoe, Chris Fast
Historic Southeast	INACTIVE	Powell Valley	Stella Butler
Hogan Cedars	INACTIVE	Rockwood	Catherine Nicewood, Jason Naumann, Benjamin Lostheart
Hollybrook		Southwest	Kathy Gardenhire, Dana Duval
Kelly Creek	Charles Teem, Carol Rulla, Karin Zachow	Wilkes-East	Krista Harrison, Janet Unruh
Staff & Guests	Mayor Travis Stovall, City of Gresham; Eric Schmidt, City Manager, City of Gresham; Jeff Hairston, Fire Department Chief, City of Gresham; Chris Fick, Senior Policy Advisor, City of Gresham; Lina Sizmin, Neighborhood Services, City of Gresham; Thomas Stanley; and 2 other unidentified attendees		

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

1. Meeting minutes for January 13, 2026, were approved as written.
2. No public comment was presented.
3. Fire Department Services Update: Mayor Stovall gave a brief introduction and overview of the topic. City Manager Eric Schimdt shared a slide presentation on the East County Fire Services Task Force (ECoFST), with a brief recap of the different work sessions and city meetings concerning the delivery of fire services for East County. These meetings included discussion on the feasibility of a fire district and how to implement this service option. Currently, the service options are to continue contract services with Fire District 10 (which currently exists as administrative only—no fire entity) while the three cities of Fairview, Wood Village and Troutdale move to another option for fire services, or the city of Gresham pursues a full-service fire district service model (all four cities would have to agree to pursue this option). The latter option is what the ECoFST is exploring. The presentation also covered information on the different fire district types; some of the possible costs of a fire district model; and information on where we are today, in terms of service, and where we should be to meet the national benchmark standards. Questions and discussion followed.

4. City Staff Support and Guidance for Neighborhood Associations: This topic centered around some recent questions raised by neighborhood associations about tax obligations and the need to file with the IRS. Chris Fick, Senior Policy Advisor for the City of Gresham, joined the meeting to participate in this discussion. Other areas discussed under this topic was the subject of training for neighborhood association officers and more information for newly reactivated neighborhood associations.

5. Neighborhood and City News and Reports:

a. Neighborhood Services Report: Lina Sizmin announced that information on the Green and Clean event would be coming out soon. A date for the event has not yet been determined.

b. Co-President Report.

1) Carol Rulla asked (concerning the tax filing question) if everyone was comfortable with the status quo, or if we should pitch in ourselves to find a tax professional? This spurred another round of questions and discussion with no final determination. Carol also announced that, in addition to next month's discussion on the Cascade Groundwater System, Ken Koblitz is going to talk to us about a possible change in code concerning stormwater ponds.

2) Jim Buck let us know that he did send a letter to the city on behalf of the coalition concerning the "Gresham Lumberjack" issue that was discussed in January's coalition meeting. He had not heard back from the city. He did get to talk with the police chief and Captain Livingston and they said that they hadn't heard back yet from the city legal department on whether they were pursuing this. The police chief did confirm that this was still an issue of concern for the police department.

c. NA Reports and Concerns. No reports.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dana Duval – Coalition Secretary-Treasurer

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 10th
