

**Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations
March 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	North Gresham	
Gresham Pleasant Valley		Northwest	Kat Todd, John Bildsoe
Historic Southeast	INACTIVE	Powell Valley	Joe Lagerstrom
Hogan Cedars	INACTIVE	Rockwood	Catherine Nicewood, Jason Naumann, Anthony Crossman
Hollybrook		Southwest	Kathy Gardenhire, Dana Duval
Kelly Creek	Charles Teem, Carol Rulla, Karin Zachow	Wilkes-East	Janet Unruh
Staff & Guests	Councilor Cathy Keathley, City of Gresham; Mike Whitely, Water Department Director, City of Gresham; Ken Koblitz, Development Engineering Manager, City of Gresham; Michele Kimble, City of Gresham; and 1 other unidentified attendee		

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

1. Meeting minutes for February 10, 2026, were approved as written.
2. No public comment was presented.
3. Cascade Groundwater Alliance Update, Mike Whitely, presenting: Background and project status information was presented, as well as some discussion on the hardness of the Gresham water. Current infrastructure status: wells – 100% complete, treatment facilities – 85% complete, pipeline – 100% complete, storage – 100% complete. The city is on track to be off the wholesale water contract by June 30th. Questions and discussion followed.
4. Code Change for Stormwater Ponds, Ken Koblitz, presenting: Information on some past stormwater code changes was given to help understand the current proposed update to the Natural Resources Overlay District to allow stormwater facilities in natural resource areas in certain circumstances. The hope is to have the draft code out the week of March 16th and have the draft code to the planning commission about mid-April. Questions and discussion followed.
5. Discussion of Follow Up Fire Services Questions: After the February Coalition meeting, it was brought up that there were some areas in the city of Gresham that are

outside the 5-minute fire response time. Carol stated that we wanted to ask for some clarification on this point and wanted to know if anyone else had any follow-up questions for the City Manager on the Fire Services information presented in February. Cathy Keathley, Gresham City Councilor, added several comments about the fire services issue and answered several questions. Carol and Jim will work with Co-Vice Presidents, Jason and John to put together a letter with the follow-up questions for the City Manager.

5. Neighborhood and City News and Reports:

a. Neighborhood Services Report: no report

b. Co-President Report.

1) Carol Rulla noted that she had sent coalition members an opinion from a retired CPA stating that, as our neighborhood associations currently operate, no annual IRS form needs to be submitted, but that there were still some questions about the IRS tax status for the neighborhood associations that she would be asking. Some discussion followed. Other announcements: Kris Freiermuth, former WENA president, passed away on March 4th.

2) Jim Buck let us know that he had not heard anything back on the letter he sent to the city concerning the "Gresham Lumberjack" issue that was discussed in January's coalition meeting. Jim also announced that the Gresham Japanese Garden received \$1200 from the inmates at the Oregon State Penitentiary along with a really touching letter from the head of their Japanese garden at the penitentiary, saying it's their way of trying to give back to communities to compensate for the harm that they have caused.

c. NA Reports and Concerns. No reports.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dana Duval – Coalition Secretary-Treasurer

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 14th
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