

**Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations
July 14, 2026 – Remotely Held (Zoom)
Meeting Minutes**

NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES	NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES
Centennial		North Central	INACTIVE
Central City	INACTIVE	Northeast	INACTIVE
Gresham Butte	Jim Buck	North Gresham	
Gresham Pleasant Valley		Northwest	Chris Fast, John Bildsoe
Historic Southeast	INACTIVE	Powell Valley	
Hogan Cedars	INACTIVE	Rockwood	Catherine Nicewood
Hollybrook		Southwest	Kathy Gardenhire
Kelly Creek	Karin Zachow, Carol Rulla	Wilkes-East	Janet Unruh
Staff & Guests	Lou Zeller, SOLVE; April Avery; Stella Butler		

The meeting opened at 7:01 p.m., Carol Rulla, Coalition Co-President presiding.

1. The coalition meeting minutes for June 9, 2026, were approved as written.
2. No public comment was presented.
3. “Get to Know SOLVE,” Lou Zeller presenting. The mission of SOLVE is to bring communities together to take care of the environment and enhance the waterways. SOLVE primarily supports watershed health with litter cleanup, non-native and invasive plant removal, native tree and shrub planting and trail maintenance. The SOLVE model is community driven, engaging volunteers, and providing hands-on learning opportunities. SOLVE can help with project planning and permitting; disposal assistance; and project supplies, funds and outreach assistance. Some discussion followed the presentation.
4. Gresham Emergency Management presentation was postponed to a later date.
5. Coalition Business:
 - a. Review of middle housing letter to state representatives. Catherine Nicewood suggested that Representative Zach Hudson be added to the letter. It was agreed to send the letter with Representative Hudson cc'd along with the City Council from the Coalition email account.
 - b. Consider holding a Candidate Forum for the 2026 Gresham City Council races. The group unanimously agreed to holding a Candidate Forum. Jim Buck, John Bildsoe, and Karin Zachow agreed to help Carol prepare for the Forum. Chris Fast agreed to be the timer for the forum.

c. Consider whether to participate in the City's National Night Out event. There was no group support to participate.

4. Neighborhood and City News and Reports:

- a. Neighborhood Services Report: no report
- b. Co-President Report.

1) Jim announced that 8 neighborhood associations had requested matching grant funds. Each neighborhood association's requested amount of funds was reduced since the total amount of funds requested exceeded the amount of available funds. Also, Jim also asked if we wanted to have Mike Whitely (Groundwater Project Manager) come and speak to the Coalition again since we have been hearing some complaints on the taste of the water from the new groundwater system. After discussion, the group felt it may be too soon after the switch to the new groundwater system and we should wait to see if the condition continues.

2) Carol said that April Avery wanted to remind everyone that the Arts Festival will be held on July 18th and that the Gresham Historical Society is having a fund-raising picnic on Aug 15th.

3) Carol mentioned that a grievance has been filed with the Northwest Neighborhood Association over the Angeline housing development. After the filing, it was discovered that the by-laws say that the Board would convene in 15 days of the complaint—too short of a time frame. Carol stated that after this procedure is done, we should look at the by-laws template and consider changing the time frame to convening in 30 days of the complaint.

c. NA Reports and Concerns.

1) Stella Butler mentioned that Powell Valley Neighborhood Association is having a work party at the Kane Road park on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dana Duval – Coalition Secretary-Treasurer

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 11th
