

**Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations
August 11, 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	James Stanton, Jeff Muceus
Hogan Cedars	INACTIVE	Rockwood	Catherine Nicewood, Anthony Crosman
Hollybrook		Southwest	
Kelly Creek	Charles Teem, Karin Zachow, Carol Rulla	Wilkes-East	Janet Unruh
Staff & Guests	Alice Busch, Emergency Manager, City of Gresham; Marcia Chiaudano; Stella Butler		

The meeting opened at 7:03 p.m., Jim Buck, Coalition Co-President presiding.

1. The coalition meeting minutes for July 14, 2026, were approved as written.
2. No public comment was presented.
3. Gresham Emergency Management, Alice Busch, Gresham Emergency Manager presenting: Alice Busch provided some of her own background information for the group. Questions and discussion centered around the benefits of knowing your neighbors and having a discussion with them about emergency preparedness; and the importance of emergency notification and how to sign up for the emergency notifications.
4. Candidate Forum, discussion on date/planning details: Carol suggested that we use our October 13th coalition meeting time slot as a potential date to hold the candidate forum, noting that it may be difficult to have a forum for the Mayoral race and for the 3 City Councilor races in one night. Other options may be September 29th, September 30th, October 8th, and October 15th. We will have to make a decision on the date before our next coalition meeting. For the committee volunteers, we have Carol Rulla, Jim Buck, Karin Zachow and Chris Fast as timekeeper. Carol asked if anyone else would like to volunteer.
5. Neighborhood and City News and Reports:
 - a. Neighborhood Services Report: no report. Carol mentioned that she received a question from Anna with Neighborhood Services about our preference for having the

volunteer picnic included with the city's employee picnic around lunchtime (11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.) or have a separate volunteer picnic at dinner time (5-7 p.m.). Carol asked Anna to send the email out to everyone rather than just to the Neighborhood Coalition account. In discussion, the group was somewhat divided in their preference. Carol mentioned that she would remind Anna to send the email to everyone

b. Co-President Report.

1) Carol made the following announcements:

a. The City Summer Preparedness and Weatherization Workshop is tomorrow evening. They're asking that you to RSVP. You will have to go to that website to get the link to RSVP.

b. There's a free pest management workshop for people with home gardens and community gardens on Wednesday, August 19th, 6 to 8 p.m. at Nadaka Park picnic shelter. No registration required, and it's being done by the OSU Master Gardeners.

c. The Gresham Police Department has reinstated the traffic team and assigned another officer to the Neighborhood Engagement Team (NET). We will now have a two-officer dedicated traffic team and there will be 2 officers dedicated to the NET. If you are having a traffic problem in your neighborhood you can use the My Gresham app or your police liaison to request some extra enforcement during the problem times. The radar trailer is also available for use in problem areas.

2) Jim stated that we want to make sure that we're entertaining agenda topics that are of interest to the group. If you've got topics you want us to address, let him or Carol know.

3) Carol suggested a potential topic is to invite the new city manager. It would be a good opportunity to advocate to her for more support for neighborhoods. Carol thinks it would be good to hear from her about her vision for the city, as well as what neighborhoods need or would like and how we can work together.

4) Carol mentioned that there is more new legislation that affects rules for housing developments. It is part of the legislature's efforts to try to remove barriers to constructing housing under the middle housing law from 2019. City staff is going to prepare a memo for us because some of this law went into effect July 1st. The bill indicated that instead of having a 300 feet notice area around the development, it was now going to limit jurisdictions to a 100 feet notice area for clear and objective housing applications. Carol stated that she thought they're trying to limit people who get notice so there aren't many people to object in order to speed up the process. She said that she doesn't know all the ins and outs of how that works, but that was one thing she noticed and she wondered whether that meant Neighborhood Associations somehow might not get the public notice for public comment period. She thinks that city staff could probably still send neighborhood associations the link to the application, but it would be difficult to then help people understand the public notices if we didn't get the notices. City staff is going to prepare a memo for the coalition. The memo will be sent out so that we all know what these new rules are.

c. NA Reports and Concerns.

1) Jim Buck, Gresham Butte NA announced that they will be having a neighborhood ice cream social on Thursday, August 13th at Kyoudou Center at 6:30 p.m.

2) Janet Unruh, Wilkes-East NA announced that they had a real nice picnic and public meeting on August 11th. Carol provided a presentation on "What neighborhood associations can do for you." The Wilkes-East NA is in a bit of a crisis because they lost their president and haven't had a vice president for some time. They need some serious recruiting tips. If anybody has any tips, please let Janet know.

3) Kat Todd, Northwest NA: They had to reschedule their picnic in the park event at Bella Vista due to smoke and heat. It is now scheduled for Thursday, August 13th.

4) Catherine Nicewood, Rockwood NA, announced that Rockwood had their National Night Out on July 29th at Pfeiffer Park. They had a good turnout. They had 7 or 8 vendors and we had the Circus Cascadia come to entertain the kids. Also, for their September 17th meeting, they're having a Mayor and City Council meet and greet. So far, they've had the mayor and 3 others say that they will be there and 2 others had conflicts. With the informal meet and greet, they're planning to have the candidates talk about what their visions and goals are for Rockwood.

5) Stella Butler announced that Powell Valley has a new banner and that there will be a work party at Kane Road Park on Saturday, August 15th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dana Duval – Coalition Secretary-Treasurer

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 8th
