Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations
September 8, 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	Richard Barker	Northwest	Chris Fast, John Bildsoe, Tricia Bootzin
Historic Southeast	INACTIVE	Powell Valley	Joe Lagerstrom, Janet Armstrong, Jeff Muceus
Hogan Cedars	INACTIVE	Rockwood	Catherine Nicewood, Jason Naumann, Anthony Crosman
Hollybrook		Southwest	Kathy Gardenhire, Dana Duval
Kelly Creek	Charles Teem, Karin Zachow, Carol Rulla	Wilkes-East	Janet Unruh
Staff & Guests	Gabby Sinagra, Planner II, City of Gresham; Tabitha Boschetti, Planner II, City of Gresham; Chris Fick, Community Program Manager, City of Gresham; Kate Batten; Thomas Stanley		

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

1. The coalition meeting minutes for August 11, 2026, were approved as written.

2. No public comment was presented.

3. Tree Plan Update, Gabby Sinagra and Tabitha Boschetti presenting. A project update, some amendment highlights and a review of the draft code provisions were presented. Council input was received in June of 2026, followed by the draft code stage from June to October 2026. Public review will be October to November 2026 with the draft expected to be available on October 5th for public review. This will be followed by the adoption stage, anticipating hearings with the planning commission on November 9, 2026, and City Council on December 8, 2026. The enactment reading is anticipated to be sometime in January 2027, with the expected effective date sometime in February 2027. During the presentation, questions and discussion of the draft provisions were addressed.

4. Neighborhood and City News and Reports:

a. Neighborhood Services Report: Chris Fick, Community Program Manager, made the following announcements: 1) As a result of the fire and police levy, the police department has restored a full-time traffic unit for the first time in several years. Since

the beginning of the fiscal year, traffic citations are already up 32% over last year. 2) A Kinect development broke ground at the intersection of Division and Overlook. This will add 305 multifamily housing units to the city. 3) As a part of a Metro housing bond, the Myrtle Way Project, which was completed in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity, built 20 houses. Those houses are now being sold and folks are starting to move in. 4) The city received some funding for further safety improvements on Cleveland Avenue between Stark and Burnside to include new bike lanes, new sidewalks, and other pedestrian improvements. 5) In August, Council made some changes to update and close some loopholes in our illicit massage business code. After a year of the code being in place, 7 illicit massage businesses have been shuttered. 6) The volunteer picnic will take place Wednesday, September 30th, from 5 to 7 at Main City Park. Carol added: 1) The traffic unit started at the beginning of July. 2) Ryan Gleason, the second Neighborhood Engagement Team (NET) Officer (formally Neighborhood Enforcement Team) is not actually going to start until October 1st. Officer Gleason will be working with Officer Skeahan on the NET. 3) Officer Danny Johnson is going to be assigned full-time to the Ceasefire program. This is a program that works with others in the community to help decrease shootings, including trying to prevent retaliation after a shooting. Previously, this coordination was being done by a sergeant and a team of officers on overtime. 4) On the web page for the Police and Community Together (PACT), you can now sign up for emails on topics/events which you are interested in rather than getting emails for every PACT event. You can find the PACT web page by entering P-A-C-T in the search on the city's web page.

b. Co-President Report.

Carol made the following announcements about the candidate forum: 1) Responses from all candidates have been received. Both mayoral candidates, Travis Stovall and Sue Piazza will attend. For council position 2, Heather Coleman Cox and Will DelPlato will attend. The forum for mayor and council position 2 will be held on October 8th, 6:30 p.m. to about 8 o'clock. On October 15th, there will be a second forum for council position 4 and 6. Position 4 candidate Joshua Aljaouni had a scheduling conflict and will not be able to attend. Position 6 candidate Dan Miller also had a scheduling conflict and will not be able to attend. All other candidates for council positions 4 and 6 will attend. This second forum will also be at 6:30 p.m. until about 8 o'clock. 2) A survey for the community to suggest questions for the candidates will be made available through Nextdoor and other avenues. It will also be shared with the candidates so they can share it with their networks to collect questions. Carol encouraged everyone to submit questions and asked that the survey be shared with the neighborhood associations. 3) Carol, Jim, Karin Zachow and John Bildsoe will be meeting on September 21st to prepare advance questions for the candidates. 4) Since we are having these forums, the October 13th coalition meeting will not be held.

c. NA Reports and Concerns.

1) Jason Naumann announced that Rockwood is also hosting a Rockwood-specific candidate forum, for their next meeting. There will be a community-supported question for the candidates. Each of the candidates will be given 5 minutes to respond. Transition Projects will be at the meeting to talk about a shelter that is opening on 181st

and Stark. Also, the Reynolds School Superintendent will talk about the Reynolds School District bond.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dana Duval – Coalition Secretary-Treasurer

Next meeting: **Tuesday, November 10th**