

Gresham Butte Neighborhood Association
Minutes — Regular Meeting — February 12, 2025 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was held at Kyoudou Center at the Gresham Japanese Garden, 219 S. Main Avenue, and by Zoom.

I. Welcome and Establish Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. Quorum was met with 11 members in person and three attending by Zoom.

II. Approval of November 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Copies of the minutes were on hand and available by Web link / QR code. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

III. Public Comment

No public comment was had.

IV. How can we defend our homes against wildfire?

Alison Green, Defensible Space Coordinator, Oregon State Fire Marshal, presented on wildfires, the Wildland Urban Interface, and what we can do to protect our homes. She spoke and took questions for 90 minutes, covering the history of wildfires in Oregon over the last 20 years, increasing wildfire risk, hardening techniques, defensible space, tree thinning and limbing, fire resistant and highly flammable plants, and the relative costs of various fire risk mitigation measures. Members discussed evacuation routes, collaboration, and what emphasis we, as a Neighborhood Association, want to place on this issue going forward, including dialog with the City.

V. Reports

Treasurer Theresa Tchirky reported that we have \$1,392.85 in our bank account.

Land Use Director Jim Buck reported that the City has received a pre-application for construction of 77 duplex units off of Hogan Rd near Cleveland. The area contains a wetland.

VI. Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Possible topics: collaboration on fire resistance, OSU master gardeners, water conservation / sustainability, fire department dialog, Neighborhood Enforcement Teams, matching grants.

IX. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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