

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

### **Gresham Butte Neighborhood Association (GBNA) General Meeting**

**September 10, 2025**

**7pm, Hybrid**

**Gresham Japanese Garden Kyoudou Center and via Zoom**

#### **Attendees:**

##### **Members**

Quorum was had with 22 GBNA members attending, 4 via Zoom.

##### **Board Members**

Stephen Estes (President), Sue Protz (Vice President),  
Theresa Tschirky (Treasurer), James Buck, Land Use Director

The meeting started at 7:02. President Estes welcomed the attendees. Power at the Kyoudou Center went out at about 7:05, and the Zoom link was sustained by cell phone.

#### **Officer Elections**

Positions open: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer.

Motion made and seconded to retain the existing slate of officers.

Nomination received: Tamaryn Newton volunteered for the vacant Secretary position.

Elections approved by acclamation.

2025 - 2026 Officers:

President - Stephen Estes

Vice President - Sue Protz

Secretary - Tamaryn Newton

Treasurer - Theresa Tschirky

Land Use Officer - appointed by board (currently Jim Buck)

#### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Minutes from February 12, 2025 and April 9, 2025 meetings reviewed (previously posted online).

Motion to approve both sets of minutes carried unanimously.

## **Treasurer's Report - Submitted by Theresa Tschirky**

Balance as of August 15, 2025: \$4,116.85

Reimbursement to Jim Buck: \$749 for purchase of cordless brush cutter

New balance: \$3,367.85

The majority of funds are grant funds (\$2,781 from the city of Gresham).

## **Grant Activities & Chipping Service**

Grant covers:

Fire safety mailer (recently distributed, also available online at [greshambutte.org](http://greshambutte.org)).

Chipping service: Rental of commercial sized chipper for resident yard debris (branches less than 4"). Planned for two Saturdays in October (after rainfall to reduce fire risk).

Volunteers, including Jim Buck, will assist; waiver form required for safety.

Residents encouraged to sign up via website or meeting sheet.

\*Priority given to properties near public green spaces.

## **Fire Safety & Neighborhood Concerns**

Discussion of wildfire risk from city maintained green spaces (dead branches, cedar snags).

The Oregon State Fire Marshal offers property assessments; suggested coordination with the city and fire department.

Upcoming event: Gresham Fire Department representatives to attend December 10, 2025 meeting.

## **Land Use Report - Jim Buck**

PGE project: Replacing 9 towers along the Springwater Corridor (Estacada through Gresham).

Zoom meeting scheduled (Sept. 11, 2025) to review details and restoration plans for cleared areas.

## **Signage & Outreach**

Proposal to create yard signs to promote GBNA meetings.

Funding to be clarified with the Treasurer due to grant restrictions.

Members are encouraged to bring and reuse old signs.

## **Future Topics**

Continued discussion of wildfire mitigation and city coordination. Updates on chipping service.

Fireworks concerns raised - issue to be brought to December fire department presentation and possibly Gresham Police.

Note: The My Gresham app is recommended for reporting non-emergency issues (e.g., fireworks, code enforcement).

## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

## **Next Meetings:**

October 8, 2025 - Regular GBNA meeting

December 10, 2025 - Gresham Fire Department presentation