

DRAFT MINUTES

Gresham Butte Neighborhood Association (GBNA) General Meeting

April 8, 2026

7pm, Hybrid

Gresham Japanese Garden Kyoudou Center and via Zoom

Attendees:

Board Members

Stephen Estes (President), Sue Protz (Vice President), Tamaryn Newton (Secretary - absent), Jim Buck (Land Use Director), Cheryl Breeden (Treasurer), along with neighborhood members and guests

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 PM by President Stephen Estes.

A quorum was not present.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Prior meeting minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum.

Main Agenda –

Wildfire Risk and Fuel Reduction Discussion: Members revisited prior wildfire preparedness discussions and considered possible participation in the Oregon State Fire Marshal Firewise assessment process. Discussion included the need for participation from eight contiguous properties, possible insurance implications of formal wildfire risk assessments, and opportunities to identify perimeter green spaces with heavy fuel loads such as blackberries, ivy, dead wood, and overgrowth. Members also discussed targeted volunteer cleanup efforts, access challenges through private property, and obtaining City permission for work in green spaces.

Grant Funds: Funds remaining from the current matching grant were reviewed. Possible eligible expenditures discussed included an additional battery for the association brush cutter, a water storage container for tree watering efforts, future chipping services, and possible park enhancement projects if approved by the City.

Members discussed possible grant applications for Peace Garden enhancements, outreach events, and restoration projects.

Organization Formality / Bylaws Review: President Estes continued review of proposed bylaw revisions, including board definitions, officer qualifications, vacancies, election procedures, telecommunication participation, treasurer reporting, and severability clauses. Additional edits will be made before distribution to members.

Homeowners Associations within the Neighborhood: Preliminary research on neighborhood HOAs was discussed, along with the possibility of inviting representatives to future meetings.

Treasurer's Report: Ending balance reported as \$2,886.88.

Land Use Report: Jim Buck reported a proposed 70 lot subdivision on the east side of Hogan Road with an Early Neighborhood Notification meeting scheduled for April 28 at 6:00 PM. A six lot partition proposal near Walters Hill remains in pre-application review.

Community Ice Cream Social Proposal: A suggestion from Secretary Tamaryn Newton proposed a neighborhood ice cream social at the Japanese Garden in early August. Members discussed outreach by postcard and email, displays of neighborhood projects, and volunteer recruitment.

Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM.