

North Gresham Neighborhood Association (NGNA) Meeting Agenda

Date: May 13, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Migration Brewery (Gresham)

also via Zoom: **Meeting ID: 820 9717 2109 Passcode: shECsBg5VT**

Board Members in attendance:

Javon Williams	President	David Cunningham	Vice President
Annette Gutierrez	Secretary	Gelinda Chernault	Treasurer
Jesse Osborne	Land Use Chair		

Board Committee Member:

Darren Zayman

6:00 PM- Meeting called to order - Introduction. Established Quorum. Speakers and board members given name tags. Attendees signed-in and grabbed refreshments.

6:05 PM- February 11, 2026 NGNA meeting minutes follow up: Successful NGNA Spring Clean Event was coordinated with Oregon and SW Washington's environmental non-profit organization, SOLVE, and City of Gresham's Solid Waste & Sustainability Division. Cleaning supplies were provided by both agencies. North Gresham members met on Gresham/Fairview Trail at the intersection of Holladay and west of 201st Street. Everyone proceeded to clean down to 192nd and San Rafeal, removing graffiti and litter. Due to SOLVE helping with announcing the event, a family from Happy Valley heard about it and drove down to support us. A few students brought sign up sheets to earn school credit through community cleanup! Approximately 20 volunteers attended. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED! Even the weather cooperated. That event served the message to discourage future illegal tagging and trash, improve North Gresham's property values and aesthetics, and foster our neighbor's safety. NGNA looks forward to repeating events like this in the near future.

6:08 PM- Changes are being made that will affect Gresham parks over the next 10 years. The project is called Gresham Parks 2035. The city official in charge is Tina Núñez-Osterink. An information site dedicated to updating us of what those changes will mean for residents is being created. All are encouraged to reach out with questions. <https://www.greshamoregon.gov/City-Projects/parks-2035-project-page/>.

-Gresham has a new library! Everyone is invited to attend the grand opening, Saturday, May 16th, 2026 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, 475 NW Division Street (223rd and Division), Gresham.

6:09 PM- Keeping youth and families engaged in activities fills idle time and helps reduce graffiti and litter in the neighborhood. A few presenters representing activities listed on the City of Gresham website delivered information:

-Jairo, from PlayEast, distributed spring/summer brochures with upcoming classes, summer camps, and events for children. PlayEast partners with Gresham Parks and Recreation to offer youth recreation opportunities. Classes are fee-based, but scholarships are available for those who qualify. More information and registration is available by visiting playeast.org.

-Jen, from Rock Haven Climbing Gym, spoke about free activities and an event coming up May 29th. She supplied newsletter signup sheet, and engaged attendees in a fun interactive rock climbing game. Rock Haven is a family friendly bouldering gym in Gresham, built for climbers of all levels (as young as 3-years-old regardless of experience). **Day/punch passes, membership options**, kids classes and climbing teams, party & group event rental, weight/cardio room, and more. The facility is located in the same lot as Walgreens on 223rd Street off Glisan. More information is available on the website: rockhavenclimbing.com.

6:24 PM- Land Use Board Officer, Jesse, presented developments of ENN meeting regarding the land use proposal for former Rite Aid property on 181st and Glisan. Developers worked with the city to have a Zoom meeting available for all NGNA and Rockwood NA members on April 9th. Developers are working to meet Gresham Code. Part of the property will be a gas station and convenience store; the second part of property will be an undetermined bank. Questions were presented at the ENN meeting; some were about concerns for security and what business hours of operation will be on the property.

6:28 PM- North Gresham member Darren Zayman gave a presentation in which he talked about assisting with association communication endeavors. He will be working with David (VP) to form a Communications Committee and organize an online presence with a newsletter, etc. He offered to spread awareness about NGNA. More information will be provided as these plans come to realization.

6:30 PM- Treasurer, Gelinda, provided an update on NGNA's present financial situation and goals for the future to increase funding. She spoke about bank account reactivation, how we can apply for beautification grants, and get monetary resources. We look forward to fund raisers as a non profit organization to enable hosting neighborhood picnics and gatherings.

6:34 PM- New Fire Chief Jeffery Harrison (Jeff) was unable to attend the meeting, but an email was sent out announcing his goal of reaching out to Gresham NA's in the future. Jeff has more than two decades of experience in the department. An overview of who he is was given. Attendees welcomed him in his new role. More information is available on the City of Gresham website.

-Javon (President) gave a brief summer disaster preparedness presentation based on information on the City of Gresham website. Oregon is facing a dangerous 2026 fire season due to precipitation deficit and warmer weather. Gresham has rules on how to keep our community safe. The website talks about fireworks and outdoor burning. A tiny spark can set acres on fire. Not worth the risk. Try to talk to reasonable neighbors. Report violations to save lives and homes. There is a dedicated line to report illegal fireworks and burning violations. Create defensible spaces around residence and have a Disaster Preparedness Plan if an emergency does break out. Work as a family and establish plans. The worst time to prepare is when the disaster is happening.

6:37 PM- General Manager, Jeremy Hudson, from Rockwood Water gave a presentation on the status of groundwater transition developments. He spoke about the Cascade Groundwater Alliance and gave an update on the groundwater project. Detailed powerpoint handouts were provided, explained, and questions answered about how the transition is coming along.

6:53 PM- The next NGNA Meeting is August 12, 2026 at 6pm at Migration Brewery (Zoom connection will be provided).

-Guests were given NGNA's email address and encouraged to submit ideas for future topics they would like presented.

6:54 PM- Meeting adjourned- Board Officers mingled with residents and briefly huddled to discuss meeting turnout, future goals. The board discussed continuing to put up 5 signs around the neighborhood to raise awareness. The proposed webpage for the association is NGNA.org. Darren is going to create a page to help network. There was a question about whether or not NGNA will participate in community night out. Will look into if a community SERT team is needed. Board huddle adjourned.