

North Gresham Neighborhood Association (NGNA) Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 23, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Video Conference (Meeting took place via Google Meet)

Board Officers in attendance:
Javon Williams- President Annette Gutierrez- Secretary David Cunningham- Vice President
Gelinda Chernault- Treasurer Jesse Osborne- Land Use Chair

6:05 PM
Quorum established: listed names of attending officers

6:10 PM

Thanked Gelinda for attending and representing NGNA at the Neighborhood Association Coalition meeting this month. Gelinda provided a summary of the meeting: statistics, openings that need to be filled, and law enforcement technology GPD plans to implement that reads plates and detects gunshots.

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NA’s are known to grow stronger with financial support. Gelinda has been paramount in exploring different avenues in getting funding for NGNA. This work is important because NGNA operating costs have been covered out of our own pockets without reimbursement.

Gelinda provided treasurer update. Grant application was submitted for beautification and community enjoyment, etc. Requested “Communication Hub”, and other necessities to ensure members are aware of NGNA. Amount requested: \$500. Contacting local businesses, anyone can donate.

6:20 PM

NGNA’s next members meeting is at 6 PM, August 12, 2026 at Migration Brewery. Javon is working on securing speakers to deliver meeting presentations: Gresham Police Department's PACT (Police and Community Together) and Multnomah East County Library. **Jesse motioned, David seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.**

6:25 PM

Email was forwarded earlier today that contains the GPD PACT website. NGNA's Gresham Police Department liaison's name is Captain Lewis. Some concerns we need addressed are:

- Neighborhood Watch: Suggestions for implementation and signage.
- Youth Services: Addressing issues such as violence and graffiti.
- Technological Advancements: Insights into how new technology is helping deter crime, including gun violence, car theft, and burglary. We are particularly concerned with illegal dumping on 192nd Avenue between Halsey and San Rafael.

Board officers mentioned nuisance houses on blocks that needs to be addressed. Discussed graffiti on southern border of Glisan. Nothing happens with requests submitted on the MyGresham app. Concerned community members that take initiative to get rid of graffiti will get in trouble for removing it by city. Gresham is not enforcing law. Code enforcement is not handling it. It is understood that some residents do not have the health or resources to get rid of graffiti, but city should address how NA's can help clean without being prosecuted. Businesses like Lowes and Home Depot sometimes have paint that can be donated to NA's to help in this way with wood fences. Some residents are difficult to communicate with. Maybe a GPD officer can accompany a board officer from door-to-door. PGE poles are tagged with gang, racial, and other offensive images. Some offenders have been caught with gun by police. City has so much bureaucracy in getting it done. Some NA's have escalated problem to county or state level. This is a good start to address with city. Use non emergency # for suspicious activity though this sometimes has had mixed results.

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Jesse commented there is nothing new in regards to Land Use proposal for the old Rite Aid property on 181st and Glisan. Just discussion between the city and the developers; we were told didn't concern us. Once notice was given to NGNA, there is nothing else to do, only if city kicks something out will NGNA be notified. Javon and Jesse will wait to hear proposal from bank land use.

6:40 PM

Darren is in the preliminary phase of creating the website for NGNA. The website is ngna.us. He reached out that he would like to add names, personal email addresses and pictures of board members; however, some associations have been negatively targeted in different ways because of this. There were no objections to just keeping the website generic (same as it is on Gresham's site) when it comes to pictures and personal email addresses being listed. **David motioned, Gelinda seconded, all were in favor, motion was carried.**

David has been working with Darren on the Communications Committee and organizing NGNA online presence with a newsletter, etc. He will contact Darren regarding website status.

6:45 PM

Yellow postcards are going out for August and November meetings. Suggested changes that could help get our neighbors' attention to attend meetings are to change color of postcard. Need to emphasize all residents living within NGNA boundary are automatically members.

6:50 PM

Short discussion on if NGNA should keep meetings at Migration Brewery:

Pros: It's free to host meetings

Food and drinks are already there

It's within NGNA boundary

Cons: It's loud

Limited seating as our attendance grows

Limited to no multi media support

Jesse moved to keep meetings at Migration Brewery for now but research better venues for the future. Gelinda seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

6:55 PM

Brainstorm discussion: places to post meeting announcement signs. Try to make better name tags for board members at meetings so everyone knows who officers are. Create a feedback box for residents to submit suggestions on comment cards. White board/poster of board officer names. Keep officers mingled in audience and not at a reserved table seated together. This makes officers approachable and so that they can sit with attending family members/children.

7:00 PM Meeting adjourned