

North Gresham Neighborhood Association (NGNA) Meeting Minutes

Date: August 12, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Migration Brewery (Gresham)

Meeting was provided both in person and via Zoom conference

Board Officers in attendance:

Javon Williams *President*

David Cunningham *Vice President*

Gelinda Chernault *Treasurer*

6:00 PM Grabbed refreshments. Zoom was set up for online viewing. Meeting called to order established quorum. Reviewed ground rules to respect each other's comments using PG language, and board officers' names and titles as posted on display. Announced NGNA progress with almost a year of reactivation.

6:05 PM Guest speakers from Gresham Police Department (GPD) Police with Community Together (PACT): Captain Lewis and Jayme Wantowski. Jayme announced GPD assisting NGNA members via PACT engagement efforts. PACT initiative enables the opportunity to invite GPD to attend community events. A calendar on website has been created and cards distributed with contact information. Captain Lewis assigned to North Gresham Neighborhood was introduced

Captain Lewis has been with GPD for over 20 years and has served in various areas within the department. NA's are important because they provide informative data to GPD for consideration. New initiatives are being developed to revitalize what was discontinued during COVID-19 pandemic. There has been a significant department staff shortage, therefore, there is a unit established to handle problems as they happen. Almost every officer position is now filled or in the process of being filled. GPD is now able to staff speciality units. Two traffic motorcycle officers are dedicated as part of the crimes crash team to investigate incidents. Positions are being restaffed by three E's: Engineering, Education, and Enforcement. The neighborhood enhancement team assigns solutions to problems like houselessness and problem residences. A new team is being established for ceasefire to improve dealing with gun violence. This program is being adopted nationwide. There is an enforcement and outreach aspect, through social support. The goal is to stop the cycle. These are positive changes happening.

Some highlights of GPD and members Q&A (**SEE JAYME'S ATTACHED FOLLOW UP & RESOURCE**):

- Go to MyGresham or GPD site to report offenses. The sites are multilingual and you can ask for follow up. The site will be forwarded to NGNA for distribution to members.
- Community should use good judgment and continue to use non-emergency or 911 depending on the situation.
- Some members feel like they are getting the run around from Code Compliance when reporting on the MyGresham app.
- GPD is considering graffiti nuisance and looking to partner with community to help clean it. PGE will not allow anyone to clean graffiti from utility poles including GPD.
- Drones are now instituted to help with officer patrol. They operate within privacy laws. PACT webpage has more information.
- Alex Bush is the person who replaced Michael Gonzales and may be able to assist NGNA with getting neighborhood watch signs posted throughout territory.

6:40 PM NGNA treasurer, Gelinda, shared update on NGNA's financial situation. Communication team will most likely require funding to improve NGNA contact with members and guests. City provided \$400 for 2026 to continue work and fund projects, events, etc. Bank account needs to be reopened to spend money. Gelinda moved that bank account should be reopened and established at OnPoint Credit Union. Robert Worth seconded. All approved. There were no objections.

There was a moment of sincere reflection and condolence for Linda Parasha years of contribution to North Gresham Neighborhood Association. She recently passed and will be sorely missed. North Gresham appreciates everything she's done for our community.

6:55 PM Javon led short presentation to whet appetite for upcoming board election meeting. Postcards were sent out in July announcing November election. Members are encouraged to seriously consider running for board positions or nominating candidates. Being present to vote for board members is also important. Information of what each board position was reviewed with directions on where to find documents:

City of Gresham Website: Admin Guide, By Laws

Land Use Chair and Communication positions are currently vacant. Cards were distributed to complete for upcoming Board Officer Election and NGNA meeting feedback and suggestions.

7:05 PM Reminder to invite neighbors to quarterly meetings. Next meeting is: 6 PM, November 11th at Migration Brewery (Gresham). Meeting adjourned.