

Agenda-

7:00 pm - Call to Order/Introductions

- Board members introduced. Remarks from the president.
- Neighbors introduced. Notable – Halloween decor at 88 NW Towle
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7:05 pm- Guest Presenter- City of Gresham Police Captain Don Livingston will give us an update on Gresham Police

- Retired from PPB 2 years ago, been with Gresham for 2 years.
- Staffing improvements after the safety levy. Nearly fully staffed. Currently 19 officers in training. Another 16 candidates in the 6 month hiring process.
- Minimal staffing is 7 officers for day shift, 8 officers for afternoon, and 8 at night. Currently 18/24 detectives staffed.
- GPD does not designate any officers to traffic patrol. 2 officers are motor certified.
- NET is our only specialty unit, which Off. Skeahan is dedicated to full time.
- 1 sergeant and 3 officers are Behavior Health Unit certified. Also partnered with Cascadia.
- 3 K9 officers at GPD.
- 1 sergeant and 1 officer as a liaison to schools, no permanent school staff.
- Regarding noise – Officers can respond to noise complaints if available, check it out, listen, and then take notes to hand off to code enforcement officers.
- Comment – Neighbor had a motorhome and car from which gas was stolen. They talked to officers who shared they're overworked. Neighbor also saw people sleeping in doorways on Powell. Captain L will take the concerns back to Chief.
- Regarding traffic, occasionally they will have patrol officers focus on traffic and place a speed reader board.
- Neighbor – What is the process for requesting the speed board? A: Email the GPD email and ask for it.
- Regarding homeless services – Neighbor asked what is Gresham doing? A: Ashley Miller: Gresham has homeless services with passthrough funding for Multnomah Co. There are 4 fulltime staff there to help offer services. Captain L gave accolades to homeless services.
- Question from neighbor Debbie – Had a family member with a mental episode, neighbor called 911 to assist, yet ultimately declined to ask for help from PD for fear of safety.

GPD sent an officer, who said something very inappropriate then offered a crisis line phone number.

- Response: Captain L – Good job calling 911, they can connect you to the crisis line. Officers have standard crisis training, some officers have extra BHU training. If they're working, they would handle that call. Captain shared a story that police response has changed to crisis like this. If it happens again, request a BHU officer.
- Neighbor: For the neighbor who had their motorhome broken into, what recourse do neighbors have? Who should they talk to? Repeat offenders seem to be let loose occasionally.
 - Response: There are sentencing guidelines for certain crimes, often times property crimes don't meet that threshold. Talking to the district attorney is a good step.

Officer Charles Skeahan of City of Gresham Police Neighborhood Enforcement Team(NET) will join in the discussion to help us learn how NET helps resolve livability issues in our community

- While Offr S is the whole NET, he does not work alone. He works closely with code enforcement, homeless services, camp cleanup, and others from Mult Co.
- Response model: If a call comes in, it will go to one of the entities above. They generally all dispatch together.
 - For example, if a business complains about a chronic homeless sleeper on-site, Offr S will bring with those other services who are trained experts in that realm. They use a multi-faceted approach to help address the situation, not just police enforcement, but engagement.
- Offr S offered insights about derelict RV enforcement, derelict housing, squatters, and the like. They dept. is improving their response to these issues and have become more successful in this endeavor.
- GPD is looking to have more engagement with neighborhood associations and have officers assigned to each neighborhood.

7:35 pm – Join us for a discussion about the concentration of Middle Housing in Gresham with Ashley Miller, City of Gresham Community Development Director

- What is middle housing?
- State legislature has made a lot of changes to housing.
 - Eased design standards, created a new office at the state, added allowances for zoning changes,

- Allocated \$100M to water infrastructure, regional investments into Metro housing bond. Gresham has received money from the bond and focused on affordable housing.
- Gov. Kotek issued a goal to produce 36k housing units per year.
- Oregon Housing Needs Analysis completed by the state.
- Gresham 20 year goal is produce ~10k over the next 20 years.
- Middle Housing – HB2001 & SB458
 - Applies to any zones that allow single family homes.
 - Duplex, triplex, quadplex, townhome, and cottage clusters.
 - Individual ownership is possible.
 - Both infill – existing lots – and Greenfield – conversion of “undeveloped” land.
- Neighbor: Does permitting these middle houses ever consider schooling needs, traffic, etc? These large housing projects dump a large volume of people onto small roads without the capacity.
 - It is a complex issue, the city works with the school districts and county to address expansion in schools and traffic studies are considered too.
- Middle housing is applied for at the building permit stage. It happens after public comment, a developer may request middle housing after, bypassing neighborhood notification etc.
- Middle housing has seen adjustments by the house, mostly making it easier for developers.
- Lots of information about the rate of housing development in Gresham, see presentation for more information.
- Neighbor: What is a rain garden? They are constructed stormwater treatment basins to allow native plants to absorb excess stormwater instead of runoff.
- Neighbor: Do they define the development of an empty lot as infill? Or only the knock-down rebuild as infill? Will the new code be retroactive?
 - No, there are not changes that would help address that. There are standards related to setbacks and such. The changes will not be retroactive. Standards are based on date of permit application.
- Neighbor: Does the state give any consideration to the neighbors who have monstrosities going up next door? Privacy, shading, etc.
 - Some standards can help address these issues.
- Neighbor: There are no sidewalks, no street parking, and these units are hardly affordable.
- Neighbor: It sounds like zoning laws have been thrown out. Is that correct?
 - Yes, basically.

- Neighbor: Will our tax base change because our zoning laws have been upended?
 - ???
- Neighbor: What power does the CoG have?
 - Fewer and fewer, the state supersedes the municipal power.
- Neighbor: Right next door to one of these things. It is upending neighbor life. The neighbors feel powerless.

A motion: The NWNA invite both our state representative(s) and senators to our next NWNA meeting to hear the concerns of neighbors on middle housing. Motion seconded.

Kat – We don't need a motion, the board will move forward with inviting them.

Mary Trout & Brian Woodard – A motion to distribute the middle housing letter to the neighborhood association. 15 YES, 0 NAY - APPROVED

8:00 pm Approval of May 19, 2025, minutes

Minutes are accepted as proposed.

8:05 pm Elections: NWNA elections will be held to elect NWNA Board members for the upcoming year

All officers willing to serve again and have proposed a slate of electors.

- President: Kat Todd
- Vice President: Chris Fast
- Secretary: Barbara Adams
- Treasurer: Mary Makenna
- Co-and Use Director: John Bildsoe, Tricia Bootzin
- Tree Committee Chair: Alex Kampf

Motion to adopt the slate: 18 YAY, 0 NAY. APPROVED.

8:20 pm Update on traffic safety issues on Birdsdale Avenue between Powel Blvd and Division Street

Discussion on the bike lane going across Birdsdale at 5th. The bike lane will have posts that designate the bike "lane". It will not impact parking.

NWNA would have more influence as a NA. Neighbors should be reporting and recording these incidents and complaints to the board to relay to the city. If NWNA decides to raise funds, or match funds, perhaps, the city might be amenable to implement flashing lights/signage.

Neighbor: An alternative to speed bumps, are speed dips, which have the same impact as evident in city of Corvallis.

Perhaps we should seek to invite the appropriate CoG/ODOT staff to listen and help address these issues.

Lyn Field & Chris Fast: Motion to continue to moving forward looking for solutions to the traffic issue. APPROVED

8:25 pm Land Use Updates and Board Reports -Raffle Drawing

Thanks to Carol Rulla for coming to the meeting.

8:30 pm- Adjourn