

At 6:45 pm, 6/30/2026 I met John Bildsoe at 690 NW Angeline Ave, Gresham, OR. Mr. Bildsoe and I are co chairs of Land Usage for the Neighborhood Association. We had been asked to take some pictures of the frontage area of the property to assist in addressing questions the NWWA had about solid waste pickup. (There has been concern expressed about the amount of bins for all the residents and where they might fit for weekly pickup) We put a couple of empty debris bins in front of the property to show the size. We stood across the street from the property and took some pictures to show the frontage area.

Around 7 we walked across the street to see if there was infrastructure for sidewalk area. We were standing where the sidewalk would be built (if it was to be built), and Mr. Bildsoe took some pictures of the new asphalt Fire Lane. He asked me to rotate one of the orange construction cones to get a clearer view; I reached down and turned it about 30 degrees. At this time, the owner Joel drove up and parked. He asked if he could help us and I answered that we were just taking some pictures.

The co-owner Andra got out of the truck also, and began approaching us. They both asked why we were on the property, stated multiple times it was private property, why were we there. The tone felt aggressive and confrontational. Mr. Bildsoe asked where the property line was, and said he would be glad to step over to it. They would not answer. Then Andra told him to get into the street. Both owners seemed upset and angry, and I was taken aback by the level of hostility. I let myself become defensive.

Mr. Bildsoe asked if there would be sidewalk area and the owner said no, that they would plant a lawn and a tree on each side. Mr. Bildsoe said we had just been learning more about tree placement on another neighborhood development, and inquired if they know which trees they might be planting. The owner said we should ask the city, we should consult the plans which were registered with the city. A bit later I asked if they had a list of trees they would be planting, and Andra angrily asked me "Why would *you* care?" I replied "Why would I care? Because we are land usage and trees are part of that." The owner (Joel) repeatedly and emphatically stated we should "consult the plans registered with the city" and refused any further conversation. At one point Joel stated that "the city *likes* us, they *don't* like you!" or something like that. We left at this time.

We did not address neighborhood notification, we did not request to see plans, we asked about sidewalk area and the type of tree which might be planted in the front. I did not refer to Andra as a "crazy lady", but did say at one point that she was being unpleasant.

The incident felt very personal and felt like a verbal attack from the beginning. I had not met either person before, and honestly haven't been spoken to like that by any other stranger in my memory. I didn't stay as calm and collected as I would have liked to, which I regret; Mr. Bildsoe remained calm and reasonable. The owners seemed furious right from the start and that didn't change throughout the interaction.

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