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Powell Valley Neighborhood Association
Minutes for General Meeting and Officer Elections 2/19/2026

Meeting called to order: 6:32 pm at Gordon Russell Middle School (and Zoom)

Board members in attendance:

Stella Butler, VP
Karen Pyle, Treasurer
Janet Armstrong, Land Use

General membership in attendance

Jennifer Kaiser, Chair, East Gresham Park Committee
Joe Lagerstrom
Jeff Muceus
Keren Standley
Jim Stanton
Susan Stanton
Allen Butler
Dan Standley
Georgia Standley
Jim Boersma
George Hermann
PJ Krostag
Gaylene Krostag
Greg Smith
Linda Greene
Linda Ekblad
Bob Ekblad
Jake Fish, City of Gresham Fire Lieutenant
?, City of Gresham Firefighter

Non-members in attendance:

Mike Whitely, City of Gresham Senior Engineer
Steve ?, City of Gresham Water Services Manager

Zoom attendees:

Martha Thompson
Jef Kaiser

Parks Report - Jennifer Kaiser

The purpose of the Parks Committee and work parties is to leave the park natural. No playground equipment, playing fields, asphalt. There are no campers in the park. Work parties

are held the last Saturday of every month to remove ivy, blackberries, put wood chips on trails, etc. Also to plant and encourage native plants. Recently Keren Standley has been helping us with native plantings and restoration. After clearing the Lovrien entrance, there are four access points to the park.

Work parties are the last Saturday of the month at 9 am. Join us for coffee, donuts, and fun! Come get to know your neighbors.

Land Use Report - Janet Armstrong

In & Out Burger will be opening in the old Shari's location on NE Burnside Road

SE 1st & SE Kane Road

Lovrien near El Camino

Application for 3 homes. Early Neighborhood Meeting - 2/24

Janet is 85 years old and wants to find a replacement for Land Use duties.

Treasurer Report - Karen Pyle

The balance in the PVNA On Point Credit Union account is \$403.42

Jake Fish, Lieutenant at Gresham Fire Department, spoke to us about Station 72, on NE Kane Drive, between NE 5th and NE 7th. The station is open for folks who want to take a tour. Gresham is known as the busiest fire department in Oregon. They are also known for very highly trained paramedics. The low number of stations and personnel is a result of budget constraints in the City. There is discussion in the City, trying to find funding for more stations and personnel. He explained mutual aid agreements with other jurisdictions next to Gresham. (Clackamas, Wood Village, Troutdale, Portland).

Mike Whitely, Senior Engineer at City of Gresham, spoke with us about the change in water sourcing for the City. Historically, water was purchased from the Portland/Bull Run system. Cascade Groundwater Alliance is a partnership between the City of Gresham and Rockwood Public Utility District. Construction started in 2021. The system includes 5 new wells (drilled into aquifer), 2 new storage tanks, 3 groundwater treatment plants, 10 miles of 36" seismically built water pipes.

There will be two transitions: surface source to 100% groundwater source (mid-March), and chlorine only disinfection (April). These transitions are scheduled to be completed by June 2026. Water costs will be increasing, but not as much as if water was still sourced through Portland. For chemical analysis, one can check the Oregon Health Authority website.

Keren Standley, neighbor and member of Pond Hags, educated us about native plants. She spoke about how natives are helpful with erosion control, pollinator and other wildlife habitat, are low maintenance, and require less water, etc. The Backyard Habitat Program was explained and has been used to restore the bridge area of the park and the newly created rain garden.

She has introduced some students to the park who are now excited to join our park work parties!

Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from the last meeting (11/18/2022). Motion passed.

Officer slate was presented and approved:

President: Joe Lagerstrom (temporary)

Vice President: position vacant

Secretary: Keren Standley

Treasurer: Karen Pyle

Land Use Chair: Janet Armstrong

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Pyle, Treasurer