

**Design Commission Meeting**  
**Zoom**  
**Gresham City Hall**  
August 20, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

**I. Opening/Citizen Comment**

A regular session of the Gresham Design Commission was called to order on the **20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025** at 6:33 p.m. (VIRTUAL), located at 1333 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham Oregon. The meeting was recorded and scribed by Carrie Osborn.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Chair Michael McKeel  
Aaron West  
Krestina Aziz  
David Thruston

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

Sean Newberry  
Brent Shelby

**STAFF:**

Josh Willaim, Senior Planner  
Jay Higgins, Transportation Planner  
Carly Rice, Transportation Planner  
Carrie Osborn, Planning Technician  
Caleb Dorrance, Assistant City Attorney

Chair McKeel introduced staff and members of the Commission that were present and opened the agenda items.

**II. DCPU Work Session #3**

As part of the Development Code Project Update (DCPU), Staff has identified several development code standards that we are seeking input on from the Design Commission as part of a work session during a regularly scheduled meeting. The intent of the Update project will be to reduce barriers and timelines related to development with a focus on housing. This includes the review of language in the Code standards to ensure they are clear and objective, consistent, and easily understandable.

The focus of this work session discussion is related to several standards that regularly are identified for discretionary requests by applicants and topics identified by Design Commissioners for further discussion:

- Open Space standards related to multifamily development in the design districts.
- Window Recess Depth
- Transparency- street-facing, ground level transparency for Commercial development

**III. CFEC and Bicycle Parking**

The state passed a new “Climate Friendly & Equitable Communities” rules in 2023 to reduce greenhouse gases and move Oregon closer to its emission goals. This focus on “climate friendly” areas where people can meet most of their daily needs without having to drive. The CFEC rules include changes to transportation planning and local parking rules.

**III. Other Commission Business**

**February 19, 2025 and June 18, 2025 Design Commission Minutes**

Commissioner Thruston moved to approve, and Commissioner West seconded for both February 19, 2025 and June 18, 2025 minutes.

**IV. Adjourn**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.**

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Chair McKeel

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Recording Secretary

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