

**Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations
March 11, 2025 – Remotely Held (Zoom)
Meeting Minutes**

NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES	NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES
Centennial		North Central	INACTIVE
Central City	INACTIVE	Northeast	INACTIVE
Gresham Butte	Stephen Estes, Theresa Tschirky, Jim Buck	North Gresham	INACTIVE
Gresham Pleasant Valley	Richard Barker	Northwest	Kat Todd, John Bildsoe
Historic Southeast	INACTIVE	Powell Valley	
Hogan Cedars	INACTIVE	Rockwood	Catherine Nicewood
Hollybrook	INACTIVE	Southwest	Dana Duval
Kelly Creek	Charles Teem, Karin Zachow, Carol Rulla	Wilkes-East	Janet Unruh
Staff & Guests	Alex Logue, City of Gresham, Neighborhood Services; Mary Phillips, City of Gresham, Senior City Planner; Gabby Sinagra, City of Gresham, Planner 2; Jacquenette McIntire		

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m., Jim Buck, Coalition Co-President presiding.

1. Meeting minutes for February 11, 2025, were approved with minor corrections.
2. No public comment was presented.
3. Gresham Tree Code Update: Mary Phillips, Senior City Planner and Gabby Sinagra, City Planner 2 presenting. The presentation provided a brief review of phases 1-3 of the tree code update project which included project outline and background analysis, goal setting and developing alternatives. The project is now moving into Phase 4 – Policy Development stage of the six planned phases. Phase 3, the project alternatives phase, set a solid foundation and outlined approaches that will guide the development of detailed policy language for the policy development stage. The project will update volumes 1 through 3 of the Community Development Plan, creating updated tree lists and a tree guidebook which is envisioned as being a supporting document, used by residents, property owners, developers as well as city staff, as a primary source of information on tree education, selection, and planting. Discussion and feedback followed the presentation. The power point presentation is attached.
4. Consideration for Support for Rockwood Common Tool Library Location: The Rockwood Tool Library, which currently operates out of a van, has been looking for a permanent location for people to borrow/return tools, as well as the needed storage space. A vacant building on 186th and Stark has been identified for this purpose. Jason Naumann of Rockwood Common has put together a document to support the requested use of this building. This document will include the names of groups that support this effort. Does the coalition want to add our name in support of the use of this building for the Rockwood Tool Library? Richard Barker, Gresham Pleasant Valley Neighborhood Association (GPVNA), made the motion that the coalition support the use

of the identified building for the Rockwood Tool Library. Stephen Estes, Gresham Butte Neighborhood Association (GBNA), seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Neighborhood and City News and Reports:

a. Neighborhood Services Report: Alex Logue made the following announcements: 1) Elizabeth Coffey's last day was March 7th, the city does plan to rehire the position, in the meantime Neighborhood Services will be under Steve Fancher, Assistant City Manager. 2) Planning to discuss the Neighborhood Project at the May coalition meeting and we'll be looking for ideas on the structure of the neighborhood associations, how to improve engagement, etc. 3) The April 26th Lilac Run is almost sold out. 4) May 17th will be the Green and Clean event, details of the event are still being worked. 5) Still planning to do a School's Out event in partnership with Rockwood Market Hall—no date has been set at this time. Carol Rulla brought up the issue of places to hold neighborhood meetings. Alex stated that the city may be open to cover some of the fees charged for meeting places.

b. Co-President Report:

Carol Rulla:

1) During the last council meeting, Councilor Piazza made a suggestion to rename the Hogan Butte Nature Park after the former mayor, Shane T. Bemis. There does not seem to be a process in place to rename parks and there was concern that the city would rename a park without any community input. Carol asked if the coalition wanted to let the city know that we felt that it would be better to have a process in place rather than just making the change on short notice. Stephen Estes suggested that the Historic Subcommittee also be involved. After discussion and apparent consensus, Jim Buck agreed that he could write a letter to council from the coalition about the need for a process to rename parks or other landmarks. Stephen Estes (GBNA) made the motion that the coalition of neighborhood associations communicate to city council, that we favor a deliberative process for renaming landmarks like the Hogan Butte Nature Park and suggest that the Historical Resources Subcommittee also be involved. Richard Barker (GPVNA) seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2) Carol, who has been part of the group of Coalition members meeting with staff on the Development Code and Policy Update Project (which is mainly making technical changes that are being imposed by State law), asked if anyone else wanted to be involved in these meetings.

3) Reminder that the meeting on the East County homelessness resource center is on May 20th

c. NA Reports and Concerns. No report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dana Duval – Coalition Secretary-Treasurer

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 8
