

**Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations  
April 8, 2025 – Remotely Held (Zoom)  
Meeting Minutes**

| NEIGHBORHOOD            | ATTENDEES  | NEIGHBORHOOD  | ATTENDEES                               |
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| Centennial              |  | North Central | INACTIVE                                |
| Central City            | INACTIVE   | Northeast     | INACTIVE                                |
| Gresham Butte           | Stephen Estes,<br>Theresa Tschirky,<br>Jim Buck  | North Gresham | INACTIVE                                |
| Gresham Pleasant Valley | Richard Barker   | Northwest     | Kat Todd, John Bildsoe                  |
| Historic Southeast      | INACTIVE   | Powell Valley | Stella Butler                           |
| Hogan Cedars            | INACTIVE   | Rockwood      | Catherine Nicewood,<br>Anthony Crossman |
| Hollybrook              | INACTIVE   | Southwest     | Kathy Gardenhire,<br>Dana Duval         |
| Kelly Creek             | Charles Teem, Karin Zachow, Carol Rulla  | Wilkes-East   | Janet Unruh                             |
| Staff & Guests          | Alex Logue, City of Gresham, Neighborhood Services; Astrid Dragoy, City of Gresham, Parks Program Manager; Jen Keisler-Fornes, City of Gresham, Parks Superintendent; Tina Nunez-Osterink, City Parks Planner; April Avery; Jacquenette McIntire |               |   |

The meeting opened at 7:01 p.m., Carol Rulla, Coalition Co-President presiding.

1. Meeting minutes for March 11, 2025, were approved with minor corrections.
2. No public comment was presented.
3. Gresham Parks 2035, Astrid Dragoy, City of Gresham, Parks Program Manager presenting. Being new in the position, Ms. Dragoy shared some of her background and experience prior to taking the position. An update on the Gresham Parks 2035 plan was given. The consultants are working on the key directions, the recommended priorities, the implementation and some specific strategies as well as a funding strategy. In May, a second questionnaire survey for the community will be available. This survey is a follow-up survey to help the consultant and staff to identify the priorities. It is projected that the plan will be ready to start the adoption process in July. Discussion and feedback followed the presentation.
- 4 Discussion of Questions for County Staff concerning County's Homelessness Response. The county staff were asked if they would answer some of the coalition's questions around what the county is doing with its homelessness funding. They agreed but asked that the questions be put in writing and given to them in advance. Discussion and ideas followed. In final, questions for the county staff specifically concerning the

Cooks Project Plaza project and general questions about the county's homeless response should be sent to the coalition email account.

5. Neighborhood and City News and Reports:

a. Neighborhood Services Report: Alex Logue made the following announcements:  
1) The Green and Clean event will be May 17<sup>th</sup> at Aspen Highland Park. Lunch will be provided for volunteers. That afternoon, the unveiling of the new Pickleball Court at Aspen Highland will be held from 1:30 to 2:30. 2) Neighborhood matching grants will be open April 28 through June 23. The earliest checks will be available is July 14<sup>th</sup>. 3) The Neighborhood Program Administrative Procedures are being updated. Carol asked that the update be shared with the coalition for comment prior to final. Alex agreed.

b. John Bildsoe (NWA) reported he has been working on a project concerning acquiring EV Fire Engines and providing adequate EV charging stations for the equipment. The current grant funding application for this project has passed but he wants to prepare for the next grant cycle for the project. He suggested more people get involved and was hoping to increase diversity among project participants.

c. Jim Buck, Co-President, reported on the letter sent to council on March 13, reflecting the perspective of the coalition that it would be helpful or advisable for the city to have a policy or a procedure in place for the naming of public facilities or areas like parks. The city council had a meeting the following Monday, the 17<sup>th</sup>, which we were told was a special meeting to formalize the decision to recognize and honor Mayor Shane Bemis by renaming the Hogan Butte Nature Park. Mayor Stovall recognized the communication that we had sent, and he did say that the city had established a committee to look at establishing a process for the naming of facilities and parks.

d. NA Reports and Concerns.

1) Catherine Nicewood (RNA) announced that the Rockwood Library will be closing on April 20<sup>th</sup> and will remain closed for 4 months for renovations. Catherine was concerned that this library is normally used as a cooling station in the summer. There is not another place in Rockwood used for cooling shelters. She has emailed Jeff Woodward to find out where the closest cooling shelter will be, and he has not yet responded.

2) Stephen Estes (GBNA) announced that Gresham Butte NA will have their monthly meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The discussion will be on wildfires.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dana Duval – Coalition Secretary-Treasurer

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| Next meeting: <b>Tuesday, May 13th</b> |
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