

**Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations
May 13, 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		Northwest	Kat Todd, John Bildsoe
Historic Southeast	INACTIVE	Powell Valley	Stella Butler
Hogan Cedars	INACTIVE	Rockwood	Catherine Nicewood, Jason Naumann
Hollybrook	INACTIVE	Southwest	Kathy Gardenhire, Dana Duval
Kelly Creek	Carol Rulla	Wilkes-East	Janet Unruh
Staff & Guests	Alex Logue, Community Engagement Manager, City of Gresham, Neighborhood Services; Michael Gonzalez, Interim Urban Renewal Manager, City of Gresham; Denise Lopez, Climate Action Analyst, City of Gresham; April Avery; Linda Parashos; Thomas Stanley; Laura Sturdevant		

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

1. Meeting minutes for April 15, 2025, were approved as written.
2. No public comment was presented.
3. Discussion of Neighborhood Association Program, Alex Logue: A presentation was shared outlining the project framework on rethinking neighborhood associations—creating a practical and inclusive roadmap for revitalizing the neighborhood associations. The idea for the project work is to be in four phases: development of program framework, geographical restructuring, defining each neighborhood's purpose and identity and building action plans to equip neighborhood associations with strategies and tools to have sustainable impact. Carol asked that the neighborhoods be involved in the design of the program framework before it is sent to the Council for its consideration. Denise Lopez shared some tips on increasing diversity in the neighborhood associations. Questions and discussion on the project followed.
4. Proposed Downtown-Civic Urban Renewal District, Michael Gonzales: Information was provided on the definition of an urban renewal district, ways that urban renewal programs can make investments, proposed boundaries, formulation of an advisory committee, and, if the Council approves the proposed district, a timeline for rolling out the urban renewal district.

5. Neighborhood Association Administrative Procedures Draft, Alex Logue: Carol Rulla shared some of her comments on the draft. Other comments and discussion followed. Alex will send out an updated version of the Administrative Procedures for Coalition review.

6. Neighborhood and City News and Reports:

a. Neighborhood Services Report: Alex Logue announced that application for the neighborhood associations matching grant is open until the end of June. Alex's last day will be June 5th.

b. Carol Rulla, Co-President reminded the group that the next repair café/swap is scheduled for June 7th at the Rockwood Center, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

d. NA Reports and Concerns.

1) Stephen Estes (GBNA) announced that Gresham Butte NA's next meeting (May 14th) has been cancelled.

2) Janet Unruh (WENA) shared that the Wilkes East NA had a successful junk drop off. Two 30-yard containers were nearly filled.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dana Duval – Coalition Secretary-Treasurer

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 10th
