

CITY OF GRESHAM

Gresham Butte Neighborhood Association

January 8, 2020

Officers present: Jim Buck, President; Theresa Tschirky, Treasurer; Tracy Slack, Land Use Chair; Lynn Saint, Secretary.

7:03 p.m. Introduction

President Jim Buck called the meeting to order; 13 participants introduced themselves. Discussion followed about the fact that there are so many buttes in the GBNA, not only Gresham Butte. Do we start calling ourselves “Gresham Buttes,” “Gresham’s Real Buttes,” “What Buttes in Gresham” or something else? Conversation was tabled for another day, perhaps.

7:07 p.m. Topic

At our last meeting in December, we had deliberated the possibility of using internet broadcasts in our meetings with hoped-for increased participation. Michael Gonzales was scheduled to come to our meeting, but he did not due to prior commitments. Wendy Coffin had forwarded information to Jim Buck explaining her preferences with internet conferences.

Users	Considerations	Guideline Rules/Examples
City of Gresham	Archive materials	City establishes conduct code
City Programs/Council Member	Carrier costs	GBNA requires specified responses from its own members/contributors
Emergency Services	City-acquired site license	Host identified
GBNA	Conference calls	Muting or eliminating participant(s)
Other Neighborhood Associations	Pilot program	Participant behaviors/appearance
	Pool of licenses for participants	
	Voice only or audio w voice	

Claudia Ordonez researched the most used applications for online conferences. She shared an Excel sheet with the apps and comments about the viability of their usage. See list posted at end of minutes. *

7:30 p.m. Minutes

Minutes from September 11, 2019. and December 11, 2019 were voted on and approved.

7:35 p.m. Reports

Land Use Chair Tracy Slack indicated there are no new developments.

Treasurer Theresa Tschirky specified \$504.15 remains the current balance.

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7:37 p.m. Old Business

Possible dates for an edible landscaping class are Feb. 27, March 2, March 5. The room needs to be available for 20-30 participants from 7:00 – 9:30 in the evening. This meeting would not replace the GBNA meeting; it would be an adjunct to it.

The proposed reforestation grant project remains waiting for the city's input pursuant to the removal of alders and proposed new plants. Another neighborhood association has discussed the importance of planting native plants including hemlock, vine maples and Douglas fir.

7:39 p.m. Property Tax Allocations Summary

Theresa Tschirky presented printouts with pie charts showing where property taxes are allocated and distributed. The compression loss is increasing. We lost \$31,592 in 2015, \$47,565 in 2018 and in 2019, we lost \$64,633. Perhaps a representative from Gresham's finance staff could provide a full presentation on Gresham property sources and uses. In 2019, 19.7% of the taxes collected in Gresham go to the City with 23.7% going to Multnomah County, and 23.4% going to school districts. Fifty-nine percent of the taxation revenue is residential.

Are there any restrictions on the County as far as who receives the funds? The homeowner would pay the same amount if more money came to the City. The idea is to reach a fair standard for our community. Most of our County-collected tax dollars are going to Multnomah County as contrasted with the City of Portland which retains more of its taxes. It would be interesting to see the same analysis done for the City of Portland. The cap and valuation drive the compression. We could ask the City or the County to discuss this with us. Is the situation worsening? How can this be resolved?

7:50 p.m. Questions and Announcements

At the February meeting, GBNA could return to the topic of inequitable taxation referring to discrepancies between Portland and Gresham, depending on available presenters.

7:52 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

*Table referring to Live Stream applications:

Most Popular Tools for Live Stream Event Online			
Bconnex	IBM Cloud Video	ON24	Upstream
BeLive	Instagram Live	Open Broadcaster Software	Xsplit Free
Brightcove	InterCall	Periscope Producer	Younow
Crowdcast	Iris (Bambuser)	Stream	YouTube Live
DaCast	Live	Stringwire	
Facebook Live	Livestream	Twitch	