

November 13, 2019

Neighborhood Association Meeting
Safety for the Holidays

7:00 – Introduction and brief explanation of Robert’s Rules by president.

7:05 – Quorum established. Minutes approved.

7:10 – Gresham School Lighting. Janet spoke with 13 neighbors on 5th St. asking if the outdoor lights at the new school are too much. 12 were okay with it and 1 was not. Neighbors thought the lights provided good security, they can see early in the morning no, and deters parking lot lurkers.

New Signage for the Neighborhood. Kevin: Speeding vehicles is a common complaint. How do we deal with this? A sign that lights up and shows your speed to encourage slower driving, and to collect data of who’s speeding to share with enforcement agencies. NA can apply for a grant from the city to purchase the sign.

John V. moved that we look into acquiring the grant for the sign. Seconded by many neighbors.

John V. – recommended putting the sign at 7th and Roberts and 5th and Roberts, low visibility at 5th because of bushes.

Julie – We should purchase the sign to get good data.

Shirly V. – How much does device weigh? How do we keep people from stealing it?

Sandi M. – How will we prioritize locations for sign?

Allan & Kevin respond – decision made by input from neighbors.

Unanimous vote to move forward with applying for the grant.

Truck/Bus Restriction. Kevin: Mainly on Roberts. When trucks go by houses shake and destroy speed bumps. Trucks should not be coming through destroying speed bumps and livability. We propose petitioning Gresham agencies to restrict trucks over 10,000 pounds from Roberts (for through traffic only, local deliveries ok).

Motion to go forward was seconded and a unanimous vote in favor.

7:30 - Emergency Preparedness. Kellie Landavazo, Emergency Mgr. of City of Gresham:

Big events will also hinder the city’s ability to respond to emergencies, there will be a gap in service. It is difficult to get people to understand there will be a significant earthquake.

Most important thing to store is water.

Talk to your family, make a plan.

Standard is to be prepared for two weeks. But something is better than nothing.

Get a good first-aid kit.

Red Cross first-aid app is as good as a first-aid class.

Neighborhood Ready program merges neighborhood watch with neighborhood preparedness. Get these books in the hands of your neighbors. Bring copies to HSENA meetings, National Night Out.

Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET). Officer Steven Taylor:

The top three calls in our neighborhood are Warrant Arrest, theft of vehicle (19 since January 1), and vandalism.

How to Avoid Being a Target –

Don’t leave your car running when you’re not in it.

Don't leave packages in plain sight in your car.

Have packages delivered to your work. Ask neighbors to pick up your package if you can't have it
Delivered somewhere else.

What Can I do to Make my House Safe?

Curtains open, light on.

Leave your tv on.

Leave porch light on all night.

Watch out for your neighbors.

Email Net@GreshamOregon.gov with any issues or concerns, ask that your email be forwarded to
Officer Taylor.

8:40 – Meeting adjourned.