

Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations
June 9, 2020 – via Zoom
Meeting Minutes

NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES	NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES
Centennial	INACTIVE	Northeast	INACTIVE
Central City	INACTIVE	North Gresham	Mike Elston, Linda Van Duesen-Price
Gresham Butte	Jim Buck, Theresa Tschirky, Tracy Slack	Northwest	Kat Todd, Dave Dyk, John Bildsoe
Historic Southeast	Allan Krim	Gresham Pleasant Valley	
Hogan Cedars	Matt Callison	Powell Valley	INACTIVE
Hollybrook		Rockwood	Catherine Nicewood
Kelly Creek	Charles Teem, Carol Rulla	Southwest	Gail Cerveny, Brandon Harer
North Central	Maggie Anderson, Mary Gossett	Wilkes-East	
Staff & Guests:	Michael Gonzales, Stella Butler, Lee Dayfield		

Carol Rulla opened the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Minutes for March 10, 2020 were adopted as presented. May 12, 2020 minutes were adopted without correction.

Carol asked for any who wanted to make public comment. Stella Butler said the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge community task force will be meeting Monday and will make recommendations this fall regarding the Burnside Bridge. Carol said we'll discuss more during the meeting.

Carol said last night the Planning Commission voted to send a letter to the city council recommending that they allow oral testimony sooner rather than later. She reported that Councilor Hinton said that they were concerned about Zoom being on a digital platform which provided unequal access to people and they wanted an unbiased platform. He said one person speaking might not be fair to others therefore. Carol noted that meetings already pose difficulty for some people to attend. She commented that one option for those without access to Zoom would be to have a local phone number residents could use to call in. Carol said gaining access to Zoom may be more difficult for some. Carol asked Michael Gonzales if he had any comments after attending last night's Planning Commission meeting. Michael said the recommendation about oral testimony was unanimous on the part of Planning Commission. Both Councilor Widmark and Councilor Hinton made a point of saying they were looking into it with staff to deal with obstacles that people were presenting. Tracy said the city is making an argument with lowest common denominator; someone may still not have access. To have that is regressive and denies greatest involvement by most people. Carol felt adding access would make more sense. People without internet already lack access. John Bildsoe said there is an emergency council meeting tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. so people can't even comment. He didn't know about the agenda, however. Dave Dyk thought it was a last minute arrangement, but he said the agenda listed the topic as employment of city manager. Carol said that regular meetings require at least 24 hour notice under public meetings law, but not for other types such as emergency meetings. Jim Buck asked what constitutes an emergency for this. Carol said that is up to the mayor and the requirement is just to notify the public as soon as possible. Agenda is on the city's website and Carol will forward that after the meeting.

Carol asked with a quorum do we want to take a position on the oral testimony issue to the city council. Carol referred to League of Oregon cities recommendation that supported oral testimony. Mike Elston moved to ask them to do oral testimony. Carol suggested that the motion be for the coalition to advocate for oral testimony to the city council. Allan Krim seconded. Tracy Slack suggested amending the motion to specify "reinstatement" of oral testimony. Michael and

Allan agreed with the changes. Carol polled the associations and all voted in favor of the motion. Carol will draft the letter and coalition members will have opportunity for review and provide suggestions to the wording.

Carol then raised the topic of Zoom for ENN meetings and how is it working. Catherine had attended two Zoom meetings and they went well. There were few participants in the meetings however. John Bildsoe said that there were six outside of Trimet representatives in one of the ENN meetings. Carol asked if anyone experienced difficulty in access. John said that there were very few neighbors around this particular property. John said the number of posted signs for an upcoming ENN meeting seemed limited. Michael Gonzales said a Central City ENN meeting had low attendance with only one property owner apart from the applicant. It was an easy process. No others voiced concerns about access. John said he heard from Jim Wheeler saying the applicant for the upcoming ENN meeting had been given the right number of signs, but John wondered about enforcement of erecting those signs for notification. Carol said that planning staff will require an applicant to post signs correctly, so contact staff if there are problems with ENN signs. She noted that at the Planning Commission meeting last night there was discussion about the development code change that includes revised ENN code and a hearing will be held in July regarding code changes that includes ENN procedures. Those changes should be then adopted sometime in the fall by the Council.

Jim Buck commented that Zoom will be used for the GBNA meeting tomorrow, June 10. With the city now having a Zoom license, GBNA is moving to that platform rather than Free Conference Call. Michael indicated earlier he'd be available to assist. Michael said he has preset defaults for NAs to use, but he's anticipating smooth execution. Tracy said Zoom is acting more generously in not enforcing 40 minute limit. Michael said the city has a paid license and he clarified NAs don't have a time limit on meetings. Tracy wondered what percentage of people can't zoom and thereby participate. Gail Cerveny asked about the number of people who could participate and voting. Michael noted that voting did not seem to be a problem through Zoom. Gail said their bylaws stipulate they need to be in person for officers to vote. Carol suggested Michael provide an emergency provision in the administrative procedures crafted to allow for Zoom voting. John Bildsoe asked Michael about board meetings and Michael said he temporarily is sitting in but is hoping that the meetings can function independently. Michael indicated that meetings are being recorded as soon as Zoom begins even before a meeting is called to order. Michael was not aware of how to edit out those before meeting segments. Carol noted that she asked for a link to the planning commission meeting to listen to it again, and noted that the recording eliminated the beginning portion before the meeting began. Michael will ask Noah how to edit these recordings so it includes just the meeting. Michael, in responding to Tracy Slack's question, said he is setting up and scheduling the meetings through the city's license with Zoom. He is forwarding the link for those meetings. He said he doesn't need to attend all the meetings. Tracy asked if multiple meetings could be held at the same time under the license and Michael wasn't sure. Carol clarified Michael is not serving as host to control Zoom bombing or someone who is disruptive. There was discussion on how to deal with hosting issues such as being able to mute someone. Michael tried to mute Tracy as a test and he couldn't. Hosting requires a code and Dave recognized the system is imperfect. Jim Buck commented that he's never needed to intervene to silence someone at a meeting and while Zoom may attract someone who wanted to simply be disruptive that likely will not occur at NA meetings. Carol suggested that that it would be good to look into controls to discourage those who might be interested in simply causing a problem. Michael said we are dealing with an exigent situation and we should have more hoops for people who want to be disruptive to jump through, but right now the odds are in our favor and we'll just have to see how this progresses. He will check into host controls and settings that offer optimal service. Gail wanted the ability to mute to assure control for meeting. Carol said some may not know how to mute themselves and the host could do this. Jim said that mute button explanation should be shared at the start of meeting.

Carol raised the issue of how NAs could safely hold events like National Night Out and park clean ups. Mike Elston said they planned on building the playground at Kirk Park this summer and he said money would allow for get-together during the build. Linda hoped the funds would treat neighbors. Jim explained GBNA forest restoration project. Maggie Anderson asked when NNO would be and Michael said the August event is cancelled this year. Kat Todd asked for input about a cleanup for Belle Vista Park. Michael said they would need to conduct outreach and plan for social distancing. Normally a lot of children have come and they need to plan for those who are too young to adhere to protocols. Mike said their Kirk Park playground build would section off areas and limit number of people to each area to maintain social distancing. He said sectioning off areas for individual families may help. Lee Dayfield said Friends of Nadaka's partnership with Play, Grow, Learn involves teens coming to work in the forest and they are provided masks and they bring own water and are broken into smaller groups to maintain social distancing. Nadaka is also connecting with Rosemary Anderson High School and they may be sending groups to work in the forest. Lee said this provided a great

opportunity for them to engage in this service. The city can only hire 2 not 10 seasonal workers normally employed during the summer. Kat Todd asked if city could provide masks or hand sanitizers. Michael said he'd have to check on inventory to see if they could assist. He assumes most in community have a mask at this stage. Michael doesn't believe city is interested in holding a certain quantity of supplies. Kat said the social aspect is what pulls neighbors together for park cleanups as well as food. Are there any guidelines on dealing with food—do we need individual portions and hand washing station, etc.? Michael said those were good questions. The city is following county guidelines on gatherings but he's not sure about handling/serving food, but he thinks single servings are likely the expectation or what is logical in the situation. Kat wasn't sure about hand sanitizer and whether that is sufficient when working in the park with food. She asked what is the number limit for park gatherings, and Michael said the limit is 25 according to his conversation with the fire marshal. Matt Callison said there was no further progress yet on hosting a Zoom musical event for a NNO party. Tracy Slack suggested using a disclaimer that just because we're hosting an event, that the ultimate decision to attend is up to the participant. Tracy explained briefly the precautions he and his wife are taking now to limit exposure. Carol wondered if Michael should develop a waiver form for those participating to limit liability. Michael said the state guideline was through September no gatherings of more than 25 people. There was additional discussion regarding appropriate safeguards and what responsibility lays with the individual versus sponsoring group. Kat Todd said they would want people to wear masks and wondered how to deal with those who don't want to comply with that. Mike felt it should be required if they want to participate.

Michael Gonzales shared as ONCE news that he just sent an email about a listening session at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow with the mayor and community leaders regarding racial injustice and police reform. It will be on the city's YouTube and Mayor's Facebook pages and he invited coalition members to check it out. It will be streamed, and Carol wondered if it could be viewed later and he said yes. He said if you had questions to pose them through Larry Morgan whose contact is shown in the email. He doesn't think it is interactive. It should hit Nextdoor account as well.

Michael Gonzales, when asked about the Jenne Rd. illegal camps, said he checked with Joe Walsh who said that area is outside Portland and Gresham city boundaries. It is handled by different departments within the city of Portland however. He thought the soccer club was working on dealing with this as they had concerns also. Lucas Hillyard in Portland camp cleanup may be a resource. John Bildsoe thought Johnson Creek Watershed was another possible contact for pressuring for some change.

East Metro Mediation training which takes sixteen hours begins in July and the city will support leaders in taking this training. Michael is not sure where it will occur as it may be Zoom training. June 19 is deadline for applying for this.

Carol said there was emailed information regarding final outreach on undeveloped park concept plans to get the word out to underserved groups. June 19 is the deadline for taking feedback. Carol encouraged sharing the information with others who normally aren't involved in the process. Michael shared the 6 undeveloped park locations.

In terms of the webpage for collecting feedback on new wireless facilities in the right-of-way, do we want to have two tabs of projects: those constructed, and those approved but not constructed? Carol said staff is concerned about work involved in posting those that were approved but not yet constructed and then posting again those that are constructed. Staff is also concerned about the potential for errors with moving projects from an approved but not constructed tab to a constructed tab. She asked Charlie Teem about his comments on those not constructed since no postcards would go out and no comments will be taken on those. Tracy Slack asked about number of these projects. Carol said approximately 10 applications were ready when the new code went into effect in May, and staff said they would collect input for up to 50 projects over two years. Tracy felt one list should be sufficient. That list would be when projects are approved and constructed and available for comment. Carol said the facilities go up quickly and applicants have 90 days to construct under the permit. Last meeting we decided to wait until after construction for comment opportunity with postcard notifications. Jim Buck felt we will have enough with 50 or so being built so let's go with results of that. The approved ones which are not built will have little import. Kat Todd agreed with that since they don't change outcomes. Charlie felt we gave up being involved in the approval step through federal policy stipulations. Carol said input will be collected in systematic way for staff to review for the future for code changes. Carol said the second tab would only be to look at those approved but not constructed to see if there is anything else to consider. Tracy felt no need for that—too esoteric and Mike Elston agreed. Carol will let staff know to post just those that are constructed for comment.

Stella Butler shared that the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge community task force began meeting in 2018 and has been looking at seismic improvements for the Burnside Bridge with options of a retrofit, a replacement with both short and long spans, and a Couch extension. Replacement with the long span would cost the least and take 5 years to construct. Public comment period would occur she thought in August. Stella was appointed to this advisory community task force addressing earthquake readiness for the bridge. Carol noted that Stella represents the Coalition on the task force. John Bildsoe asked about a funding source and Stella said a DMV fee is a possibility. All plans other than a retrofit would remove the historic towers on the bridge. She explained the difference between long and short spans.

Stella said volunteers want to continue work in an undeveloped park in Powell Valley Neighborhood Association to remove blackberries and she is working with the city on that since the NA is currently inactive.

Matt asked about ENN meetings and wondered if there were cancellations of development projects. Catherine has had three projects in the ENN stage, but Carol said some applicants may have pulled back due to the recession. Michael said he had't seen any cancelled yet.

Adjourned at 8:58

Minutes prepared by Jim Buck, Coalition Co-Secretary-Treasurer

Next meeting: **Tuesday, July 14, 2020** – via Zoom