

**Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations
December 13, 2022 – Remotely Held (Zoom)
Meeting Minutes**

NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES	NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES
Centennial		North Central	
Central City	INACTIVE	Northeast	INACTIVE
Gresham Butte	Jim Buck	North Gresham	INACTIVE
Gresham Pleasant Valley		Northwest	Kat Todd, Chris Fast, John Bildsoe
Historic Southeast		Powell Valley	Nancy Inglehart
Hogan Cedars		Rockwood	Catherine Nicewood, Deanna Stewart, Anthony Crosman
Hollybrook		Southwest	Dana Duval
Kelly Creek	Charles Teem, Carol Rulla	Wilkes-East	
Staff & Guests	Michael Gonzales, Neighborhood Services Division; Fire Chief Scott Lewis, Gresham Fire Department; Dave Lentzner, Senior Emergency Management Analyst, Multnomah County Emergency Management (MCEM); Larry Crawford, Tina Nunez-Osterink; Linda Parashos; Thomas Stanley		

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m., Jim Buck, Coalition Co-President presiding. There was no quorum, so approval of the September 13, 2022, minutes (approval postponed at November Coalition meeting) and the November 8, 2022, minutes were postponed.

1. Wildfire Concerns and Preparedness.

a. Fire Chief Scott Lewis: Due to funding, Gresham Fire is primarily in the response business. While there is responsibility for community education on life safety and prevention, there are no resources available. Wildfire planning, mitigation and prevention comes down to the responsibility of the property owners. Currently, no territory in the Gresham Fire Department's response area (which includes Gresham, Wood Village, Troutdale, Fairview and area east of Gresham to the Sandy River) falls within the wildland-urban interface or is classified as high or extreme risk. State website: <https://wildfire.oregon.gov/prevention> has many links to other helpful websites and documents such as the "Firewise USA" program which has a lot of information on how to protect your property.

b. Dave Lentzner, MCEM: The role of the MCEM in the Community Wildfire Protection Plan is to be a convenor—bringing fire services, soil and water conservation, power utilities and homeless services together to work on the plan. The ultimate end-product of the plan is to catalog all goals and plans of all the participating agencies, have a public plan, and create opportunities for grants. Another goal of the plan is to get organizations across the county to communicate with each other. Ultimately, the plan will reflect the strategic goals of the different fire districts and provide information to people to help them protect themselves and their property.

c. Fire Chief Scott Lewis: There are mutual aid agreements with all the adjoining fire districts and counties which allows Gresham Fire to request assistance in terms of equipment

and/or manpower when needed. After the “fire storm” of 2020, the state Fire Marshall received more resources which has been used for things such as prepositioning resources even before a fire event has occurred and has provided for the ability to request an immediate response from the state without having to wait until a fire has gotten out of control.

2. Neighborhoods and City News and Reports.

a. Neighborhood Services Division Report.

1) Michael Gonzales:

a) The volunteer survey has concluded. The results are not yet available. There were 700-800 responses from all 16 neighborhoods.

b) The Neighborhood Services Department will become part of the City Manager Office. Changes will not affect the services provided to the neighborhoods, just an organizational shift and physical move.

b. Co-President Report.

1) Carol Rulla: Reminder to everyone that the coalition officer election will be held in January.

c. NA Reports and Concerns:

1) Nancy Inglehart (PVNA): Powell Valley had their elections at their last meeting and talked about the neighborhood goals for the next year. There will be a tree decorating event at East Gresham Park on December 17 at 10 a.m.

2) Jim Buck (GBNA): Gresham Butte will be discussing how we can better reach our neighbors at their next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dana Duval – Coalition Secretary-Treasurer

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 10th
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