

**Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations
January 10, 2023 – Remotely Held (Zoom)
Meeting Minutes**

NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES	NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES
Centennial		North Central	Mary Gossett
Central City	INACTIVE	Northeast	INACTIVE
Gresham Butte	Jim Buck, Theresa Tschirky, Stephen Estes	North Gresham	INACTIVE
Gresham Pleasant Valley	INACTIVE	Northwest	Kat Todd, John Bildsoe
Historic Southeast		Powell Valley	Nancy Inglehart, Stella Butler
Hogan Cedars		Rockwood	Catherine Nicewood, Deanna Stewart, Anthony Crossman
Hollybrook		Southwest	Dana Duval
Kelly Creek	Charles Teem, Carol Rulla	Wilkes-East	
Staff & Guests	Michael Gonzales, Neighborhood Services Division; Linda Parashos; Sue Ruonala, Thomas Stanley		

The meeting opened at 7:10 p.m., Jim Buck, Coalition Co-President presiding.

1. The December 13, 2022, meeting minutes were approved as presented. Also approved, as presented, were the meeting minutes for September 13, 2022, and November 8, 2022.

2. Overview of Volunteer Survey Results:

Michael Gonzales, Neighborhood Services Manager: This survey was conducted last fall to analyze and gauge the effectiveness of, and to look more holistically at, the setup and structure of volunteers for the city. The survey was distributed to the neighborhood associations, the council citizen advisory committees (both current and previous members) and volunteers in general. Over 800 people participated in the survey. Survey questions covered things such as how the respondents hear about volunteer opportunities, how they prefer to hear about volunteer opportunities and why the respondents do not volunteer or continue to volunteer. Once the survey results are finalized, the document will be shared with the Coalition.

3. Keeping Neighborhood Associations Active (roundtable discussion):

a. Jim Buck opened the discussion with asking participants to share how they communicate with their neighborhood associations (NA).

b. Kat Todd (Nwana) stated that they use an email list for contacting people, but the hard part is acquiring new people to add to the list. They also have an adopt-a-park program which helps people engage and socialize but it is also an opportunity to meet new neighbors and ask them if they would like to be on the email list.

c. Carol Rulla (KCNA) offered that they added a statement to their webpage and yellow postcard providing an email address for people to contact if they wanted to be on the KCNA email list. Since, they have been contacted by several people a month asking to be on their email list.

d. Discussion turned to ways to incentivize participation in NA leadership. Some items mentioned were an opportunity to have coffee with a councilor or neighborhood walks with council. Stipends were briefly discussed but Michael Gonzales did not feel the city was in a position to offer stipends.

e. The ability to have NA meetings at City Hall was also discussed. Michael Gonzales said that it was not an option right now but did not rule it out for the future. Hybrid meetings with in-person and zoom for the same meeting was discussed but at this time, City Hall is not set up with necessary technology or sufficient microphones for a hybrid meeting.

4. Election of Coalition Officers:

Stella Butler (PVNA) made the motion to reappoint the current board for another term. The current Coalition Board is Carol Rulla and Jim Buck as Co-Presidents, John Bildsoe as Vice President and Dana Duval as Secretary/Treasurer. Therese Tschirky seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed.

5. Neighborhoods and City News and Reports.

a. Neighborhood Services Division Report. Michael Gonzales: no report.

b. Co-President Report.

1) Carol Rulla:

(a) The Neighborhood Enhancement grant program opens on February 1st. We had previously talked about getting more meeting signs for the NAs to announce their neighborhood meetings. Michael Gonzales mentioned that the neighborhood street signs (on a pole around the neighborhood boundaries) were faded and in disrepair. We agreed to discuss the grant request at our next meeting. Michael Gonzales will check on costs to replace the neighborhood street signs.

(b) We are thinking about restarting the repair cafe. If anyone has the skills to help with that sort of thing, let Carol know.

c. NA Reports and Concerns: no reports.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dana Duval – Coalition Secretary-Treasurer

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 16th
