

**Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations
April 11, 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, Chris Fast, John Bildsoe
Historic Southeast	INACTIVE	Powell Valley	
Hogan Cedars	Matt Callison	Rockwood	Catherine Nicewood, Anthony Crosman
Hollybrook		Southwest	Dana Duval
Kelly Creek	Charles Teem, Carol Rulla	Wilkes-East	
Staff & Guests	Michael Gonzales, Neighborhood Services Division; John Dea, Sustainability and Climate Technician, City of Gresham; Britt McConn; Tina Nunez-Osterink; Thomas Stanley, Janet Unruh		

The meeting opened at 7:06 p.m., Jim Buck, Coalition Co-President presiding.

1. After a short delay to reach quorum, the March 14, 2023, meeting minutes were approved as presented.
2. Climate Action Plan Update. John Dea, Sustainability and Climate Technician with the City of Gresham.
 - a. City staff is developing the framework of a community-wide climate action plan. Strong action taken now can minimize the impacts of changes to the climate. If no climate action is taken, it is predicted that the city of Gresham will go from 7 days annually over 90 degrees to 65 days annually over 90 degrees by 2100. Strong climate action can reduce this to 30 days annually over 90 degrees. The current 11 days annually of fire danger is predicted to be 21 days of fire danger by 2100. Strong climate action can reduce this to 18 days of fire danger annually.
 - b. Climate action goals for the community: By 2050, achieve 90% reduction in green house gas emissions from the 2019 baseline and, by 2035, source 100% of community electricity needs from sources that are 100% carbon free at the time of generation.
 - c. Climate action goals for the City: By 2050, reduce City fossil fuel use by 90% of 2019 baseline, with an interim goal of 50% reduction by 2035 and, by 2035, achieve carbon neutrality in all City facilities and operations.

d. The climate action plan includes six core focus areas where the city and community will work together to reduce emissions.

- 1) Buildings and energy
- 2) Urban planning and transportation
- 3) Solid waste and consumption
- 4) Social infrastructure (social support systems that support the well-being of the community)
- 5) Civil and environmental infrastructure (tree canopy, hard surfaces, bridges)
- 6) Economic infrastructure (economic development and resilience)

e. High level strategy areas:

- 1) Buildings and energy:
 - City buildings and community use 100% renewable energy
 - Micro grid hub development (renewable energy at community scale and ideally community owned, maintained and operated and can operate when the grid goes down)
 - Increasing energy efficiency and weatherization
 - Increasing heat pump installation (looking for ways to incentivize)
 - Adopting energy score program
- 2) Form and transportation:
 - Update City plans to support energy efficiency of buildings (ensure city code supports fund resilience)
 - Prioritize mixed use development near transit
 - Support transition to EVs
 - Update standards to incentivize climate resilience
 - Increase tree canopy
- 3) Consumption and materials:
 - Improve food waste recovery and reduction
 - Promote reducing consumption through outreach and education
 - Low carbon concrete policy for new construction and city infrastructure
- 4) Climate preparedness:
 - Bury utility cables underground
 - Public facing maps and signage for flood and fire risk zones
 - Equip emergency services with micro-grid back-up power supply
 - Support permeable surfaces where appropriate

f. Climate action survey is open at <https://greshamoregon.gov/climate-action/#Resources>

g. The timeline for the proposed climate action plan to go before the Council is the end of this calendar year.

3. Neighborhoods and City News and Reports.

a. Neighborhood Services Division Report. Michael Gonzales: Update on neighborhood signs: An email was sent to Coalition members that included the original

list of neighborhood signs and their approximate location. Michael asked that members use the list to check where signs are located (or not) in their neighborhood and notate the condition of the existing signs. Other info: There will be a Green and Clean event on April 15th, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., focusing on the trails that will be used for the Lilac Run—meet at the entrance to the Springwater corridor at Main City Park. Lunch will be provided afterwards. Neighborhood matching grant will be opened for application later this month (April).

b. Co-President Report.

1) Carol Rulla:

a. Based on recent experience at an Early Neighborhood Notification meeting concerning a land division application with middle housing on the lots, be aware that the applicant may not discuss the middle housing issue unless pushed for the information.

b. The Charter Review Committee's final recommendations are going to Council at the 6 p.m. meeting next week. The recommendations include: a total of 4 districts with 2 councilors in each district with the councilors being elected at the same time; ranked choice voting when more than one person is running for the position; an elected auditor position; remove the 60% threshold for amendments to the charter and replace it with a simple majority; and replacing the gender terms with gender neutral terms.

c. The Coalition recently voted to endorse the safety levy and language to that effect was included in the voter pamphlet. Last week the Gresham United for Safety group asked if they could include the Coalition endorsement of the safety levy on their campaign materials. Co-Presidents Carol and Jim wanted to bring up this information to be sure members of the Coalition are ok with our support being on any of the campaign materials in support of the levy. Anthony Crosman said that he wished to abstain personally but did not want to block this going forward. Stephen Estes brought up that he felt that the Coalition representing the neighborhoods on this matter without any polling did not seem right to him. Carol explained that the Coalition members are the elected officers of the neighborhoods and it is the elected officers as a whole that have endorsed the levy. No other opposition was indicated.

d. Carol asked if anyone is willing to help canvas in support of the levy or write letters to the editor, etc. to email her so she can provide the needed information.

c. NA Reports and Concerns: no reports.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dana Duval – Coalition Secretary-Treasurer

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 9th
