GPVNA Minutes
Meeting Held August 27, 2015

Attendees:

Officers: Stan Bohnstedt, President; Angeline Adler, Vice-President; John Riddell, Land Use; and Cathy Sharpe, Secretary

Guests: Aaron Abrams, Gresham Mediation; Steve Fancher, Gresham Environmental Services; Ken Koblitz, Gresham Development Engineering, Steve Butler, Gresham Planning Commissioner and his wife, Pam Butler.

Pleasant Valley residents/landowners and others: See sign-in list.

Minutes:

President Stan Bohnstedt called to order the meeting of the Gresham Pleasant Valley Neighborhood Association at 6:10 p.m.

A motion was made by John Riddell to accept the meeting notes from the last GPVNA meeting. Jeff Gray seconded the motion.

Introductions of City staff and everyone present were made. Following that, there was a summary presented to the group by Stan Bohnstedt detailing a May 14th meeting with City officials. There have been recent actions by the City of Gresham to initiate the process of acquiring the sewer easements needed to connect a sewer line from Pleasant Valley to the Jenne Road trunk line. The projected route for the Kelly Creek sewer line would be an alignment with a future public street located along Dalquist Road and terminating at 182nd Avenue. Prior to the May 14th meeting, letters had been sent to 11 affected property owners along that route by an undisclosed private agency acting on behalf of the City to facilitate the acquisition of the easements the City is looking to purchase.

Steve Fancher, Environmental Services for the City of Gresham, gave a brief statement of plans for sewer development for Pleasant Valley. He described the specifics for the dimensions required for the sewer line and the construction vs. permanent easement property widths that would be needed for the easements from each of the affected property owners. Mr. Fancher went on to say that installation of sewer lines often increases property values because it allows for future development of the property.

City staff mentioned that the process of obtaining easements allows that 90 days after the initial letter has been sent, on-site evaluations may begin. We were told that since the 90 days has passed, that process may now begin and we may be seeing surveying crews in the area. Additionally, another round of letters was due to go out in the following week to property owners stating compensation amounts for the easements.

There was a discussion about the collection of SDCs (System Development Charges) from building that has occurred in the Pleasant Valley area and the use of those fees toward the sewer line and other infrastructure costs.

Next, the newly appointed Planning Commissioner, Steve Butler, and his wife, Pam were introduced. Commissioner Butler has made it a point to try to be a visitor at all of Gresham's neighborhood association meetings and is familiarizing himself with the issues that are important to each one. He has reached out to Pleasant Valley residents, through our neighborhood association and its officers, and is interested in what we have to say in regard to our frustration that Pleasant Valley still lacks City services so many years after annexation.

Commissioner Butler encouraged all of us to visit his website. He is providing a place where Gresham citizens can have a voice. He would like for us to feel that we can express concerns and he mentioned that being able to do that keeps problems from festering. Commissioner Butler was careful to say that the website is not associated with the City of Gresham. It is dedicated to listening to the needs and desires of Gresham citizens and keeping us informed about issues that are being considered in Gresham. Commissioner Butler told us that any messages that are posted would be archived and not deleted, so as to avoid any appearance of bias. You can view his website by visiting www.greshamfocus.net. The site also lists his phone number: 866-251-9730.

Adjournment:

At 7:15 p.m., Jeff Gray made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Karen Bohnstedt.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held November 12th at 6:30 p.m. at Gresham City Hall. New GPVNA officers will be elected at that meeting, providing that a quorum is present.