

**Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations  
April 10, 2018 – Oregon Trail Room, Gresham City Hall**

**Meeting Minutes**

NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES	NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES
Centennial	<i>INACTIVE</i>	Northeast	<i>INACTIVE</i>
Central City	<i>INACTIVE</i>	North Gresham	<i>Mike Elston, Linda Parashos</i>
Gresham Butte	<i>Theresa Tschirky, Jim Buck, Tracy Slack</i>	Northwest	<i>Dave Dyk</i>
Historic Southeast	<i>INACTIVE</i>	Gresham Pleasant Valley	
Hollybrook	<i>Adam Zelasko</i>	Powell Valley	
Kelly Creek	<i>Charles Teem, Carol Rulla</i>	Rockwood	<i>Catherine Nicewood, John Bildsoe</i>
Mt. Hood	<i>INACTIVE</i>	Southwest	<i>Suzan Wells, Steve Bennett</i>
North Central		Wilkes-East	
Staff & Guests:	<i>Ed Stahlman (Gresham Transportation Subcommittee)</i>		

Carol Rulla called the meeting to order at 7:05PM, noting that a quorum was present. No members of the public came forward for comment.

Meeting minutes from March 13 were adopted without change.

**Land Use Issues & Concerns**

Carol Rulla began the meeting by asking if there were any followup questions that had come up since the prior monthly meeting.

Catherine Nicewood asked a question of Carol about whether a temporary facility such as a semi-permanent tent could be used as a shelter. Carol noted that her reading of the code was that this would be an interim use with a Type 2 review, and the code had no specific guidance for shelters that operate for more than a few days of the week or a few hours each day. The code does say that interim uses may not occupy required parking spaces for the other uses on the site. Discussion occurred regarding a possible private nonprofit interested in establishing homelessness facilities in the Portland metro area, possibly in partnership with local church communities. Discussion occurred about emergency shelter programs and meal programs in East County. Carol asked Theresa Tschirky if there were any updates from the homelessness task force; Theresa noted that the task force has concluded, with a final report, and that a new task force has been established to consider housing policies and actions. Catherine Nicewood noted that she had applied to serve on the housing task force as a member of the faith community. Carol stated that the city was asking for a Coalition representative on the task force. Catherine expressed willingness to serve as the Coalition representative and Coalition members agreed to have her serve in that role. Carol will relay that recommendation to city staff.

Carol noted that staff reports that the E-Plan online plans submission system is working well. Many low level reviews are using the system, but it will be a couple more years before all applications must use E-Plan. Linda Parashos noted that she has had many applications which used the system. Other NAs reported no or only a few E-Plan applications so far. Carol noted that there were a couple of steps necessary to find specific permit requests. A discussion about the E-Plan system occurred. Carol noted that she will send a link to the E-Plan guide and instructions.

Carol noted that Tracy Slack has started writing a document that can help provide comments on land use issues. Carol asked for volunteers if there was interest in helping with this project; Linda Parashos noted she would help if needed. Suzan Wells noted that comments, to be effective, really need to focus on city code.

Linda Parashos and Mike Elston noted that there have been a number of concerns in North Gresham regarding truck traffic for the nearby industrial area, and NA comments regarding traffic concerns related development have had limited effectiveness. A brief discussion occurred re: the distribution of housing versus industrial land in NAs.

Suzan Wells raised a concern re: storm runoff, and retention and detention ponds monitoring, which occasionally flow into creeks. Sometimes these flow into a ditch rather than a true stream, which sometimes have inadequate capacity for this stormwater runoff. She noted that there should be some regulation in city code to manage this issue. Carol noted that one issue was responsibility for maintenance of these, and she thought that the city no longer allowed privately owned facilities. Carol also noted that the stormwater manual is being updated by City staff now. She will invite Torrey Lindbo to an upcoming meeting to discuss stormwater issues.

John Bildsoe suggested two potential meeting topics: (1) the proposed Metro bond measure and how affordable housing projects would be distributed equitably across the region, and (2) the Gantenbein frontage development that Metro is working on with Successful Families 2020, a group of nonprofits.

### **Neighborhood & City News & Reports**

Carol asked the Coalition whether a meeting should be held in May. A brief discussion of possible topics occurred. Carol noted that there appeared to be consensus not to hold the May meeting.

Carol provided an update on Fireworks enforcement, noting that in 2018 there would be another group of Gresham Police involved in fireworks education and enforcement. A small committee of the NA Coalition was formed last fall to coordinate with Gresham Police on this issue. The committee is seeking extra volunteers to help distribute educational handouts in neighborhoods. Carol noted that if there are locations where fireworks are a known problem, send specific addresses to Carol to coordinate with Sgt. Amend for possible pre-emptive education and outreach.

Carol noted that Central City and Mt Hood NA are close to being re-activated, and ONCE staff is working with residents.

Charles Teem noted that early neighborhood notification meetings are very useful to raise informal livability issues to developers. Catherine Nicewood noted that apartment residents do not receive ENN meeting notifications by mail (though owners of the apartment complexes do), which can sometimes be difficult to encourage participation.

Carol noted a concern about a proposed zoning change for an assisted living facility, as an example of the sort of land use issue that neighborhood association leaders may want to provide comments.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:28PM.

Minutes prepared by Dave Dyk, Coalition Secretary-Treasurer

Next meeting: **Tuesday, June 12** – City Hall Oregon Trail Room