

**Northwest Neighborhood Association  
Meeting Minutes – DRAFT**

**Date:** Monday, 2 October 2017  
**Location:** Oregon Trails Conference Room, Gresham City Hall

**Meeting called to order at 7:07pm**

Ernest Hayes, Metro Council Policy Coordinator, 503-502-1722, email: Ernest.hayes@oregonmetro.gov

- Metro – 4 lines of business: Waste and Recycling, Parks and Nature, Land Use and Transportation, Visitor Venues
- Grant Butte
  - Partner Meeting in October
  - Restoration work ongoing
  - Friends of Grant Butte will call out for volunteers as needed
  - Goal is to have cohesive butte system
  - Question: Are people allowed to walk the butte area?
  - Response: Metro does not prohibit people from walking through the area. Dogs are not permitted as they can threaten native wild life. Camping is also not permitted. Metro will respond if campsites are reported.
- Civic Center
  - Metro owns 4 parcels within Gresham Civic neighborhood
  - 4 Request for Qualifications (RFQ) issued – call to developers to provide their ability to procure and develop the parcels
  - Question: What is process for determining whether a development may qualify for a tax abatement?
  - Response: Will need to find out and get back to you. Ernest provided the following information by email on 10/10. “With regard to tax abatement, State Law allows for tax abatements for affordable housing if the local jurisdiction passes an enabling ordinance. There is also the state Vertical Housing Tax credit which applies to mixed use and affordable buildings in areas defined by the local jurisdiction. Metro has no role in granting tax abatements. “ <http://www.orcities.org/Portals/17/A-Z/AffHousingPropTax.pdf>
- Metro Housing Strategy - 3 policy positions
  1. Anti-displacement (land/building acquisition)
  2. Flexible gap financing – an example is providing a subsidy to help developers offer more affordable housing units
  3. Mixed income communities
    - 2 Funding Strategies – require public vote
      - Increase construction excise tax
      - General Obligation (GO) Bond
    - Ultimately decisions about building housing are made at the local level
- Division Bus Rapid Transit
  - Metro grant to City of Gresham for station access study
  - Discussion of 2018 bond proposal

- Regional Flexible Funding Allocation (RFFA) \$2 million for Division Street and Cleveland Ave sidewalks, curbs and ADA compliant curb ramps.

**Meeting Minutes transferred to Barb 8:08 pm**

**NWNA Board Reports -**

- Land Use – John Bildsoe
- President – Kat Todd
- Treasurer – Naomi Butler
  - OnPoint account balance of funds \$557.07
  - \$23 donated by neighbors at meeting

**Meeting adjourned at**

**Minutes submitted by Naomi Butler, NWNA Treasurer & Barbara Adams, NWNA Secretary**