

Gresham Butte Neighborhood Association
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting , November 13, 2024
Respectfully submitted by Mary Jeanne Oliva (Secretary pro-tem)

President Stephen Estes called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Quorum was established with 11 members present in person or via Zoom.

Approval of Minutes of the October 9, 2024 Meeting

<https://www.greshambutte.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/2024-10-09-GBNA-Meeting-Minutes-draft.pdf>

Approval of the minutes was moved by Mary Jeanne Oliva and seconded by Theresa Tschirky with spelling corrections and noting that the Treasurer reported that the grant had been received. Motion passed unanimously.

Guest Speaker: What can we recycle, and why is it worth doing?

Paige DuBose, City Multifamily Outreach Coordinator, spoke about recycling best practices, and also talk about broader local environmental topics. Several helpful pamphlets were distributed. The City Solid Waste and Sustainability Manager, **Shannon Martin**, was also present and agreed to return at a later date to give his presentation and answer questions about City accomplishments on climate action and sustainability initiatives.

There was a great deal of interest in Paige DuBose's slides and they answered many questions from neighbors regarding materials collected in the four types of bins (green garbage roll cart, blue mixed recycling roll cart, green yard debris roll cart, and orange glass "curby" bin). Many sizes of batteries may be recycled if the ends are taped and they are placed in a sealed plastic bag on top of the glass in the orange "curby" bin. Carts should be firmly closed and may be placed in front of your own driveway. They need to be 3' apart and 10' from cars and mailboxes. Other highlights included learning how important it is to follow local regulations because recycling depends on the market. There were many questions and we received detailed information about what is recyclable. For example, in the yard waste cart pumpkins are OK but food scraps are not. There are separate food scrap drop off and Recycle+ programs for specialty items that require registration and/or extra fees. We learned that we should not flatten the aluminum cans or the tetra pack boxes as such items are often sorted by shape. If unsure, don't take a chance, for example, frozen food boxes may be pulpable but could be heavily coated with plastic, so it's better not to put them in the recycling.

Further questions and concerns may be directed to the City Solid Waste and Sustainability Team at (503) 618-2525 or to Metro at (503) 234-3000.

Guest Speaker: Foster Parenting

Daisy Peak of Boys and Girls Aid gave a presentation about foster parenting needs in our area and discussed foster parent recruitment and certification. This organization was founded in 1885 and is recruiting adults to provide therapeutic foster care for

children who have experienced trauma. There is a great need for full-time certified foster parents as well as respite care providers. Training (much of it online) and support are provided and stipends are paid. Please contact Daisy Pesak if you or anyone you know is interested:

dpesak@boysandgirlsaid.org

(503) 258-7932

<https://www.boysandgirlsaid.org/fostercare>

Reports

Treasurer Theresa Tschirky reported that our balance as of October 15 is \$1,467.85 which does not yet reflect \$75 due to Gresham Japanese Garden.

Land Use Director Jim Buck reported there are four properties on the east side of Hogan asking to be annexed to the City of Gresham and there was general agreement that it makes sense for these properties to be part of the Gresham Butte Neighborhood Association.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

It was suggested that we invite Shannon Martin back so he can give his presentation about waste and sustainability.

It was suggested that we invite a speaker from Oregon Master Gardeners to make a presentation.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned and there was a consensus to skip the December meeting.

GBNA:

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Visit our website – www.greshambutte.org

Our City resources– <https://www.greshamoregon.gov/community-and-neighborhood-engagement/neighborhood-associations/gresham-butte-neighborhood-association/>