

Kelly Creek Neighborhood Association (KNCA)

May 8, 2024

General Neighborhood Meeting

7:00PM

Zoom Meeting

Quorum Established

19 KNCA Members present

3 city staff members present

Board Members: Carol Rulla, Charles Teem, Karin Zachow, Ken Howard, Sara Brady Simoneau

KNCA Members: 14 Additional KNCA Members

City Representatives: Alex Logue, Capt. John Rasmussen, Lt./Paramedic Nikki White

- **Opening**

Call to Order: 7:04PM

Welcome and Introductions by President, Charles Teem

Approval of 02/07/2024 General Meeting Minutes and 04/03/24 Special Meeting Minutes as presented

- **Fire/Police Levy Update**

Captain John Rasmussen, Gresham Police Dept.

Lt./Paramedic Nikki White, Gresham Fire

Alex Logue, City of Gresham Community Engagement

**Capt. Rasmussen Report:** Upcoming Levy if passed will fund 13 fire fighters and 9 sworn police officers. It will also help retain current positions and add some non-sworn positions. If passed it will ultimately add 9 officers, but not all will be added in the next year.

Since 2005 the city's population has increased 19%, but the PD has remained the same. They are not at full capacity now. There are currently 117 sworn staff with about 62 officers on patrol. Last year they hired 18 officers, but lost 17 officers during the same time period. They are hiring and trying to retain officers and this levy will support that effort.

With 117 officers sworn they have about 1 officer per 1000. The national average is 2.4 officers per 1000 population. Specialty detachments like School Resource Officers and the Behavioral Health Unit are currently off detachment and are on patrol instead. There are currently not enough patrol officers to respond to the calls coming in.

Passing the levy will also help reduce overtime and required hold overs, which will increase quality of life, morale, recruitment and retention in the department as well as increase safety for officers and the community.

**Lt. Nikki White Report (GFD):** The population of Gresham keeps increasing, but staffing level in the Fire Department is same as it was in 1994. The staffing has not changed or increased since then, they have only been backfilling vacant positions. The population was roughly 75,000 residents in 1994 and is currently about 110,000 residents.

They currently only run 3 personnel on an apparatus, while the standard recommendation is 4. This levy would provide an additional apparatus (truck), 13 additional fire fighters and 2 Fire Marshals. Fire Marshals deliver Community education, as well as perform risk reduction, school inspections and business inspections. Fire fighters are currently being mandated back to work which is in addition to their normal shifts.

There are only 6 1/3 fire stations in Gresham. The 1/3 is because Station 31 is a shared station with Portland, with Gresham staffing one shift and Portland staffing two shifts. When one fire comes in regardless of where it is at (based on having 3 people per apparatus) a call requires a minimum of 4 engines to respond. That leaves less than 2 engines to respond to any other fires in the rest of Gresham which means that other agencies must also respond to a second fire which delays response. National Fire Protection Agency and OSHA regulations mandate the number of Fire Fighters per action when fighting a fire.

This levy is designed to only go to police and fire.

**Alex Logue – City of Gresham Report:** It is important to share the knowledge and the facts to people who may not know. The City is holding 2 more levy events. May 9 is an open house at station 74. May 16<sup>th</sup> the city will hold a live virtual event on facebook, X, and Instagram from 11:00am -12:00pm.

- **Bylaws Committee Report – Vice President Karin Zachow**

The bylaws have not been amended since 2011. The committee used a template from the Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations for recommendations plus proposed other edits.

The committee recommendations:

- A clause that the bylaws should be reviewed and recertified every 5 years or in the event of a major change in city regulations that requires an update.
- Added KCNA in a number of places
- Changed Board of Directors to Board of Officers
- Added in wording for electronic meetings
- Other minor edits

We will be voting on them at the meeting in the Fall (October/November). No changes to the draft were noted or voiced prior to adjournment.

The new bylaws allow for Zoom, in person or hybrid meetings. If we plan to go back to in-person or hybrid meetings, we will need to find a place. The schools where we previously met are not available to

us at this time. The Kyoudou Center near the Gresham Japanese Garden at Main City Park was discussed as a possible location.

- **Officer Reports:**

**President** – We are Still looking for board representatives. Co-directors are allowed and encouraged. Email at [kellycreekna@gmail.com](mailto:kellycreekna@gmail.com)

If you want to be added to email list use the email listed above.

**VP** – No Report

**Sec/Treasure** – No Report (\$0 balance)

**Land Use** –

- There is a new pre-application for the field that is west of SE Community Park on Salquist Road. The property was owned by GBSD. The new owners are proposing 149 town homes. There are also 2 proposed alleyways with detached garages off of the alley. They are also proposing to put ADUs on top of the garages. They will have to do another traffic study. There will be an Early Neighborhood Notification meeting if the project moves forward.
- Friderich Cottages - Small lot off of Welch Road at Virginia. The existing home on the lot would stay with 8 (30 x 30) cottages behind the house and 13 parking spots. If they do that without dividing there will not be an early neighborhood notification meeting. Under HB2001 (Middle Housing Law) they are not required to make frontage improvements if they don't divide the lot. The definition of a cottage under HB2001 is a grouping of 4 or more detached housing units around a courtyard with a footprint of less than 900 square feet per unit and a density of at least 4 units per acre. If they don't divide the lot they will be rentals. If they do a Middle Housing Lot Division, there will be a public comment period and frontage improvements would be required.
- The application for 4 lot division with quadraplexes at 4431 SE Chase Road just received an incompleteness letter with things they have to fix. They need to redo the lots with driveway access for flag lots, provide justification for tree removal, adjust front lot setbacks. This will not be up for public comment until they fix the plan. Comments will be written, not a hearing. Neighbors will get a notice of public comment period in the mail and KNCA will send an email and a link with attachments.
- The application for the proposed 271 townhomes on the SW corner of Chase and 282<sup>nd</sup> was submitted on 4/19 and is currently going through a completeness review. There is a traffic study in the application and may have to put in a light at Powell Valley and 282<sup>nd</sup>. This application is down from 314 original proposed units due to the creek protection.

- Early Neighborhood Notification meeting was recently held for 35 town homes in the old ball field at Powell Valley and Mimosa. The application was submitted May 7th and it is under review. They will have to do a limited traffic study.
- 191 units are currently being constructed on SE corner of Lusted and 282<sup>nd</sup>.

Lind Carpenter Park Family Spring Newsletter [info@lindcarpenterpark.org](mailto:info@lindcarpenterpark.org).

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00PM

Minutes submitted by Sara Brady Simoneau, Secretary/Treasurer