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Gresham Butte Neighborhood Association (GBNA) General Meeting
April 10, 2024
7:00 pm, Hybrid
Quorum present

Attendees:

Board members

Stephen Estes (President), Sue Protz (Vice President), Dale Ricklefs (Secretary), Theresa Tschirky (Treasurer), James Buck, Land Use Chair

City Representative

Alex Logue

The meeting started at 7:09. President Estes welcomed the attendees.

Minutes approval

A motion was made by Jim Buck and Seconded by Peter Jensen to approve the minutes as posted on the website and provided through a link on the agenda. Approved.

Treasurer's report

There is a balance of \$1392.85. A check for \$506.94 is outstanding (James Buck for a purchase at Shoal's Nursery as part of grant funding).

Tree planting on Gresham Butte

James Buck provided a report on the tree planting on Gresham Butte. Removal of the blackberry canes was a key topic. There were 13 volunteers at the tree planting, and 5 volunteers at various times cutting the blackberry cane. He hopes that there will be an ability to pull in watering tanks to water the trees this first year.

James mentioned that due to climate change, Arbor Month may be moved to March from April. Above average temperatures and less rain contributes to these discussions. 5,500 aspen trees died on the Butte, and the city has no funds to replace them.

James also discussed adding a sign to the entrance of the replanted area stating that the reforestation was provided by GBNA.

Changes to the Bylaws

Following discussion on whether or not the bylaws sent out on March 14 with suggested changes was sufficient enough time to vote on them today, the consensus among those present felt it was sufficient. Sue Protz moved and Peter Jensen seconded that the Bylaws be accepted as amended. There was discussion after the motion was made about the boundary lines, the lines remaining as they are stated in the bylaws. There is a small slip of land, between the river and Powell, that is not in Gresham Butte or City Center neighborhoods. After discussion the vote was called, the motion passed.

Grant proposals

There was discussion about matching grants and enhancement grants deadlines. The grants are offered by two different agencies. Funding of one grant does not jeopardize the funding of the other grant.

The neighborhood matching grant, provided by the city of Gresham, allows for labor and materials. Volunteer labor at \$20-\$24 per hour is funded. It opens May 13 and closes June 14.

The enhancement grant is offered through Metro funds. This grant is open on April 29 and closes May 28

Grant ideas were discussed among the participants. Some examples were pollinator plans on the Butte, planting conifers and adding boulders in the Japanese garden area, a neighborhood block party. The GBNA members who will prepare the grants are asked to make presentations at the May 8th meeting.

Close of meeting- 8:14

Dale Ricklefs moved the for the adjournment of the meeting at 8:14. Randy Ricklefs seconded. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Ricklefs, Secretary