

**Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations
February 11, 2025 – Remotely Held (Zoom)
Meeting Minutes**

NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES	NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES
Centennial		North Central	INACTIVE
Central City	INACTIVE	Northeast	INACTIVE
Gresham Butte	Stephen Estes, Theresa Tschirky, Jim Buck	North Gresham	INACTIVE
Gresham Pleasant Valley		Northwest	Kat Todd, John Bildsoe
Historic Southeast	INACTIVE	Powell Valley	Stella Butler
Hogan Cedars	INACTIVE	Rockwood	Catherine Nicewood, Kim Richmond
Hollybrook	INACTIVE	Southwest	Kathy Gardenhire, Dana Duval
Kelly Creek	Charles Teem, Karin Zachow, Carol Rulla, Griselda Sanchez	Wilkes-East	Kris Freiermuth, Janet Unruh
Staff & Guests	Lina Sizmin, City of Gresham, Neighborhood Services; Christine Johnson, Arborist with Todd Prager and Associates and Chair Gresham Urban Forestry Subcommittee; Shannon Martin, City of Gresham Solid Waste and Sustainability Manager; Denise Lopez, City of Gresham Climate Action Analyst; Officer Skeahan, City of Gresham Police NET; Tina Nunez-Osterink; Jacquinette McIntire; Jason Naumann;		

The meeting opened at 7:02 p.m., Jim Buck, Coalition Co-President presiding.

1. Meeting minutes for January 14, 2025, were approved as presented.
2. No public comment was presented.
3. Current and Emerging Tree Pests in Oregon, Christine Johnson presenting. The presentation covered the history, symptoms, signs, stages and treatment of three tree pests (bronze birch borer, mediterranean oak borer, and emerald ash borer) that are expected to become an issue in this area in the next couple of years.
4. Gresham’s Climate Action Plan Update, Shannon Martin and Denise Lopez presenting. City Council adopted the Climate Action Plan (CAP) in April 2024. Currently, and over the next month, the implementation team is working to identify priorities for 2025. The presentation also included information on several of the CAP projects that were accomplished in 2024. Outreach and education on the CAP will continue. A discussion of comments and questions from the coalition members followed the presentation.

5. Coalition Representative for Creating the Good Neighbor Agreement with East County Homelessness Resource Center (Cook Plaza Project): The coalition received a request to have a neighborhood association representative to work with the group that will be creating the Good Neighbor Agreement. The coalition also requested to have an alternate representative in addition to the primary representative. Catherine Nicewood from the Rockwood Neighborhood Association volunteered to be the primary representative and John Bildsoe from the Northwest Neighborhood Association volunteered to be the alternative.

4. Neighborhood and City News and Reports:

a. Neighborhood Services Report: Lina Sizmin stated that the city is looking for projects for the green and clean event. The date will be May 17th. The Lilac Run is scheduled for April 26th.

b. Co-President Report:

Carol Rulla: The land use work sessions group met with the planning staff on the development code and procedures update to implement state requirements around housing and cleanup of the code. The discussion included buffering and set back requirements and also the disparity of the code requirements for middle housing and accessory dwellings.

c. NA Reports and Concerns.

Stephen Estes, Gresham Butte Neighborhood Association announced that Allison Green of the Oregon State Fire Marshall will give a presentation on defensible space, wildland/urban interface and resilient buildings at their February 12th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dana Duval – Coalition Secretary-Treasurer

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 11
--