

SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, November 28, 2023
7:00PM – Kyoudou Center – Gresham Main City Park

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Meeting called to order by President Kathy Gardenhire at 7:05PM

Thea asked about the Gresham Coalition of Neighborhood Associations – each NA has a vote on matters and if the NA President is present they would vote on behalf of their NA. Dana mentioned that discussion at coalition meetings is often brought back to the individual NAs by the representatives at their future meetings.

Meetings are held monthly on the second Tuesday of the month, via Zoom at 7pm. Michael Gonzales participates as a city representative.

There should be a Land Use training seminar hosted by the Coalition at the beginning of next year.

The board will submit the application for D&O liability insurance covered by the City, Brandon will contact Michael to get the specifics and send the necessary details to the rest of the board.

January General Meeting planning – 1/18/24. Meeting will be in hybrid with on person (up to 49 persons capacity) at the Kyoudou Center, with a Zoom link as well. Brandon will work on A/V specifics so in room and remote participants can see presentations and raise hand.

Monica will look into providing refreshments for the meeting. Dana will check into the donation/compensation for the use of the space, who the entity is and whether the City may pick up the nominal suggested donation for the Kyoudou Center.

Future Guest Speakers and Meeting Agenda Topics –

Music in the Park – SWNA should put up a booth at the day that the City holds it at Butler Creek Park, with donation jar and mailing list sign up sheets.

January (18th) or April (18th) – City Manager Nina Vetter as guest speaker, expecting the safety levy to be put back on the ballot for the May 2024 election.

New Fire Chief – invite him and GPD/police chief as well

Traffic calming, speeding – Chris Strong, City of Gresham transportation manager

TriMet – changes in bus routes, Route 87 was modified?

Recycle Plus program – purple cans

Gresham Historical Society

Brandon will find the list of prior guest speakers and dates previously maintained by Gail Cerveny and distribute to the board.

July 18 – there was collective support for an information fair and picnic in the form of a National Night Out, support for doing an Ice Cream Social instead, still have the block party trailer, would be more cost effective and not require barbeques, propane and as much shopping, information fair with invited parties, police and fire came last time. Apply for the neighborhood matching grant. Ask for volunteers.

Treasurer – No banking updates necessary, Dana and Brandon are still on the account. \$320.89 is current balance. Be vigilant for scams and spoof emails.

Secretary – SWNA has a general email account that can be used to broadcast messages. Greshamswna@gmail.com. Brandon will check the account at least weekly for communication and forward items besides mailing list sign ups to the rest of the board. The city has a supportive neighborhoods department who can provide several services for board members. Contact Michael or Anna at the ONCE office.

Yard signs are placed throughout the neighborhood the week before the meetings. The participation has waned and Brandon is putting about 10 around the neighborhood. Will ask for additional volunteers at January meeting. Thea and Monica would like signs to put up near their home. Brandon emails the group of sign holders Fri/Sat before the next meeting. We will need new Velcro placards for the location due to procuring the new Kyoudou Center. Brandon will see if ONCE still offers laminating services and have these printed at the City.

Land Use – Pleasant Valley Plan Update meeting was at Pleasant Valley Elementary on 10/30 and well attended. Neighbors provided feedback and content besides the city presenting information. Property owners had questions about whether there might be zoning changes.

There will be a presentation from the planners and project team to the City Council in December.

Thea, incoming SWNA land use director, has been researching various historical land use cases. There have been no new applications within our boundaries. There are additional development applications to our south within the Pleasant Valley NA including along 190th Ave between Richey and Cheldelin Road.

Move to adjourn at 8:35 by Brandon, seconded by Thea.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon Harer

SWNA Secretary