

SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING  
Thursday, October 17, 2024  
7:00PM – KYOUDOU CENTER AT GRESHAM JAPANESE GARDEN / ONLINE VIA ZOOM

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Welcome, Call to Order and Introductions - Group

Due to technical challenges, the Zoom meeting did not launch as the City's Zoom account was being used by another group. Minutes reflect in person participation at the Kyoudou Center only. The secretary reached out to the City for an alternative Zoom meeting invitation which was received at 7:25pm and emailed to the SWNA mailing list.

Quorum established. Meeting called to order by President Kathy Gardenhire at 7:14pm.

2. Meeting Minutes - Brandon

Draft meeting minutes from SWNA Apr. 18, 2024 general meeting were presented for approval. Motioned, seconded and passed.

3. Treasurer's Report - Dana

A review of the July Ice Cream Social on 7/25/24 was presented. The event was successful with hundreds of ice cream sundaes served, 13 information booths from various community organizations plus a Metro recycling event with prescription drug turn-in. There were \$61.00 in general donations and an \$885.00 City of Gresham community matching grant for revenues. More than 70 volunteer hours were logged for the event with a labor equivalent for the matching grant at \$1868.00. Expenditures were submitted to the City in the grant completion report. Event signs, portable toilet and portable freezer were the main expenses besides ice cream, toppings and serving supplies. Some expenses were incurred after the grant application was submitted or a higher amount would have been requested to cover all expenditures. Treasury balance of \$259.51.

4. Guest Speaker – Jane Foreman, Chair of UpRiver Village

Jane presented regarding the future scope of a new organization planning to begin services in 2025. UpRiver Village (<https://uprivervillage.org>) will provide services to seniors to support aging in the home by offering a network of neighbors and volunteers to support them. The concept began in Boston where neighbors assisted other neighbors with needs such as transportation to appointments, participating in social and recreational activities and practical services in their home. The UpRiver Village is specifically for east county residents in Gresham, Troutdale, Fairview and Wood Village, as there are other Villages in the Portland metro area (<https://villagesnw.org>) .

The organization has a full leadership committee and is currently recruiting volunteers and members. Various service levels are available starting with regular membership at \$276 a year including twelve 2-hour services during the year. A Trailblazer membership is available where 3 or 6 months of extended

membership is offered when pre-purchasing a one year membership in advance.

There were questions and answers including the vetting of volunteers via background checks. Drivers must pass two tests in order to be approved. The target date for going live is July 1, 2025.

#### 5. Elections of Officers – Kathy and Brandon

Annual elections are held at the October SWNA meeting and there was a call for nominees for each of the five officer positions.

Kathy Gardenhire was nominated for President by Monica Ford. Seconded by Thea Hayes. No additional nominees named. Call for vote, majority in favor, passed.

Monica Ford was nominated for Vice President by Dana Duval. Seconded by Brandon Harer. No additional nominees named. Call for vote, majority in favor, passed.

Brandon Harer was nominated for Secretary by Thea Hayes. Seconded by Michelle Wilkinson. No additional nominees named. Call for vote, majority in favor, passed.

Dana Duval was nominated for Treasurer by Monica Ford. Seconded by Judith Berg. No additional nominees named. Call for vote, majority in favor, passed.

Thea Hayes was nominated for Land Use Director by Brandon Harer. Seconded by Kathy Gardenhire. No additional nominees named. Call for vote, majority in favor, passed.

#### 6. Review Of Previous Activities

The July Ice Cream Social and Information Fair was reviewed, there was perfect weather, several information booths and neighbors obtained helpful information from them. Parking seemed okay and the signage posted throughout the neighborhood was broadly seen. Several took advantage of the drug turn in at the Metro booth. Consensus was to plan for 2025 and the date will be fourth Thursday of July, to avoid the Gresham Arts Fair weekend. Mark your calendars for July 24, 2025.

Michelle reported on the neighborhood garage sale held the weekend following the July social and it was very successful. 52 homes participated and the flyer distribution got the word out.

#### 7. Land Use Update – Thea

The City's active project planning page shows the Middle Housing Final Plat was changed from the original and resubmitted for the FMFP-24-00397 Highlands at Pleasant Valley development.

Michelle asked whether there were still any plans for retail at the main Sunset Village development along 190<sup>th</sup> near Richey. There are only homesites so far without evidence of an area for commercial use. We will monitor for updates.

There was a question about whether traffic signals would be going in, especially as exiting Willow Parkway onto 190<sup>th</sup> is particularly difficult now. Monica indicated that there are currently 80 locations on the City's list for potential traffic management, including traffic calming measures. Thea asked about the mechanism to submit a complaint or suggestion as well as see if the City is already looking at that location. Jay Higgins leads the Transportation Safety Committee and the engineering department assesses the impacts and ranks the projects.

#### 8. Future Meetings

Ideas were solicited for future speakers and topics at SWNA meetings. Chris Strong (Gresham DOT), parks department, Neighbor Ready Program and Gresham Police/Chief Travis Gullberg were suggested.

#### 9. New Business

Neighborhood Crime Prevention Workshops are available biweekly, RSVP or show up, next is Thurs 11/21 and the topic is cybersecurity prevention.

The speed of e-bikes on the Springwater Corridor was mentioned, prompting the question on whether e-bikes could be considered a motorized vehicle and technically not be allowed?

The next meeting is January 16, 2025 at the Kyoudou Center and online option via Zoom.

Motioned, seconded and approved to adjourn at 8:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandon Harer  
SWNA Secretary