

DRAFT MINUTES
Gresham Butte Neighborhood Association (GBNA)
General Meeting
December 13, 2023
7:00 pm, by Zoom and in person at the Kyoudou Center
No quorum

Attendees:

Board members: Stephen Estes (President), Sue Protz (Vice President), Theresa Tschirky (Treasurer), Jim Buck (Land Use Chair). Absent: Dale Ricklefs (Secretary).

Community members:

Mary Ann Buck, Mary Jeanne Olivia, Byerly Woodward, Charlotte Becker (zoom)

Multnomah County Representatives:

Lori Stegmann, Rebecca Stavenjord

The meeting started at 7:01. President Estes welcomed the attendees.

October 11, 2023 and November 8, 2023 General Meeting Minutes:

We were not able to approve the minutes due to lack of quorum. This item will be added to the next general meeting slated for January 10, 2024.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Multnomah County Update by Commissioner Lori Stegmann, supported by her chief of staff, Rebecca Stavenjord

Commissioner Stegmann introduced herself as a proud resident of Gresham and an advocate for East County. She provided an overview of services provided by the county and services provided through the Joint Office of Homeless Services. She described efforts to set numerical goals and measure impact of various programs provided by the Joint Office of Homeless Services. For example, one goal is to see a 50% reduction in unhoused people by December 2025.

Multnomah County has responsibility for the Public Health Department. She described efforts to behavioral health services and researching best practices in other jurisdictions, such as Houston TX. She described the challenges of recruiting and retaining community health workers and programs to certify new staff.

Questions to Commissioner Stegmann:

Q: Why has Multnomah County stopped the wastewater monitoring for COVID-19. A: Monitoring has moved to the state – the Oregon Health Authority is now responsible for all wastewater monitoring.

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/erd/pages/oha-releases-covid-19-wastewater-monitoring-data.aspx>

<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/oregon.health.authority.covid.19/viz/OregonsARS-CoV-2WastewaterMonitoring/Introduction>

Q: With the construction of the new Flagship East County Library, what are the plans for smaller local libraries? A: The existing Gresham Library on Miller will close. Other library closures such as Rockwood and Wood Village were not confirmed. The new library is expected to drive economic growth and provide many services typically found in a community center. It will have a 200 seat auditorium, public meeting spaces and a music recording studio. <https://multcolib.org/building-libraries-together/east-county-library>

Reports:

Treasurer:

As of November 15, the checking account balance was \$2,949.57.

Expenditures: \$248.00 deposit for reforestation plant material and \$172.48 for river rock around the Koi statue. Also, new checks have been ordered for approximately \$20. It was also agreed that printing costs for the flyers announcing the December meeting would be reimbursed.

Bylaws Committee:

Nothing to report

Land Use:

Nothing to report

General Discussion:

Sue Protz will investigate printing outdoor signs that can be used to remind neighbors of upcoming neighborhood association meetings.

Next meeting, January 10th, 2024

At our January 10th meeting, the speaker will be Lalo Guerrero, PhD., of the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI). He will present on the geology of the Portland area and Gresham Butte and discuss how the geology here may affect us.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 8:30pm

Minutes recorded by Theresa Tschirky, Treasurer

General meeting-zoom recording:

<https://greshamoregon.zoom.us/rec/share/U0DwbaOkwpeYKqGv5jFBYGZwSiXZQ72TQM3Ygsedp9kYR-fuD92yz0MPfPGqar9T.dEQ4P-XgYgPH4Gx?startTime=1702523001000> (passcode: bA\$!#Y5d)

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