

**Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations  
January 14, 2025 – Remotely Held (Zoom)  
Meeting Minutes**

NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES	NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES
Centennial		North Central	INACTIVE
Central City	INACTIVE	Northeast	INACTIVE
Gresham Butte	Stephen Estes, Jim Buck	North Gresham	INACTIVE
Gresham Pleasant Valley		Northwest	Kat Todd, John Bildsoe
Historic Southeast	INACTIVE	Powell Valley	
Hogan Cedars	INACTIVE	Rockwood	Catherine Nicewood, Anthony Crosman
Hollybrook	INACTIVE	Southwest	Kathy Gardenhire, Dana Duval
Kelly Creek	Karin Zachow, Carol Rulla,	Wilkes-East	Janet Unruh
Staff & Guests	Lina Sizmin, City of Gresham, Neighborhood Services; Police Chief Travis Gullberg, City of Gresham; Sarah Richardson, Police Communications Content Specialist, City of Gresham; Chris Strong, Transportation Director, City of Gresham; Linda Parashos; Thomas Stanley		

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m., Carol Rulla, Coalition Co-President presiding.

1. Meeting minutes for December 10, 2024, were approved as presented.
2. No public comment was presented.
3. Police Department Update Including Red Light Camera Use with Chief Travis Gullberg, Sarah Richardson and Chris Strong.

a. Chief Gullberg, along with Sarah Richardson, provided an update on the status of the Gresham Police Department in terms of staffing, specialty teams and projects. Chief Gullberg expressed some frustration with the officer staffing results over the last two years. Even though they were successful in hiring new police officers, with numbers of officers that retired or took employment elsewhere, the total gain in the 2023 staffing level was at a “plus 1” and in 2024, the staffing level was at a “minus 1.” The department has partnered with Allstar Recruiting to help find new hires. Chief Gullberg stated that the department’s priorities for the coming year are staffing and leveraging technology. On the positive side, they have increased support staff to help officers, including a total of six Community Safety Specialists (CSS) who are able to handle low level crime reports, one officer is now dedicated to the reinstated Neighborhood Enhancement Team (NET) and Behavioral Health Unit officers are responding to just mental health calls rather than regular calls.

b. Chris Strong provided a presentation on the automated speed enforcement pilot test program for Gresham. The power point presentation, which covers the proposal, workload impact, financial impact, outreach and the next steps, is attached.

c. Sarah Richardson provided information on the “Police and Community Together” (PACT) program. The purpose of this program is to build opportunities for the Police Department to expand ways to connect with the community.

4. Election of Coalition Officers for 2025: Carol Rulla opened the floor for nominations or volunteers for the positions of President (Co-President), Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. There were no volunteers or nominations. Stephen Estes made the motion to nominate the current slate of officers (Co-Presidents: Carol Rulla and Jim Buck, Vice-President: John Bildsoe and Secretary/Treasurer: Dana Duval). The motion was seconded by Kathy Gardenhire. The current slate of officers was elected by unanimous vote.

#### 4. Neighborhood and City News and Reports:

a. Neighborhood Services Report: Lina Sizman stated that the city may be willing to help Neighborhood Associations with fees for a meeting place, such as schools, for the neighborhood meetings. She will follow-up with an email on this subject.

#### b. Co-President Report:

Jim Buck: He and Carol Rulla met with the city management team in December as a year-end/recap meeting. Jim suggested that when the city releases a report such as the Climate Action Report, the Tree Code, etc., that they might consider what role the coalition or neighborhood associations play in any of the implementation aspects and include us in the implementation process.

Carol Rulla: 1) Carol went over upcoming meeting topics. 2) Carol had a discussion with Tara Wilcoxson (City of Gresham Planning Department) about an opportunity for a neighborhood group to regularly give input to the planning department and be able to raise issues. They thought that evaluating the development code and policies update project would be a good first step for that group. This would be a separate meeting that would be focused on separate aspects of the project. Carol will send out an email to neighborhood Presidents and Land Use Officers to see who may be interested in participating in this project.

#### c. NA Reports and Concerns. No report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dana Duval – Coalition Secretary-Treasurer

Next meeting: <b>Tuesday, February 11</b>
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