

**Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations
July 9, 2024 – 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	John Bildsoe
Historic Southeast	INACTIVE	Powell Valley	Stella Butler
Hogan Cedars	INACTIVE	Rockwood	Catherine Nicewood
Hollybrook	INACTIVE	Southwest	Dana Duval
Kelly Creek	Karin Zachow, Carol Rulla	Wilkes-East	
Staff & Guests	Alex Logue, Community Engagement; Jason Naumann, Rockwood Common; Jacquenette McIntire; Janet Unruh		

The meeting opened at 7:03 p.m., Jim Buck, Coalition Co-President, presiding.

1. The meeting minutes for June 11, 2024, were approved as written.
2. No public comment presented.
3. The first agenda item, “Change is in the Air,” with Derron Coles, was not presented. Mr. Coles was not in attendance.
4. Rockwood Common – Jason Naumann presenting:
 - a. Rockwood Common was started in 2023. The organization mission is “to grow a resource and skill sharing community to strengthen collective neighborhood resilience.” The plan is to have lending libraries and maker spaces (using rentable or sharable space and available workshops). Currently reaching out to organizations to see what space may be available and finding what sharable skill sets may be available.
 - b. The priorities are sustainability (more sharing means fewer things manufactured, shipped, purchased and disposed), accessibility (collective efforts allow all to access with less individual responsibility) and collaboration (skill sharing, cooperation and shared access makes the community more agile and adaptive in the event of adversity or disaster).
 - c. Current projects include: establishing lending libraries and finding maker spaces. The Hawthorne Wood property at 18450 SE Stark is a 1-acre property with a 3,920 square foot warehouse space containing machinery and tools to operate a commercial woodshop. The property was an operating cabinetry woodshop seeking new ownership. The Gresham Redevelopment Commission purchased the property in March of 2024 after City Council approval with the stated purpose of providing education, workforce training and maker space facilities in the Rockwood Town Center, as well as increasing opportunities for youth and families. The Rockwood Common proposal is to use this space as a woodshop, lending library

and a repair hub. There are also possibilities for a workforce development and STEM learning center in the space and to use the green space for a berry farm and orchard expansion of the adjacent Feed-Em Freedom Foundation's Roc10 Farm. The partnerships to help steward the space include school STEM classes, workforce programs, small businesses, equity programs and sustainability programs. The idea for use scheduling of the space would be to have reservable time for school partner use and after-school activities programming during the weekdays and the tool lending library and adult/family enrichment programming in the evening and weekend hours. The liability of the space during adult/family enrichment programming and tool lending library hours, as well as general liability for the building would be covered by Rockwood Common. The liability for the space during the school partner use (anytime a student is using the space) would be covered by the specific school. For after-school programming, the liability would be covered by the sponsor of the after-school program. Grant funding and corporate and small business sponsorships would be sought for the general operating costs.

d. Future projects for Rockwood Common include a mobile lending library, distributed lending pods (similar to Amazon pick-up boxes), and an organization support lending bank.

e. A needs assessment survey (what kind of tools do people want to borrow, what kind of maker spaces are needed and what kind of workshops do people want) can be found on the Rockwood Common website at RockwoodCommon.org

5. Neighborhoods and City News and Reports.

a. Neighborhood Services Division Report – no report

b. Co-President Report.

1) Carol Rulla:

a) At our last meeting, as preparation for our August discussion of residents' role in city decision making, we agreed that we would send in a written summary of things that work or don't work, recommendations, etc. Nothing was received. Does anyone have any thoughts for what our goal is for the topic? Discussion: Jim expressed that he would like to get something from the city as to what their vision is for community engagement and how do they see neighborhood organizations factoring into that.

b) Agenda topics: August – discussion on community engagement; September – Gresham Parks 2035, Tina Osterink. There is potential to use our October meeting or a date around that time for a City Council candidate forum or an issues forum (such as the changes to the City Charter that will be on the November ballot). The decision for having a candidate forum will need to be made at our August meeting due to the time constraints between when the candidates must apply and when the ballots go out. Other possible topics: updates on the tree code, the downtown master plan, the transportation systems plan, the climate friendly equitable communities (CFEC) code change, the Pleasant Valley plan, and the climate action plan; the next phase of the development code and process improvement project; the next phase of the environment overlays; the Vance Vision Plan perhaps have Lori Stegmann and Vince Jones-Dixon speak on this topic; implementation of the levy funding; feasibility study on a fire district; the Upriver Villages presentation.

c) No interest was expressed in having Upriver Villages do a presentation. The group supported having a candidate forum.

2) Jim Buck: No report.

c. NA Reports and Concerns: No reports.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dana Duval – Coalition Secretary-Treasurer

Next meeting: **Tuesday, August 13th**