

DRAFT MINUTES- Distributed for internal review March 18, 2024
Gresham Butte Neighborhood Association (GBNA) General Meeting
March 13, 2024
7:00 pm, Hybrid
Quorum

Attendees:

Board members

Stephen Estes (President), Sue Protz (Vice President), Dale Ricklefs (Secretary), Theresa Tschirky (Treasurer), James Buck, Land Use Chair

City Representative

Alex Logue

Visitors from other Associations: John Maxwell, Richard Barkey.

The meeting started at 7:00. President Estes welcomed the attendees. Introductions were made among all of those present.

Minutes approval

Minutes were read to the group, excluding items that were not business items (program presentation details).

Minutes of October 11, 2023. Motion to approve with no changes made by Sue Protz, seconded by Charlotte Beach(?). Passed.

Minutes of November 8, 2023. Motion to approve with no changes made by James Buck, seconded by Mary Jeanne Olivia. Passed.

Minutes of December 13, 2023. Motion to approve with no changes made by Mary Anne Buck, seconded by Theresa Tschirky. Passed.

Tree planting on Gresham Butte

James Buck reported that 400 bare root trees will be planted on Gresham Butte in the Dawncrest subdivision. The planting is planned for 1:00 pm on March 16, and has been advertised on Next Door and the GBNA website. There is a mix of fir and deciduous trees.

Enhancement grant- Basalt pillar engraving

The Basalt pillar will be engraved March 14. Once that is done, James Buck will complete the enhancement grant report.

Grant proposals

James Buck discussed possible grant proposals and Sue Poltz added additional commentary.

In 2023, there were two grant proposals, one for \$1,000 and the other for \$2,000. When the Garden group applied for a grant, it was denied. It was unclear if the grant committee viewed the Garden group and GBNA as competing for the same funds, or if the Garden group and GBNA were viewed as separate entities. There was a suggestion from the floor that it would be appropriate for the applicants to find out how GBNA and the Garden group are viewed by the grantors before the next applications are made.

For 2024, ideas presented were to provide funds for the gardeners and to have a large community party for the GBNA. As part of the discussion, Alex Logue mentioned that the city was planning activities for National Night Out this year. She also mentioned that lighting for the plaza area may already be part of an enhancement grant.

Grant applications may be due in mid May, but there is not deadline at this time. It was discussed that the proposed applications should be presented at the April meeting so the grant can be submitted in a timely manner in May.

Gresham Ballot Levy

There was a discussion about the proposed five year levy by the city of Gresham to retain, add, and competitively compensate police and firefighters. The major points include: competition for salaries and work/life balance from other communities, and the inability to add this type of operations and maintenance into the existing budget due to Oregon law limiting the amount of increase in *ad valorem* tax rates.

After questions from the members and clarification from Alex Logue, Theresa Tschirky moved that GBNA formally endorse the proposed police and fire (levy). Sandy Davidson seconded. The motion passed.

These minutes need to be provided by the city of Gresham reflecting this passage by March 21. After that time, city staff is unable to reflect endorsements.

Treasurer's Report

As of February 15, the bank balance was \$2,499.79. After the meeting, Theresa provided an update. A check of \$600 for the basalt engraving had not yet cleared the bank by February 15. The balance upon the clearing of the check is \$1899.79.

Changes at city hall

Alex Logue indicated that Lina Sizmin will be back at city hall as an assistant to Alex and serve as our primary contact as she dedicated last year.

Insurance

Alex Logue noted that there may be changes in the insurance underwriter. She will keep the board informed of the changes so we can continue with the insurance process.

Timely posting of call for meetings by the city

There was concern that it may take several days for our meeting calls to be posted on the city website. The by laws include the length of time that such meetings are posted. Alex Logue stated that as long as we get the meeting calls to them by that date, that would be sufficient for the city.

Close of meeting- 8:55

Dale Ricklefs moved for the adjournment of the meeting at 8:55. James Buck seconded. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Ricklefs, Secretary