DRAFT MINUTES

Gresham Butte Neighborhood Association (GBNA) General Meeting

January 14, 2026
7pm, Hybrid
Gresham Japanese Garden Kyoudou Center and via Zoom

Attendees:

Board Members
Stephen Estes (President), Sue Protz (Vice President), Tamaryn Newton (Secretary),
Jim Buck (Land Use Director), Cheryl Freedman (Treasurer)

Guests
Captain Don Livingston, Gresham Police Department, Community members

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:58 PM by President Stephen Estes.

A quorum was confirmed.

Approval of Previous Minutes
Minutes from the December 10, 2025 GBNA meeting were reviewed.

President Estes noted that a clarifying paragraph had been added after distribution to satisfy bank requirements regarding authorized signatories. Discussion clarified that the board has authority to designate signatories and that Jim Buck will not continue as an additional signatory due to potential conflicts related to receiving payments from the association. The board will finalize signatory changes directly with the bank.

Motion to approve the December 10, 2025 minutes as amended was made and seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Main Agenda – Gresham Police Department Presentation

Captain Don Livingston of the Gresham Police Department provided a presentation via zoom and responded to questions regarding staffing, public safety, and neighborhood concerns.

Staffing Overview

- Authorized sworn officers: 134
- Current sworn officers: 122
- Vacancies: 12
- Officers currently in field training: 17
- Three new officers are scheduled to be hired on February 2, 2026
- Twenty-four officers were hired in 2025
- The current eligibility list includes 34 candidates

Captain Livingston noted that staffing shortages continue to impact traffic enforcement and specialty units.

Specialty Units

- Neighborhood Engagement Team (NET): 1 full-time officer
- Behavioral Health Unit: 1 sergeant and 4 officers partnered with Cascadia clinicians
- Traffic Unit: 2 certified motor officers currently assigned to patrol
- K-9 Unit: 3 officers, one per shift

The department's goal is to return specialty units to full time assignments once staffing levels improve.

Ceasefire Program

Captain Livingston described the Ceasefire program, a community based gun violence reduction initiative staffed through overtime assignments. Since March 2025, the program has resulted in felony and misdemeanor arrests, firearm seizures, and referrals of high risk individuals to outreach services.

Gun Violence and Reporting

A reduction in verified shootings compared to previous years was noted. Captain Livingston emphasized the importance of calling 911 immediately when gunshots are suspected. Potential future use of gunshot detection technology was discussed, pending funding and evaluation.

Community Questions and Discussion

Residents asked questions and raised concerns related to:

- Traffic enforcement and loud vehicles
- Speed trailer requests
- Fireworks enforcement and reporting
- Homelessness and camping concerns
- Drug activity reporting
- Drone usage by Gresham Police
- License plate reader technology
- Alarm monitoring responses
- Behavioral health-related incidents and repeat environmental damage near Johnson Creek

Captain Livingston addressed questions and described coordination with the District Attorney's Office and City Attorney regarding ongoing cases.

Treasurer Introduction

President Estes introduced Cheryl Breeden as the association's new Treasurer.

Future Meetings and Topics

Discussion topics included:

- The 2035 Parks Plan and lack of walkable parks including potential follow up with Metro
- Consideration of meeting frequency
- Fire prevention activities and grant opportunities
- Future chipping service schedule

No formal motions were made.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.