



**Meeting Minutes:  
February 7, 2023 General Meeting**

**Present:**

Kayla Viramontes - The Bold Orange, Claire Lider - USWC, Jessie Clark - RedFred, Ben Berry - The House of Tattoo, Ameer Curtis - SDF Collective, Shannon Chisom, SRC Community Consulting, Katryn Bruce - The Musikry, Erin Beggs - Gresham Area Chamber, Sarah Wolfe - Brow Babe Studio, Michael Gonzales - City of Gresham, Sue O'Halloran - KMO Real Estate, Kerry Ann O'Halloran - KMO Real Estate, Silvie Andrews - Gresham Historical Society, Codie Jennison - NW Enforcement, Alicia Castro - The Broker Network, Anna Snyder - City of Gresham

- 1. Meeting Called to Order - 8:00 a.m.**
- 2. Introductions of Businesses in Attendance - (8:00 a.m. - 8:07 a.m.)**
  - Michael Gonzalez - providing an "ear for the city"
- 3. Ben Berry-House of Tattoo**
- 4. Nw Security 23rd year**
- 5. KMO- Sue O'Halloran**
- 6. Shannon SRC- 3rd thursday dan davey trio performing**
- 7. Lily Andrews**
- 8. Musikry- Looking for an employee.**
- 9. Sara- Studio ?**
- 10. Erin Beggs- Event and Sponsorship Coordinator**
- 11. Kayla V- Bold Orange- NEW\* My Gresham magazine**
- 12. Ameer- Free Third thursdays @ SDF Collective**
- 13. Anna Snider- Small business coordinator**
- 14. Alisha Broker Network- No third third thursday/ Make and take class**
- 15. Post Office display reminders- drop things off**
- 16. General Business (8:07 a.m. - 8:22 a.m.)**
  - 1. Meeting Minutes to Approve: APPROVED**
    1. General Meeting of January 10, 2023
    2. Board Meeting of January 24, 2023
  - 2. Membership Update, Kayla V- Applications are now OPEN**
  - 3. Financial Update, Kerry Ann- 18772.29 end of Jan 2024 garland. SUPER hard to hear- still working on budget**
  - 4. Main Street Application Update, Claire- Applied at affiliate level**

**17. Gresham Chamber of Commerce Update with Erin Beggs, Event & Program Manager (8:22 a.m. - 8:29 a.m.)**

A brief description of the gresham chamber of commerce- Purpose, vision, mission. 454 member 11% Non profit 64% sm biz owners. Passed out magazine. She recommends Friday am networking event 7:22 Try local/ unofficial happy hour, business leaders luncheon.

**18. Event Updates (8:29 a.m. - 8:39 a.m.)**

a. Third Thursday - Shannon \*\*Year round now- slow start- little theater, sugar cubed, taekwondo, shop girl, we need to advertise more so people know it's happening. Musikry Idea: Big scavenger hunt- possibly having businesses partner to offer prizes when they find the egg shaker. We pointed out that we can share our info with others who are participating- about Painted spoon hunt/ musikry- using the TT as a platform for cross promotion.

Jessica will help promote via social media. Tag us. You can add your TT event in the gresham chamber event calendar.

Sidewalk sticker with a QR code to help promote and market the TT event \$2750 grant for TT entertainment.

Stickers are Hollywood sign (\$ 1500 donation )

b. My Hero's a Winner - Kayla B. 30th year for the event. May the pictures kids have done. Already emailed and contacted local schools for kids to do who their hero is April 25th (Kayla V's Birthday)

Asking for volunteers to put these pictures up- this helps gather people at local business) Prizes in the past: Recognition

Prizes will go to the teachers-

Schools are still able to sign up.

Random kids can color and submit too.

Images are posted for 2-3 weeks May 5th0-May 18th- we can not return their images

Images are on the website Businesses are able to download and print.

**19. New Business (8:39 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.)**

a. City of Gresham Grant for Security Services - Sue O'Halloran  
Criminal Activities (not just homeless only)

We have cameras but it's not enough prompting conversations with the city/ mayor.

Thoughts to make us safer: Bolster the police by having the community police.

Grant that would allow us to hire additional ppl to patrol around our area.

They need help to figure out that the logistics would look like- routes/ routines/ frequency etc

Mayor said it will be on the agenda on March 7th- Mayor offered to champion it.

We would be responsible to manage this.

It was recommended we as a chamber put the information to gather to see if

there's a pattern to help facilitate the logistics plan. Erin B Volunteered- Berry asked about surveillance systems in use.

It was generally accepted that the criminals are using a set routine for damage and criminal activity.

City council will be presenting information re: Public safety

Attendance info is posted on the city website for Zoom. Attendance and the meetings are posted afterwards as well.

**20. Other (8:50 a.m. - 8:59 a.m.)**

Micheal: city has had some compliance complaints divisions and main- busted Historic word is missing. He would like feedback re: Updating the sign, possibly modernizing the sign. QUESTION presented: How do we feel about just removing it until we figure out what to do with it?

Re; Replacing it:

Community enhancement grant: Feb 15th \$60k (receiving would be in July)

Claire - Community enhancement grant is on our radar- Was already getting a quote for replacement. Worried if we remove it, it would be a huge pain to get another permit

Permit- If the structure remains the same your permits remain effective. If you remove the foundational poles are removed/ changed/updated etc then we need an entirely new permit. Current state of the foundational posts: Unknown.

We spoke of new ideas for signs/arches etc.

General consensus: Remove the sign/ leave the foundational posts- In the interim using the foundational posts to hold banners

**7. Adjournment - 9:13am**

**Meeting Minutes Submitted by Ames Curtis, HDGBA**