

# Meeting minutes



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Meeting: Gabbert Butte Master Plan – Stakeholder Advisory Committee – meeting 1  
Date/time: Tuesday, June 20, 2017  
Place: West Gresham Elementary School - Library  
Purpose: Project introduction and site visit

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## **Attendees**

Blanca Piña Domingez, Connect with Nature; Brent Sullivan, Northwest Trails Alliance; Daisy Nguyen, Connect with Nature; Jason Howard, Johnson Creek Watershed Council; Hoan Tran, Connect with Nature; Isatou Jallow, Connect with Nature; Jim Buck, Gresham Butte Neighborhood Association; Kat Conard, Neighbor; Louise Dix, East County Windwalkers; Micah Meskel, Portland Audubon; Phil Nosler, West Bliss Butte Site Steward; Ruth Jensen, Connect with Nature; Whitney Bailey, East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District; Tina Osterink, City of Gresham; Torrey Lindbo, City of Gresham; Rod Wojtanik, Metro; Elaine Stewart, Metro; Olena Turula, Metro; Mike O'Brien, Project consultant

## **Topics**

### Project overview

- The Gabbert Butte master plan project is a partnership between Metro and the City of Gresham.
- Metro is the regional government and Metro Parks & Nature mission is to protect water quality and wildlife habitat, and provide opportunities to experience nature through connected system of parks trails and natural areas.
- The goal of the project is to develop a master plan for Gabbert Butte
- Gabbert Butte is a 150 acre site in the East Buttes that includes Metro and City land ownership
- The master plan process aims to identify locations for parking, a welcoming park entry; to identify appropriate nature park activities; to improve the trail network on the site.

### Process

- The project will provide opportunities for public input at 4 milestones: Three open houses will be held to share existing conditions, design alternatives and a preferred alternative. On line review will be available at each of these milestones and once a draft plan is completed.
- The Stakeholder Advisory Committee will meet approximately six times over the next 9-12 months, including at each of the above milestones
- In addition four Connect with Nature workshops are being held to have focused conversations about the site with communities of color.
- Connect with Nature is a region-wide Metro initiative to create parks that are more welcoming and relevant to communities of color, and Gabbert Butte is one of the focus sites.

*Committee roles and expectations*

- This committee is not a decision making body, it is an advisory committee, and the role of the committee is to represent and consider the various opinions and perspectives of people in the region, and work together to help staff address challenges/conflicts that may arise during the process, and advise staff on the project. Each committee member should represent your community or constituents, while also striving to set aside personal and constituent interests in order to seek the best solutions for all.
- Ultimately staff will weigh all public input to develop a recommendation to Metro and City Councils who have the final decision making authority for all findings and recommendations

*Gabbert Butte Tour*

- The committee carpooled to look at two sites along Regner Road (the water tank location, as well as a possible entry location at 29<sup>th</sup> Ave) and the existing trail head at the end of SW Gabbert Rd.