

DRAFT MINUTES

BNA Board Meeting
2/11/20, 6:30-8:30pm
Courtyard by Marriott, Columbia meeting room

APPROVED 03/10/20

ATTENDING – Tom H., Bridget B, Paul Wargnier, Erik M., Jon P., Bridget, Paul, Gorgy, Jan
Not: Matt W., Walter V.

Guests: Ann Howell, BNA Communications; Neighbors: Jeff Herring, Ralph Baird, Jeff Henrich, Don Friebob, Max Stille, Dave, Lind, RV Branham, Valerie Tovatt, Patrick Tovatt, Karen Poeschel, and Raymond Edwards

Meeting started 6:30pm

BOARD Meeting Minutes: **VOTE**. A motion to accept 1/14/20 BNA Board Minutes as presented (after correcting typos) by Erik, seconded by Paul, all in favor. Approved.

Levee Ready Columbia – Board BNA response comment discussed.

USACE is interested in raising and protecting the levee to 40' over the average height of the river. Improvements will raise the dike 3'-5' along Bridgeton Rd and up to I-5. FEMA required that their levee improvement proposal from Army Corps (USACE) be "fast-tracked" which did not allow time for an accurate assessment and recommendation for our section of PEN 2. Their preliminary report focused on improvements only from the middle to south side of levee so as not to encroach on river (north) side which would trigger greater environmental review.

USACE Draft Integrated Feasibility Report: <https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/levees/pmls/>

Issues with their initial proposal:

1. Fast Track requires that the project be rushed through the public and planning process.
2. MCDD has been pushing back on FEMA upgrading their standards to get certification. Our levee is not likely to breach but may under I-5 and at low spots that are not included in report.
3. Alternatives on northside of levee were not considered because of known environmental issues.

BNA DRAFT response document:

http://www.livebridgeton.com/uploads/2/8/1/1/28119931/bridgeton_response_2_12_20.pdf

BNA Neighbor Recommendations:

1. We want them to address neighborhood protection and design participation
2. Address FEMA Insurance requirements: I-5, low spots, seismic sustainability to withstand an 8.0 earthquake
3. BNSF RR – By not addressing the access issue, it may increase the cost of their proposal.
4. Loss of parking. Lack of safe egress (single points of failure).

5. Alternatives on northside were not considered because environmental assessments are triggered when construction touches water and hazardous sites create complications.
6. Design is critical to even meet criteria of living neighborhood. USACE created the design to get our response. We need to respond to the document presented by USACE before 2/14.
7. Make sure that FEMA insurance rules are satisfied.
8. Seismic safe - EPA & seismic considerations.
9. Urban planning – consistent with Bridgeton plan, no NET loss of parking, emergency egress,
10. Include 40-mile loop addition
11. The USACE analysis did not value existing floating homes or properties on the north side.
12. Hayden Island infrastructure should be considered.
13. Suggestion: Create a North Portland Harbor “lock” with gates, closing only when high water events happen, like a “Thames barrier” with hydraulic lifts constructed at the head and foot of Hayden Island.

Alternatives presented: 3 improvement options proposed

ALT 3 – Just upgrade pumps

ALT 4 – Meets fundamental design requirements, upgrades pumps and building a new levee. by RR tracks because BNSF refuses to allow USACE on their property.

ALT 5 – Improvements outlined in Alt 4 & 5, plus constructing a 3’-5’ seawall.

If ALT 5 is chosen, an “alignment” seawall should be appropriate to community standards. ALT 5 is double the cost, only to be at level with that at Sandy River. 1000/year flood, 1% risk of flooding. 20-year flood 52% chance of flooding.

FEMA standards requirements are met by some of ALT 5 but not:

I-5 interchange

I-205

I-84 at Troutdale

33rd at Columbia Edgewater

42nd Street Boat Ramp

ALT 4 should be endorsed because currently Bridgeton Rd. is low risk factor for over-topping.

MCDD will be our voice in advocating for expense distribution. Money is designated, but not confirmed. The project must meet economic thresholds and two appropriations required: design phase and construction phases. MCDD is very concerned about costs. Currently 3,800 households are solely burdened but new district will help share costs.

VOTE – Motion made by Bridget to approve the BNA Response document (needs to include “Meets FEMA minimum standards), Erik seconded, all in favor. Approved

Upcoming Meetings

1. BNA Walk-thru 2/25, 8:00am (time & date to be confirmed) – Starting at Blue Frog Marina, walking east. We should meet them at our properties.

2. BNA meeting Columbia Levee at Columbia Edgewater in March. Laura Hicks wants to help set agenda. We want open communication and reassurance that our input is heard. Bridgeton wants a seat at the table and be a part of all considerations in design phase.

BNA will send reminder emails, social media posts and talk to all neighbors possible to get as many comments in before Friday.

Spring General Meeting

Tuesday, 4/14/20, 6:30-8:30

Networking: 6:00pm

Portland Yacht Club – Bridget asking Tom & Barb Kelly to be host

Agenda: (10 mins each)

Neighbors for Clean Air - Tom

PBEM – Emergency management plan - Ann

PBOT – Marine Dr Traffic light - Erik

ODOT – I-5 Bridge summer closure - Erik

USACE Levee report

Tables: Fundraising, Green Team, Clean Up/SOLV, others?

Liaison Reports

Roth Estates – Roth Estates is mostly concerned about egress in Levee Study Report.

Tree damage in bioswales were repaired easily, with not permit issues or concerns.

Events

Clean Up – May 16, Saturday

\$701 budget - Covers flyers, school use, 2 dumpsters, and shredding costs. Our bottle funds will be able to cover all other costs.

Seeking partnerships with EPNA (funding?) and SOLV to clean up the slough. Dan, SOLV coordinator – will help organize volunteers with clean up, especially by 6th Ave., along Marine Dr. Suppliers: ECR Resource Recovery.

Include Blue bottle fundraiser focus

Green Team plans to move Triangle Spring clean-up to sometime in April.

Add ECR & SOLV to website

Steve Lewin not needed. Boxes will take scrap metal.

Communication

Signs to dumpsters to promote blue bag fundraiser

USPS – Request to approve support to the union drive to keep systems the same.

Green Team

Maintenance - \$300 expected expense for landscape maintenance. Two clean-ups/plantings proposed, Spring & Summer.

Recycling information researched to be shared soon.

Safety – Neighbors are working to alert local property owners when there are concerns regarding campsites.

NPNS – Support multi-modal safety project on Lombard Street working to slow down traffic, converting from 4 lanes to 3 lanes, make it more pedestrian friendly.

VOTE - Erik moved, Gorgy seconded, 1 objection, all other Board members approved. Approved.

NPNS budget battle continues. Diane Riley from Civic & Community Life provided basic information, but not full answers, about the 20% cut in paid time to pay for a supervisor.

Next Board Meeting: March 10

Meeting end: 8:50 PM