

## BNA Board Meeting 1/10/23 MINUTES – APPROVED 2/7/23

**Attendees:** Bridget Bayer, Jerry Duckett, Matt Whitney, Susan Johnston-Wright, Tom Hickey, Bill Patterson, Dan Nehler

**Guests:** Mary Jaron Kelly, Daniel Soebbling and Jessica Mooring, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

Introductions.

December 13, 2022, Board meeting minutes approved as presented, all in favor.

**Events:** Susan J–W will lead the events committee this year. She will focus on getting a coordinator for each of our three events: Spring Cleanup, Summer sale, and Annual Neighborhood Picnic. We also have two General all neighbor meetings, in the spring at PYC and fall at the Marriott.

April 18 - Spring General Meeting - We need to ask a member to be a host for us. We usually ask neighbors, Barb & Tom Kelly who live on Bridget's dock, but Dan is a member, so maybe can ask this year? Possible presentations by SRV on 33rd (Tom), environmental issues (Bridget), Alliance Development/senior living (Susan).

April 22 - We agreed to do our spring cleanup on in conjunction with SOLVE. Mary J–K offered a connection to Metro that other neighborhood associations have used for funding. Matt reported last year's event cost \$1,200, and we received \$700 in donations.

### **Clean & Green Team:** Bridget

Trash reporting: Neighbors can make specific reports on garbage/trash in two ways.

On private property: <https://www.portland.gov/bds/code-enforcement/report-code-violation-or-check-status-reported-code-violation>, or call 503 823 2633. If garage/trash is in the public right-of-way (city streets or sidewalks): <https://ridpatrol.oregonmetro.gov/report/#/start> or call 503 234 4000.

Recycling: There is a plastics recycling event, nearby on Saturday, January 21. She will take plastics delivered to her house by Fri, 1/20 (next Friday).

**NUMBERED PLASTICS:** #2, 4, 5, 6 – Everything must be clean and separated by number.

**UNNUMBERED** plastics (please sort into these categories):

- screw-top caps
- straws
- bag clips
- tableware (forks, knives, spoons)
- contact lens blister packs
- pumps: lotion, hand soap, detergent

No #3 (PVC), #7 (other) and No colored #1 (PET) and nothing that can be put in blue bins.

**Land Use:** Talitha Mathis, neighbor in East Columbia, is requesting our support to remove the remaining trees at N. Marine Drive for Bridgeton Rd. in preparation for her development project. She hadn't heard if we supported her street vacation request. We discussed the project at our Nov 22 Board meeting and agreed with Land Use committee's suggestion not to support the project, as proposed, unless they committed to adding a sidewalk along the east side of Gantenbein (along the new development).

We don't support removing any more trees because neighbors adjacent to the "Bridgeton Slough" have repeatedly said that the noise has negatively affected the livability in the area. After hearing Bureau of Planning & Sustainability's presentation about proposed environmental overlay zones that further supported our position not to remove any more trees because trees offer shade and cooling for both water and humans. Among other benefits to soil erosion, they reduce water temperature critical for birds and wildlife habitat. Urban forestry usually requires re-planting when trees are taken down. Most of the trees have already been removed from the property and the remaining ones ignored. We agreed not to support tree removal until the development project is fully planned. Bridget will email our response right away.

**GUESTS: E-Zones/Environmental Overlay** - Daniel Soebbing and Jessica Mooring, Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

BPS shared information about environmental overlay zones (ezones) in the Columbia Corridor and other industrial areas around Portland. Ezones are a part of Portland's zoning code that are applied to protect important natural resources, like streams, sloughs, wetlands, and forest vegetation. Most of the area impacted by the project is industrial or commercial, but many residential properties could be affected, most often adding vegetation, requiring setbacks from waterways, etc. There are two types: 1. Conservation Zones – allows new development by minimizing loss of trees and setback requirements and 2. Protection Zones – highly restrictive for private development (with some exceptions). The project team will be working in collaboration with a citywide Economic Opportunity Analysis to balance the need to protect natural resources with the need to preserve industrial land for future job growth. Existing or proposed ezones are visible on the [CCIL Ezone Map App](#). Project staff are offering free site visits to confirm/correct natural resource mapping, and to discuss the impacts of ezones on your property.

**Safety – Bill P.**

- Egress/Ingress issues - Increased density and speed on Anchor Way. Emergency vehicle concern at times due to the close proximity of parked vehicles. There doesn't seem to be any parking enforcement and the small road through this densely packed neighborhood is dangerous. BNA reported to PBOT Traffic Investigations Section to review Anchor Way for potential parking removal. The ticket number in our TrackIT system is [#2474584](#).
- It is very important for all neighbors to report illegal activity every time you see it: PDX Reporter, <https://pdxreporter.org/#NewReport>. You can report abandoned autos, campsites, illegal parking, graffiti, public property maintenance and other. \
- Cars driving on the levee – Unsafe situations all around as there is no road on the levee from I-5 to N. Bridgeton Rd yet cars can access it easily. The BNA reported this to the Mayor's office at our Nov 2022 Problem Solver meeting. PBOT and ODOT have been alerted. The property is private, ODOT (State owned) or managed by the Water District. The Water District has been notified by Mayor's office, we alerted MCDD.  
Businesses have tried to stop cars - Diversified Marine was asked by ODOT to block access points on their property. PBOT then asked them to remove those blocking a bike lane though they were placed to allow bikes access, just not cars. Tipp Topp Marine owners agree that cars could easily access the levee in front of their business but they don't own the property, Pier 99 does. Pier 99 property managers (now Brenda Christina, Milt Brown's daughter) has been alerted but we haven't heard back from them yet.

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Focus Group - Upcoming meeting, next Thursday (911 calls, etc.)

Portland Engagement Project presentation – 2/6/23: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81142028001> District coalition leaders and staff, members, and partners are welcome to join us in a conversation about how to best engage your groups. The 45 minute meeting will be led by consultants from [Pregame](#), partners in the [Portland Engagement Project](#), a project of the Office of Community and Civic Life.