

**BNA Board Meeting Minutes – DRAFT**  
**3/14/2023**

**Attendees:** Bridget Bayer, Tom Hickey, Bill Patterson, Matt Whitney, Susan Johnston-Wright, Walter Valenta, Jerry Duckett, Ta’Neshia Renae, and Dan Nehler

**Minutes:** BNA Board Meeting Minutes 2/7/23 - approved as presented.

**Liaison Reports**

Western Half is working on stopping vehicles driving on the Levee and dealing with parking issues.

Roth Estates – No report

**Finance**

Budget 2023 – approved as presented. Projected Revenues: \$7,150 & Expenses: \$6,850  
Account Balances: Checking: \$3,335.92                      Mitigation Fund: \$16,213.18

**Events**

4/18/23                      BNA Spring General Meeting at PYC. Meeting starts 6:30 PM, (doors open at 6:00 PM), meeting over at 8:30 PM. Board approval: \$200 for cheese & crackers. Bar will be open.

Pre-meeting 4/5 at PYC to practice A/V, side room (Dan, Susan, Walter, Bridget).

Greeters: Gayle & Jerry

Agenda: 40 Mile Loop, SRV RV on 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Environmental Pack, Land Use?

Promotions: Newsletter (march & April), Facebook, Nextdoor, A-boards out by April 1, Flyer printed first week in April, and distributed by April 8<sup>th</sup>. Distributors: Gayle, Susan, Ta’Neshia

Add: Lost & Found to

4/22/23                      BNA Spring Clean Up 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Shifts: 8:00-11:00AM, 11:00AM–2:00PM.

Partnering with SOLVE who provides tools, garbage bags, gloves, vests, needle boxes and grant for dumpster fees. Register for our clean up here: [SolveOregon.org](http://SolveOregon.org) – Susan will collect info.

Ivy Pull – Matt organizing. Focus on trees at foot of Haight St. 10:00 am start.

Adopt One Block litter pick up – Bridget organizing. 10:00 am start.

Doughboys Pizzatopia has offered pizzas. Asking Marsee Baking & Starbucks too.

3/25/23                      Columbia Slough Watershed Council (CSWC) is partnering with Parks & Rec. for a planting event at Children’s Arboretum. They are seeking volunteers (not money) for the event at the Columbia Children’s Arboretum, 10:00 AM – 12:00pm.

**Past Events**

3/15/23                      We had a good Phone photo class with Kellyn Gorman at the [Kenton Firehouse](#). All NPNS Neighborhood Assns. And groups were invited, 6 people attended.

**Clean & Green Team**

Ongoing air quality monitoring with Cascadia Action reports will be available soon.

Max Samuelson, CSWC Stewardship Director, met with BNA Clean & Green Team to discuss the state of the Bridgeton Slough.

### **NPNS Chairs Meeting**

IBR Marketing Team presented. Questions remain about upriver businesses if bridge is too low. Design intends to be high enough so there should be no economic loss.

Civic Life is working to reinstate staffing levels at NPNS to 2 FTE, increasing Mary Jaron-Kelly to full employment (40 hrs/week) and adding another person. Much thanks and appreciation to Ginger Rogers, Arbor Lodge, who focused on informing, and being informed about the lack of insurance and other issues for NPNS. TJ McHugh is now the Interim Director of OCCL (he used to serve on the Overlook NA Board). Proof of insurance has not been resolved yet, OCCL is still working on getting documentation.

Neighborhood Summit 2023 – It was a great meeting with over 60 neighborhood associations represented. [Results from meeting and polling here.](#)

### **Safety**

Stolen truck (from the Piedmont neighborhood) because Susan spotted it on Bridgeton Rd on NE 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. Police were called and was returned. Neighbors are complaining about the abandoned vehicles there. We can report them at: <https://pdxreporter.org>

Cars driving on the Levee problem solver meeting next week, on 3/20, with the mayor's office, Portland Bureau of Emergency Management, Multnomah County Drainage District, Oregon Department of Transportation, Portland Police Bureau, Blue Frog Marina, Pier 99, Channel Condos and the Bridgeton Neighborhood Association.

### **Announcements**

Letter from Karen Wells describing a painful experience of a white man accosting her, a black 70 year old woman – “What Evil Lurks in the Hearts of Men” – an unfortunately common occurrence for people of color. She would like all neighborhood Assns. to publish this letter.

Safety in Public School – Kristen Downs, [kristen\\_downs@yahoo.com](mailto:kristen_downs@yahoo.com), Request for Neighborhood Newsletter Support Concerning Safety in Portland Public Schools would like us to post in our newsletter and endorse replacing SROs in our public schools.

Next Soup Night, 3/29, at Mary Nolde's house, men are welcome too!

Meeting ended at 8:00 PM.