

## **BNA Board Meeting Minutes - APPROVED**

April 11, 2023

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

### **6:30 pm - Meeting start**

**Acknowledgement:** The Bridgeton Neighborhood Association acknowledges and gives thanks the indigenous peoples along the Columbia River who were the original caretakers of this area who were displaced by white colonizers. Today, people from these bands have become part of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, as well as the Chinook Nation and Cowlitz Nation on the other side, in Washington State.

**Minutes approval** – Tom moved, Susan seconded, 3/14/23 Board minutes approved as presented.

### **Land Use**

Levee – US Govt has agreed to fund  $\frac{3}{4}$  of design, pre-engineering. Erik has had meetings with 2 Land Use attorneys to possibly represent us when the USACE & MCDD work on raising the Levee. More later for consideration. Ezone development changes will require natural plantings.

I-5 Bridge - Tom reported that he and Walter met with the I-5 Bridge Replacement Project engineers to consider our proposed transportation plan that includes the surrounding access. MLK Jr. Blvd, Marine Dr., 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave. and other roads around here will be affected. They appreciate our input and have asked for another meeting scheduled 6/2/23.

A meeting with property owner at Gantenbein & Marine Drive assured BNA Board member that they will put in sidewalk as BNA requested. Her vacation is still being held up by Milt Brown/MOB Investments.

A letter has been sent to some property owners proposing a high voltage electric cable, OR Dept of Energy siting for a company from The Dalles to Portland. Possibly bury down the middle of the Columbia River. Not much info.

### **Events**

**General Meeting:** Agenda shared. Special gate code for our event: 1908. Gayle, Walter, Jerry will be greeters. Bridget, MC, bringing Nametags, Sign-in sheets, 2-sided flier with agenda & clean up. Be there by 6:00pm. Meeting: 6:30pm-8:30pm.

**Clean Up:** Volunteers still needed (Gayle will push at Spring General). Board members to help with set up 8AM. Susan will meet drop boxes. Ivy Pull starts at 10:00am. Marsees’ pastries pick up Fri. Starbucks coffee on Sat. Pizza party at Doughboys after clean up at 2:30pm.

Funding - SOLVE will not support our clean up now. Susan recommends that without their financial help there is no reason to have it so early and it’s too close to our Spring General meeting, normally in April.

### **Safety**

Problem: Driving on the Levee. Our participation with Portland Emergency Management Office (PEMO) led to terrific TEAMS meeting online with many parties, including 3 neighboring businesses, MCDD, ODOT, PPB, BNA and the Mayor’s office. Everyone listened and offered help to fix this problem. The outcome (for now) was a shared Memo of Understanding:

1. MCDD seemed willing to help us move barriers such as eco blocks/jersey barriers into place to help prevent unauthorized vehicle traffic from entering onto Pier 99 property near Blue Frog and Channel Condos.

2. The existing barrier near Blue Frog hopefully can be moved a few feet for that purpose. Pier 99 and Channel Condos will need to facilitate purchase of barrier(s) to prevent vehicle access on the shared driveway from Harbour Drive.
3. Blue Frog can add barriers from the Blue Frog parking lot (yellow star).
4. Pier 99 property (MOB Investments) representatives to look at blocking the parking area on top of the levee at Pier 99 Marina.
5. DMSI offered eco blocks that might work in some situations.

### **NPNS**

We now have Liability Insurance again.

OCCL has agreed to increasing staffing to 1 FTE so Mary J-K is working 5 days a week now. We are still pushing for a return to 2 full time persons as in the past.

### **Announcements**

A tree at the north end of Bridgeton Rd that was saved on levee is getting too tall for some neighbors.

There was a request from a neighbor asking if the BNA has some legal documentation from the fight to when neighbors tried to save the trees. The BNA does not take a position on individual visual assets for homeowners.

Meeting ends: 7:55pmpm