

May 09, 2023

Attendees – Tom Hickey, Erik Molander, Bridget Bayer, Susan Johnston-Wright, Walter Valenta, and Bill Patterson

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.

Minutes approval – Bridget moved, Tom seconded, 4/11/23 Board minutes approved as presented.

Discussions – Looking for storage for BNA tents, tables & totes. Area needed is approx. 3’x3’x9’. Bridget will ask PPS Transportation Bldg. if there is room in the same storage area where the BEECN box is located.

BNA Spring Clean Up – Big success. No funds from Metro. We tried applying for funds from Metro’s Regional Refresh Fund and were directed how to ask for this appropriately in the future.

Upcoming BNA Summer Calendar

- Columbia Children’s Arboretum Park Reopening Party – June 11
- Board Meeting – June 13
- No Board meeting in July
- Summer Street Sale – June or July? Who would like to lead on this?
- Summer Picnic - Aug 12? – This is based on the same second Saturday as in past years though we have also had it in Sept. in some years. Everyone should weigh in on the best day for them so we can pick this date at our next meeting.

Columbia Children’s Arboretum Park Party – June 11, 1:00 - 4:00pm

This is an event to celebrate the new improvements to the park. We are partnering with East Columbia (ECNA) and Parks & Rec. in hosting the event. BNA & ECNA are considering a \$200 contribution each for a live band, “The Larks” who will play in the background. Parks will bring a separate PA & mic for speakers. Our committee is seeking donations for refreshments from local businesses.

Motion to approve \$200 for the event, seconded, all in favor. Approved.

Draft Program:

- 1:00 Music
 - Tables: Parks & Rec
 - Columbia Slough Watershed Council
 - Multnomah County Drainage District
 - Environment Education
 - Forestry?
 - BNA/ECNA
- 1:30 Program – Welcome: Need MC
 - Project Manager, Sandra Burstoss PP&R
 - Commissioner Dan Ryan PP&R
 - PP&R Director, Adena Long PP&R
 - History ECNA?
- 2:00 Shayla Garcia - Shining Star Waldorf School nature based activities.
 - Food & Drinks
- 4:00 Close

7:00 PM - Meeting end