



## **Bridgeton NA Board Meeting Minutes – APPROVED 2/20/2024**

January 9, 2024 - 6:30 – 8:30pm

**Attending Board:** Susan Johnston-Wright, Karen Waggoner, Mike Pickrell, Matt Whitney, Cynthia (Cyn) McDaniel, Katy Ailstock, Dan Nehler, Clare Baxter, Gayle Miller, Bill Patterson, Bridget Bayer  
Guests: Mary Jarron Kelly, NPNS Director, Barbara (Bara) Miller

*Land recognition - We want to express gratitude to the original caretakers of this land who were displaced by white colonizers, and to those who still reside on it.*

**Introductions:** New board member introductions.

**VOTE:** Motion to accept and seconded for Sept. and Dec. 2023 Board meeting minutes: Approved as presented – all in favor.

**Discussions:** NE 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue has been cleared of campers. Large piles of debris remain, environmental damage is likely. Check where campers likely moved at next Problem Solvers meeting on Jan 17 with Portland Emergency Management Office (PEMO) meeting or Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS). Concerns about RV's moving back to Delta Park or PIR or to Bridgeton Rd.

**VOTE:** New Board Member – Barbara Miller. Motion to accept and seconded - all in favor

### **Liaison Reports**

Western Half – Bill: Security breach at the Mews. Mike: A neighbor is having cars towed to, and left parked, on Harbor Dr. [PDX Reporter](#) is the first (and best) way to get City assistance on illegal campsites, abandoned autos, etc. Set up an email account and report early (and often).

Eastern Front – Dan: A new mailbox was installed on a post along the path of Roth Estates – Does Roth Board know? Also, a new bucket has been left inside the dog park to collect poop bags but it is getting emptied regularly.

### **Committee Reports**

#### ○ **Land Use/Transportation**

Discussions about the North Waterfront area occur at our Land Use & Transportation monthly meetings on the first Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm at the Marriott.

Speed limit signs – Concerns about speeding vehicles on Bridgeton Rd. since there are so many walkers and pets. Cyn will check with Portland Transp. (PBOT) about the possibility of getting speed limit signs and more speedbumps to slow down traffic. N Ptl'd Neighborhood Service (NPNS) has “Slow Down” signs available per Mary.

Matt reported history of speed bumps. BOD had mixed opinions on speeding issues and people driving around the speed bump. A speed awareness article was suggested for the newsletter.

The original Bridgeton Plan adopted in 1977 was shared with new BOD members:

<http://www.livebridgeton.com/bridgeton-plan.html>



Transportation contact is: Mike Serritella at [mike.serritella@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:mike.serritella@portlandoregon.gov) who can shed light on speed bumps and process to add, if requested.

Mult Co Drainage District/PEN 2 staff would like to set up community conversations & walks along Bridgeton Rd. and Marine Drive. Board selected Feb 27 as preferred date.

○ **Events - Susan**

[BNA Calendar on Google Drive here.](#)

Spring Clean Up: Usually our first event. Susan will investigate reserving contractors for proposed date: 5/18/24. Karen offered to assist. Possible grant from Metro and resources through Mary J-K at NPNS.

Spring General Meeting: Dan will check with PYC for 4/25/24 availability. We have asked Kristi Delagarza, site manager for the Sunderland RV Safe Rest Village so far. Other presentations?

Music Event? Katy offered to work on a music event in the plaza by Wake Coffee (Maddox property). There are several other grant opportunities available for events. Could be a good opportunity to promote BNA activities like the Bottle Drop fundraiser.

○ **Clean & Green Team – Bridget**

Friends of Trees and partners host a tree planting in the Children's Arboretum on Jan 27, 9:30 AM. [Register here](#) to volunteer.

Fresh wood chips to be distributed on the berm path (Matt). Bara will ask Seamus if he could help.

Large fallen branch in Gantenbein triangle too large for regular crew to remove. DOT (who owns property) contacted to remove.

**Finance – Matt**

Our annual budget is always under \$10,000, last year expenses ran to almost \$7,000.

Revenues: \$670 from City/Ptld, \$700 Calendar fundraiser, \$540 Clean Up, \$512 MCDD, \$1400 Special event from PEN 2, \$1,520 from our savings/mitigation funds.

Expenses: \$1,725 Clean Up, \$603 Meetings, \$1,520 Triangle, \$1,155 Special event (Park reopening), \$970 Picnic, \$805 Calendar fundraiser, \$325 Comms + Office, \$20 membership.

2024 Draft budget REVS: \$6,575, EXPS: \$5,870 - Motion to accept and seconded. Approved – all in favor.

**Safety**

Sunderland RV Safe Rest Village report from Laudie Porter, **Community Engagement Coordinator, Streets to Stability: [Safe Rest Villages](#)**, City of Portland, Office of Management and Finance. The RV Park, operated by the Salvation Army, has capacity for 55 vehicles, currently, has 42 and 63 participants. Quarterly data: [data dashboard](#). Assistance often needed for food drives and volunteer opportunities. Portland's large 150 tent campsite will likely be opening this summer.

Helping distressed individuals – Cyn started this discussion asking if anyone knew the best way to assist people wandering through our neighborhood. Suggestions: Call 988 for Emergency Help, a suicide prevention center and for distressed persons. Call 211 or review resources in our [Safety folder here](#).

**Communications**

Waterside News – Send news tidbits, photos, etc. to Clare Baxter [baxterclare@icloud.com](mailto:baxterclare@icloud.com) The plan is to have it emailed the first week each month. Currently 346 received newsletter, 160 opened.



Increase readership? Suggestion to make a sign for A-Boards with QR code (Susan & Clare). Promote at events better.

Add Bottle drop fundraiser info every other month. Perhaps promote this at Wake Coffee.

BNA Brochure – Karen will review & edit

**Announcements**

NPNS is merging with NECN as required by the new City of Portland structure. Meetings are happening now between many boards and committees to set up structure.

Next Meeting: Feb 20, 2024 (moved one week due to Mardi Gras). 6:30 – 8:30 PM.

8:34 Adjourn