



Bridgeton NA Board Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2024 - 6:30 – 8:30pm - APPROVED March 12

Link to Minutes in Google Docs:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13u2FsM1YJsRKlIMZIQjUfHCUt7zeTQP?usp=sharing>

Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88036745184?pwd=VUIFQXU0UzVvZE9Jc2d1RXRjUHIBQT09>

Meeting ID: 880 3674 5184

Passcode: Neighbors

Attending Board: Clare Baxter, Bridget Bayer, Jerry Duckett, Susan Johnston-Wright, Cynthia (Cyn) McDaniel, Barbara (Bara) Miller, Dan Nehler, Mike Pickrell, Walter Valenta, Karen Waggoner, Matt Whitney

No guests.

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.

6:40 **Discussions:**

VOTE: Motion to accept January Board meeting minutes by Clare, seconded by Michael: Approved as presented. All in favor. Karen to send to Mary Jarron Kelly, NPNS

7:00 **District Liaison Reports:**

Western Half: Barbara commented on noisy party at house far west end of Marine Drive at 719. Owned by Milt Brown; used by motorcycle club; set off fireworks and disrupted those in Blue Frog.

Non-emergency line called.

7:20 **Committee Reports**

Land Use/Transportation: Walter provided an update on the IBR project. Preliminary EIS is due to be released in 30 days (expedited due to previous EIS work/approval) and be 10k pages. This would be followed by a 60-day comment period. Hope is to have a “final” design by the end of the year; now conceptual by functionality. Options are: 1) Double decker with cars on one level; mass transit and pedestrians on another level. 2) Single level; wider with pedestrian and mass transit at side. 3) Lift bridge to match current height.

Bridges may have three travel lanes with one or two extra lanes. \$7 billion cost; OR/WA must agree; both states have committed \$1 billion plus light rail dollars and Feds; important to lobby Metro and City Council. Many objections to prior bridge project are no longer present. After approval of EIS, condemnation can begin to prepare for build.

Debate continues on access routes. N Ramp to SR 14 may be abandoned and earliest access to Vancouver downtown at Mill Plain. Alignment closer to library/theaters. Hayden Island ramp from N only. Access from local bridge at existing Pier 99. No exit Southbound to Hayden Island. Northbound ramp onto I-5 would be by Jubitz; Southbound ramp under the freeway by Expo Center. Main bridge would be built first downstream (approx. six years to complete); then old bridge removed. Project projected complete in 10-15 years. Work cannot continue in the river year-round. Must allow for salmon run; work only November – February until above water level. Exit 307 likely one of last builds.



No push back on light rail with scaled back plan. Two stops in Vancouver – one at end of bridge for City Center, Waterfront access and one near library. Stops at Expo Center and Hayden Island. May have parking structures.

Bridgeton is represented by Walter Valenta on the extras advisory group – bike, walking paths, bridge trail, canoe launch park, proposed cover over highway at Vancouver library, etc. Tom Hickey is part of the general advisory group. Hayden Island neighborhood groups have opted out of IBR discussions. Apparently, they prefer no new bridge or construction of a new one by the train trestle to create a second beltway through Portland. This gives Bridgeton more sway.

PEN 2 Bridgeton Residents Briefing and Property Tour: Bridget shared information on MCDD meeting to occur Tuesday, February 27 from 3-5 pm. Meet at Portland Yacht Club for briefing followed by walking tour of Bridgeton. Residents with homes on Bridgeton Rd may RSVP to MCDD Evan Ridley at eridley@mcdd.org to set up individual meetings. Clare will add to Facebook and work on notification. Bridget distributed more information and a survey on this from MCDD via email. BOD is encouraged to share with other neighbors. [Survey is online.](#)

8:00 pm **Events: Susan**

Spring General Meeting to be held per Dan on Thursday, April 25 at PYC. Topics to be limited for more discussion on (proposed) Interstate Bridge Replacement, levee and to pitch clean-up. Rep from IBR to be invited. Last year BNA purchased cheese/cracker platter. Need to confirm if kitchen and/or bar will be open; maybe a \$75 bartender fee. Budget has \$500 for both General Meetings. Flyer, newsletter, and FB to promote. Expo Center rebuild was mentioned. Clare has an in for more information. Appears to just be in visioning stage.

Spring Clean-Up: May 18. Volunteers needed. Possible grants to support dumpster rentals, contractors (see notes following re: grants). Per Bridget, Multnomah County has a Regional Refresh Fund and METRO may have funds. No reason to align with SOLVE this year; little benefit other than a couple good volunteers. Options are do to an ivy pull (Matt?) or shore clean-up from boat(s). Bridget noted that triangle clean-up is happening next month.

Clean & Green Team: Bridget. Proposed Plant Swap at Wake Café (March 16) for seeds, plants, gardening. METRO to provide swag. Goal is to create more awareness and visibility for BNA; connect with Harbor Sky and other Facebook groups; increase circulation of BNA Newsletter. Currently 300 on distribution list. Susan has sandwich boards which could be updated to promote newsletter and events. Clare to promote; perhaps do flyer. Noted that Harbor Sky has a new owner dealing with flooding issues.

8:15 Announcements

Changes with North Portland Neighborhood Services: Bridget. District 2 will be only option in the future and represent 35 neighborhood groups - community based organizations, not just neighborhood associations. NSPS worked with 16; cut back to one part-time employee. Currently there are five volunteers on the BOD. Transition happens July 1. Susan and Bridget attended meetings. Susan has slides of Office of Civic Life Zoom meeting on February 24; will post on Google docs. Fortunately, our liability insurance through NPNS renewed in January and this should continue into the future.

Community Grants: Bridget. There are several grant possibilities including a community event grant, Nature in the Neighborhood, parks program, capital grants. Some are offered semi-annually or just in the Spring. May look into a grant for picnic, MCDD/IBR/PEN 2 grants, potentially \$800 from the City. Could support boat parade, levee improvements, communication, etc. Suggested this remains on our BOD agenda for further discussion.



Bridget shared more information with Susan and Karen on The [Regional Refresh Fund](#) that supports community-led efforts to promote livability and improve service equity in the Metro region by providing flexible, low-barrier funding for immediate cleanup needs in underserved communities.

[Portland Film & Events Grants](#) could fund boat parade. BNA applied for small grant in 2023 and did not receive; indicated request was too broad. Ron and Robin Smith on Hayden Island were involved in the past. Deadline is March 4. Robin reviewed criteria and questioned if this activity qualifies under intent of grant “to advance city’s economic and cultural revitalization.”

Next Meeting IN PERSON: March 12, 2024 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM; Clare to host at 205 N Bridgeton, Slip 8.

8:40 Adjourn

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Mar 12, 2024	06:30 PM – meeting in person at Clare’s
Apr 9, 2024	06:30 PM
May 14, 2024	06:30 PM
Jun 11, 2024	06:30 PM
Jul 9, 2024	06:30 PM
Aug 13, 2024	06:30 PM
Sep 10, 2024	06:30 PM
Oct 8, 2024	06:30 PM
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Dec 10, 2024	06:30 PM

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Next agenda:

DX Community Advisory Committee Testimony: Port’s Citizen Noise Advisory Committee (CNAC): Gary Kunz

Community Grants

Brochure?