



BRIDGETON

BNA Board Meeting Minutes – APPROVED

March 12, 6:30 – 8:30pm

In person: Clare Baxter's home, 215 NE Bridgeton Rd, Slip 8 (Five Cedars)

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

Meeting ID: 880 3674 5184, **Passcode:** Neighbors

Attendance (in person or on phone): Walter, Cyn, Bridget, Katy, Dan, Susan, Clare, Karen, Jerry

Guests: Sameer Kamai, Citizen Review Committee; Liz Taylor, City Advisory Boards Program Coordinator; and Gary Kunz, East Columbia Neighborhood Association Co-Chair

6:31 **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

VOTE: Board meeting minutes from October 10 and February 20 - moved, seconded - approved

6:40 **Discussions:**

Citizen Review Committee (CRC)

Sameer: Applications now open; first review March 17 and again end of month. Please apply. Applications open until all positions are filled.

[Citizen Review Committee | Portland.gov](#) – Their main webpage
[Job Opportunities | City of Portland Job Opportunities \(governmentjobs.com\)](#) – Their app listing.

Changing police accountability (not related to criminal law); hears appeals for more accountability and higher standards. Community involved policing is one remedy for constitutional policing related to race, mental illness; compliance and oversight.

The CRC did not get dissolved but will be when new oversight is implemented in a year.

Recruitment for Public Safety, City of Portland's Community Safety Division: Liz Taylor City Advisory Boards Program Coordinator, Portland Committee on Community-Engaged Policing (PCCEP) [PCCEP: Portland Committee on Community-Engaged Policing | Portland.gov](#) – Link to main webpage. [Job Opportunities | City of Portland Job Opportunities \(governmentjobs.com\)](#) - Link to application.

Citizen review is old version; Safety is new. Katy suggests inviting to Spring General Meeting to network and have information table. Bridget will send invite.

6:48 **DX Community Advisory Committee Testimony: Port's Citizen Noise Advisory Committee**

(CNAC): Gary Kunz, East Columbia Neighborhood Association Co-Chair, Shayla Garcia is other Co-Chair

Letter to Travis Nelson, State Representative, House District 44 to Colonel Michael Kosderka, Oregon Air National Guard

Opposition to Overhead Continuous Descent Approach landing pattern for F-15's. Reviewed by advisory committee which supported no landing pattern over residential neighborhood. Reportedly recommendations have been ignored. Current pattern has increased noise pollution, vibrations and air quality and is not compatible with residential area; burns lots of fuel. Maneuver starts at 2500 feet over Columbia Blvd, altitude down to 200 feet at 140-150 knots.

Bridget: Should BNA write other State Representatives (Fredricks, Sanchez)? Gary will follow up. Proposed boat trip on river to Sauvie Island with Rep. Nelson (who is a nurse). Cyn: air particulates a concern; changed flight pattern; noise is significant.

Gary: F-15 CD now flying; F-15 EF are coming; heavy when loaded, need to use afterburners. Sounds energy measurements explained.

7:19 Committee Reports

- **Land Use/Transportation: Walter**

IBR kayak access on North Waterfront under bridge at Pier 99 moorage would allow public access to water. Gary to propose to Rep Nelson.

Katy: Name of area? Roth uses "West End" of Bridgeton. New condos refer to themselves as "Western Half." Later discussion to use "North Waterfront."

Walter reported on proposed tolls (which Gov Kotek does not support) – I-5/I-205 looked at congestion pricing during rush hour to replace diminishing gas tax revenue.

For Interstate Bridge mid-span electronic tolling; have authority to impose; no pricing set (could be 0-\$5) for I-5 construction. Local bridge to Hayen Island would not be tolled.

Cyn: Marine Drive traffic flow would change significantly. Now by Anchor Way; would be closer to Jubitz/6th Avenue.

Walter: Many alternatives; more cross access. Truck group has a proposal. All must be approved by 2 states; 2 jurisdictions; 2 transportation systems. Proposals look promising. Want better bike and pedestrian paths and park with water access for public. Build will take 10-15 years. Hayden Island development to be "Vancouver-ized." Portland Bureau of Transportation likes idea of branding as "North Waterfront." MAX would have stops at Expo and current DOT building site at Jantzen Beach plus by Vancouver Library with cap over road. Realistically there is not enough manpower in the PNW to take on this project and the Rose Quarter improvements at the same time.

Claire requested drawings, aerial plan view. See bridge concepts: <https://www.interstatebridge.org/Visualizations>

Walter to invite a speaker for Spring General Meeting to share IBR drawings.

MCDD neighborhood walk through: No report has been completed from recent levee walk. Walter will draft a review of their presentation and his follow up with Erik Molander.

7:28 Reports (continued)

- **Bridgeton, Harbor Sky, Mews connection**

Is the Bridgeton connection important? Condos have a different image of Bridgeton than many who live on the street. Reportedly many live in the area because of the convenience to downtown and relatively affordable rents.

Mike indicated that the owners at Mews at N Harbor – 14 units owned with no public water access. They maintain 12-15 feet up to 40' of property to river.

Walter: Land ownership goes up to/under but does not include levee. All bridges will be condemned for IBR. Portland Parks own land; Milt Brown won't sell Pier 99 land and other holdings; built moorage (reported somewhat illegally); IBR to condemn all buildings; METRO wants to purchase land. Want current gravel road to be paved to I-5 or light rail; designed 15 years ago; sold one-third of property designed as trail; part of 40-mile Trail. Vision is to have public access, lighting and benches. Funds were deferred to Albina project.

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- **Grants**

Community Livability Grant: Bridget \$10-15k; focus on public connection to river. Grant to hire planners, co-ordinate with City funds, safety improvements; not to build. Other grants available for nature, activities in six areas.

Bridget to write grant; due April 15 for professional services with focus on low income who have no access to water, nature; update existing plans to provide access due to IBR changes. Plan is 30 years old. Takes several proposals for implementation; more imperative than ever. Bring plan into current day; leverage existing plan.

Clare: Where would public access be? Pier 99 area, under bridges, edge of freeway. Would be interested in doing grant to install native plants. Mike to help brainstorm solutions.

Cyn: Focus on public access for underserved communities.

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Next Land Use Meeting – April 2nd

- **Events: Susan**

Clean & Green Team – Plant Share Event, Saturday, March 16, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at Wake Café/Josie's Grocery, 1055 N Anchor Way. Plants, seeds, METRO info, raffle.

Spring General Meeting – Thursday, April 25 6:00 Networking. 6:30-8:30 pm at Portland Yacht Club. Menu available for dinner; maybe \$5 for each table linens; bar last call at 8:30. Space donated by PYC. Limit agenda items to levee and IBR.

Suggested Information Tables:

Portland Food Project & Native Gardening: Katy
Jubitz: Susan
Columbia Slough Watershed Council
MCDD/PEN2/USACE - Levee

Greeter volunteers: Susan, Cyn, Karen, Mike

Spring Clean-up – Saturday, May 18 – Susan wrote grant from METRO for \$2000; two drop boxes (waiting on response) located at Columbia West and Channel Edge; three for shredding. Habitat for Humanity will have truck for furniture donations; other items to be determined (i.e. construction materials); METRO for hazard waste – TBD. Note Lowe's will take back old batteries. Volunteers needed – Gayle and Linda Burright will help with recruiting again; Katy help with scheduling; Mike blue bags for cans; Dan truck to do pick ups; Steve Lewin for metals.

- **Finance – Matt**
VOTE: 2024 Revised Budget approval – motion to add printing line item of \$400 to budget. \$190 was spent last year; Noted that several grants were received in 2023 which are a possibility for 2024 too. Plant Share has been added plus potentially other events. First – Katy, Second – Susan; Revised 2024 BNA Budget approved by BOD.

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- **Communication**

A new Bottle Drop is proposed in the closed Dollar Tree location in St Johns. Neighbors there are against it. Similar locations, like Delta Park and near Safeway in downtown had huge issues of theft, garbage, and graffiti and had to be closed. A non-profit manages the Bottle Drops with strict rules but still have huge impacts to surrounding communities. The City of Portland is now restricting their locations until the organization changes the way they do business.

Bridgeton Brochure – needs updating. Karen updated local business list; Clare and Barb have Pages software and can review; suggest sharing this on Harbor Sky website. Map in brochure is incorrect.

- **Liaison Reports**

NPNS/District 2 Updates - Susan: NPNS Chairs Meeting. NPNS will be dissolved June 31st and all neighborhood assns. (incl. Bridgeton), will become part of NECN, as part of newly created, District 2 Coalition. Susan will be our “Champion,” representing us during the transition. Important to change the name from NECN and establish new guidelines for BOD positions and how to deal with the budget. The new District is being allocated only \$20k but neighborhood groups will go from 14 to 35.

- **Announcements:**

Speeding on Bridgeton, driving around speed bump or through puddles a concern.

Next BNA BOD Meeting – Tuesday, April 9

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Spring General Meeting – Thursday, April 25, PYC, Networking, Informational Tables at 6:00; Meeting 6:30 to 8:30, food/drink available.

Clean Up – Saturday, May 18

8:36 Adjourn