



BRIDGETON

Bridgeton Board Meeting

BNA Meeting Minutes APPROVED

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

6:30 – 8:30pm

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

Meeting ID: 880 3674 5184

Passcode: Neighbors

6:33 **Attending via Zoom:** Barbara Miller, Bridget Bayer, Susan Johnston-Wright, Cyn McDaniel, 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.

VOTE: May Minutes as submitted; moved, second, approved

6:37 **Discussions**

NECN Merge – Contract with city for one year. Transiting July 1. (Susan, Bridget)

Advantages/challenges:

- 501(c)3 status
- Suggested governance – one representative for each entity
- Potential financial entity for purpose of grants; now provide insurance
- Communication needs improvement: name may change
- Conversation continued below/later.

6:40 **Committee Reports**

Events – Summer Plans (Susan)

6:54 **Bridgeton Street Sale Date changed to July 27**

- Flyer – Barb (two sided with picnic)
- Signs - Susan with help from Cyn and John
- Posts on FB & Nextdoor about participating.
- Posts inviting people to come on social & local news
- Classified ad in the Oregonian and other local papers - Bridget

7:14 **BNA/Roth Summer picnic – August 10**

- Flyer - Barb
- Newsletter - Clare
- Check & confirm partnership with Roth Estates – Roth “boys” to cook
- Request sponsors & giveaways requests: gift certificates, funding, info tables – Marriott, PYC, IBM, Columbia Edge, Rose City Heating (suggested); over \$500 includes logo on flyer, website and/or at picnic
- Invite fire, police, candidates

- Entertainment – Karen contacted Change Hayden (guitarist) for availability of Vintage Soul; Chance and Ben (bass) are available; Brian (drums) could get another gig covered to participate; Steve (keyboard) not available on August 10. Costs for two hours (4 people) at \$100 hr + more for lead/PA equipment. Estimate +/- \$1200. Possible grants through CareOregon <https://www.zoomgrants.com/gprop2.asp?donorid=2252&l=y> or Walter could feel out MCDD, IBR for donation process.
- Volunteers - Gayle?
- Raffle items needed

7:34 **Smile Parade – August 24** (Bridget)

- 11:00 Start at East end of Hayden Island; outside Yacht Club; end near floating home by bridge
- Objective is to build community; theme is Hot August Nights (or Boats) on the River
- Permit request is in
- BNA sponsoring as insurance holder (NPNS); may need to purchase rider
- Safety boats available for non-boat owners to participate
- Have three business sponsors at \$400 each

Safety – grass on levee; path cleared; is this MCDD’s project to complete?

7:47 **Treasurer’s Report** (Matt)

- Susan invoiced \$2000 for clean-up
- Matt detailed other expenses per budget and bank statement
- Need to invoice Jubitz quarterly for their sponsorship/ads
- Mitigation account balance \$13,048.73

7:59 **NECN Merge (continued)** (Walter email from 6/5 meeting): 12-14 people attended; 4 were from North Portland: Arbor Lodge, Cathedral Park, University Park and Bridgeton. Most people think that every neighborhood association having a vote in the new organization is the right way to proceed. Also well liked was the idea that from the big neighborhood board was formed an executive committee. Because it will be hard to figure out everything at the beginning perhaps there will be an interim board of all the neighborhoods that will continue to refine the organization with a goal of final by-laws within the year.

The organization might also have an even larger group called a “Congress” that would include all the Neighborhood Associations, at Large Members, the affiliated Community Based Organizations, the Business organizations, maybe even other groups like churches and schools. Maybe the Congress meets once year, the one of each neighborhood board a few times a year and the executive board most frequently.

A small working group organized by Sean Green of NECN will meet to continue refining ideas. These refined ideas will be brought to another group meeting like this one in the next few weeks. Sean will notify the same mailing list of “champions” that received the notice of this meeting. Anyone can come to either the small group work session or the bigger group meeting. Sean Green can be reached at boardchair@necoalition.org

8:05 **Land Use/Transportation** (Walter)

- IBR – DEIS delayed. Nothing new. No big changes in traffic patterns since 2019
- ODOT was counting on funds from tolling; held up by Governor. Underbudgeted.
- No funding for Rose Quarter road improvements

Levee Management

Levee design slow; no new update.

(Per Eric Molander email): We will merge Pen 2 into the Urban Flood Safety and Water Quality District on July 1. Fortunately, both Maryhelen and I will continue to serve on the UFSWQD Board and communicate the needs of East Columbia and Bridgeton.

One of the final resolutions of the Pen 2 board was to ask that two members of the community sit in an advisory role on the streetscape vision and design with the UFSWQD and US Army Corp of Engineers. The Board was hoping to recruit Walter Valenta and Gary Kunz (or another member of East Columbia) to serve in that role.

The reality is that only the USACE has final say on the streetscape design and has been loathe to have the community in on preliminary plans. We pitched it as a way to avoid confrontations as the USACE has minimal experience in expanding a levee in a built environment. They are used to doing landscaping with a Caterpillar 9 bulldozer not a garden trowel. Mark Wilcox and the UFSWQD staff are amenable, and we will try to make this happen.

The speed camera is up and operating on NE Marine Drive again.

The last plan for the 40-mile loop had the trail on the south side of NE Marine Drive. It will cross over to the north side at 13th. PBOT will be the decision-maker and we have good contacts there. Much of the expense will be borne by the Urban so I'm certain they will listen to our needs.

Erik Molander, President of Pen2 (for the next 30 days), Current member of the Board of Directors of the UFSWQD

8:09 **Announcements**

Follow up on Clean up (May 19): collected 5000 lbs, of metal; 8300 lbs. in dumpsters. Habitat was happy with quality of items collected. \$380 donated and deposited.

- 8:15 F15 final environmental assessment – Gary attended meeting. Matt reporting.
- Concern that new F-15 EX's do nothing to help local area in a national disaster.
 - Objective of National Guard is rescue focused. NG contributes significantly to costs of PDX
 - Traffic pattern over houses continuing issue.

Subjection Zone – Hayden Island; oil tanks on Highway 30
- High Noon President is Pam Ferguson (group becoming more social)

BNA ONLINE Board Meetings - Second Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 pm

No BOD meeting in July

Tuesday, August 13 @ 6:30 (BOD Recruitment)

Tuesday, September 10 @ 6:30 (Fall planning, BOD Recruitment)

Tuesday, October 8 @ 6:30 (2025 planning)

Fall General Meeting & BOD Elections

Tuesday, October 15

8:26 Adjourn