



Bridgeton Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting I Notes

October 15, 2024 | Courtyard by Marriott Portland North
6:00 Networking | Meeting 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Attendance: 48 people

VIP/Presenters: Levee Ready (PMLS)- Mark Wilcox, UFSWQD,
Dave Empel, US Army Corps,
Brooke Jordan, PBOT Corps' PMLS Project and
Kevin Bond, Long Range City Planner
Interstate Bridge Replacement Program, Bryan Stebbins and Jodi Mescher
Charter Portland, Fred Neal
Paul Slyman, METRO General Manager

BOD Vote: 14 Renewing Board members were unanimously elected plus one new, Linda Burrigitt, so the BNA has a full Board in 2025!

IBR Map of Project: Bryan Stebbins & Jodi Mescher attended meeting to share info on how to give comments on the IBR Program Draft SEIS. See <https://www.interstatebridge.org/updates-folder/supplemental-environmental-impact-statement/>

Portland Food Project: (from <https://portlandfoodproject.org/>) On the second Saturday of every even month Neighborhood Coordinators pick up bags of healthy nonperishable food that neighbors have left outside their front doors. They leave empty green bags for next time and take all the food to local Food Banks. Contact Katy, Julia or Larry

Rank Choice Voting Process: Fred Neal, Charter Portland, shared rank choice voting instructions and discussion to elect mayor and city councilors. Only select 1 candidate for each position, 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Details at <https://www.portland.gov/vote>

Portland Expo Center: Paul Slyman, METRO General Manager, Major Projects, shared historical pictures and info about the history of this site. First Nation American Indians were the first settlers here. Then Expo was the place for the Japanese internment during WWI, then a refuge location for displaced residents from the Vanport flood.

New plans for EXPO are 20 years in the making. There are currently 3 choices of design-layout that embrace history and sports tourism, intended to draw more users. Two big halls still included plus pools, volleyball courts, practice gyms, and other athletic uses. Discussed tourism, local use, funding, Max station and overnight service center. <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/public-projects/expo-future-project>

History of Bridgeton Neighborhood from The Missoula Flood to Present: Walter Valenta