



## **Bridgeton Neighborhood Association General Meeting April 17, 2018**

Approximately 56 people attended the BNA Spring General Meeting. These are the people who signed in (not all did):

Jose and Jane Rovera-Albrecht, Rich Brown, Frank and Leslie Bagon, Greg Bourget, Kaylene and Mark Putnam, Greg Wood, Peter Wilcox, Susanne Raymond, Cara Wright, Spring Vntalan, Randy Goshow, Katy and John Ailstock, Wayne and Tony Low, Gus Lutrell, Sam McGarrity, Julia and Larry Dumas, Emily Span, Bob Visdos, Tatiana Xenelis, Doug Brow, Gill Patterson, JH Leitz, Colin Rowan, Loretta Welsh, Al Dion, Marilyn D'Avanzo, Don, Terry Glenn, Gary Kunz, Doozy Rotharmel, Karen Dion, Ann Neuenschwander, Rick Loporchio, Julia Brown, Jacob Toda, Naomi and Don Scarberry, Peggy Molander, Sharon Drew Morgan, Nancy Phillips, Raeanne Lewman, Thor (Raelynn's partner), Nate (Karen's husband), Dale, Adair Cheppell and Jerry Duchett.

**BNA Board members:** Susan Johnston-Wright, Scott Niesen, Karen Kane, Erik Molander, Jan Strand, John Welsh, Bill Coffman, Jon Peterson, Tom Hickey, Walter Valenta, and Bridget Bayer.

**Presenters:** Jim Sjulín, 40-Mile Loop; Karen Carillo, MCDD Levee Ready Columbia; Beven Byrnes, Bridges Middle School with Cleaner Air Oregon; Brandon Goldner and Nate Werner, Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement

### **WELCOME**

Tom Hickey welcomed everyone to the Bridgeton Neighborhood Association (BNA) General Meeting and talked briefly about the purpose of our organization and agenda for the evening. We thank the Portland Yacht Club for donating the use of the space and for their very helpful staff.

### **BOARD & COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS**

Tom introduced Board members and talked briefly about upcoming events including the Spring Clean Up, the Green Team House Parties and the NET/BEECN committees.

**Land Use Meetings** are on the first Monday, every other month, at 6:00pm in the N. Harbour Marriott Lounge. The next meeting is on May 7<sup>nd</sup>.

**Green Team** meetings are on the first Thursday, every other month, usually from 4:30-6:00pm (though times vary) and locations vary, in our homes. The next meeting is Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM at the Marriott Courtyard on Anchor Way.

**Communications Committee** meets as needed and we need volunteers.

**Beautification Committee** meets as needed, Volunteers should talk to Karen and look to join the group at the Spring Clean Up on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**40-Mile Loop** - Presentation and discussion by Jim Sjulín, 40-Mile Loop Board member, led us on a visual trip around Portland highlighting the connectivity that the 40-Mile Loop greenway offers to non-motor vehicles. The Bridgeton trail gap is a new focus for the group because the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) is considering an improvement to the intersection at Marine Drive and 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave. They will advocate and work with PBOT to ensure that a good trail will be included in these new development plans. The process is just starting so look for more plans forming soon. Details and input will be requested in the near future. <http://40mileloop.org/wordpress/>

### **Multnomah County Drainage District (MCDD) Karen Carillo, Public Affairs & Project Manager:**

As part of our mission is to reduce flood risk, we review development applications for projects within the District boundaries each year. These reviews ensure that new development does not increase the risk of flooding, and that neighbors can be active partners in mitigating flood risk in our region. To provide developers and landowners with as much information and predictability as possible, we have updated our review process to include three tiers of review and, in some cases for large and complex reviews, a service charge for each development project. The new tiered review structure can be found on the attached document titled "Drainage Districts Development Review Factsheet." To learn more, visit:

<http://www.mcdd.org/developmentreview/>.

Karen's contact info is (503) 281-5675 ext 302, [kcarrillo@mcdd.org](mailto:kcarrillo@mcdd.org)

PENN 2 Board Budget Discussion is next month, May 17, 11:30 – 1:00pm

### **Levee Ready Columbia Update Colin Rowan, Levee Ready Program Manager:**

Levee Ready Columbia (LRC) formed in 2013 when local government agencies partnered with neighbors, businesses, and community groups to evaluate flood risk and to ensure that our levee systems remain in good standing in federal programs. This effort includes the first comprehensive engineering assessments of the levees, as well as studies of the economies, environment, and community assets behind the levees. The program is now at a pivotal time as we move from the Discovery Phase to the Analysis and Planning Phase, which means that LRC is nearing completion of the first-ever comprehensive levee engineering assessments of the levees in all four Columbia Corridor levees. As we complete these assessments and other technical work we will have a clear view of the projects needed to re-certify and maintain FEMA accreditation. With direction from the community, decision-makers will start to plan levee remediation. Please see the attached document titled "Certification – Project Estimates Map" for a peak at the first results of anticipated capital projects to meet certification. To learn more, visit: <http://leveereadycolumbia.org/>

Colin's contact info is (503) 281-5675 ext. 320 – [crowan@mcdd.org](mailto:crowan@mcdd.org)

**Portland Clean Air** - Bevin Burns, Principal and Executive Director of Bridges Middle School (recently moved from Bridgeton Road), is a concerned activist focused on air pollution problems including the emissions from nearby oil re-refineries, APES and ORCCO. Bevin introduced Greg Bourget, Executive Director from Portland Clean Air. Portland Clean Air (PCA) is a registered Oregon Political Action Committee and 501(c)(3) working to address industrial pollution in Multnomah and Washington Counties. In her work with PCA, Bevin help coordinate regular communication and cooperation on air quality advocacy efforts between 27 community/neighborhood groups with a reach to more than 50,000 residents.

Greg and Bevin shared with us that Portland currently ranks as the worst city in the U.S. for respiratory distress from air pollution. Sadly it's true, according to the EPA's most recent National Air Toxics Assessment, released in 2015 using 2011 data.

With this in mind, Portland Clean Air (PCA) volunteers conducted data requests about industrial stack polluters and unfiltered diesel trucks from nine government agencies during the past three years. The organization has been working with local volunteers to compile the data into a report localized by neighborhood. The current draft of the report is available at: [NEcoalition.org/publications/air-toxics/report/](http://NEcoalition.org/publications/air-toxics/report/)

But there's more work ahead, and more volunteers are needed to alleviate the problem more quickly. It took neighbors 42 years to identify that Bullseye Glass was annually putting 6,000 pounds of lead, cadmium, arsenic, and chromium into their unfiltered furnace. 85% of these heavy metals went airborne next to a daycare in inner southeast Portland. Now they have a scrubber removing 97% of these emissions because of the political efforts of their neighbors.

PCA needs volunteers to help study every unfiltered industry and truck fleet in the neighborhood, so immediate and reasonable mitigation can be requested for any nearby Bullseye-like factories and unfiltered truck routes. *Would you like to help?* From the comfort of your home, you can compile data and analysis. Previous science or data experience is welcome, but not required. Volunteers receive an Excel spreadsheet or other digital data source via email or website and, following explicit instructions, copy or type the data that pertains to the Bridgeton neighborhood. Analysis volunteers similarly follow instructions aimed at identifying industries with dangerous unfiltered air pollution. With your neighbors – working with Bridgeton Neighborhood Association and PCA – you can help make the nearby air safer. To volunteer, contact [Greg@portlandcleanair.org](mailto:Greg@portlandcleanair.org) and learn from informative reports and GIS air pollution maps at <http://PortlandCleanAir.org>.

**Marijuana Code Compliance** - Representatives from the Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) – Brandon Goldner and Nathaniel Werner described the permitting process for marijuana retail businesses dictated by Portland law.

Nate discussed:

- The process of applicants applying, being inspected and receiving their license go through their office.
- The program handles licensees that are not in compliance with our regulations.
- Permits require no involvement from the public. If this is something people would like to see change, contact elective officials. Portland follows the code that our elected officials have put in place.
- Portland regulations go above and beyond Oregon cannabis regulations.
- Signage is not regulated in our program, the Building Development Services (BDS) handles that permit.

They handle questions regarding permits such as proximity to an elementary or secondary school or another licensee or security concerns. A retail license at 207 N Bridgeton Rd. is legal, in general, as approved by Portland City Commissioners in 2017. OLCC checks background information on licensee and monitors compliance (i.e. selling to minors). City of Portland business licenses are permitted through Bureau of Development Services who monitors zoning, use, security, signs, etc.

Neighbors' concerns mostly centered on the best use for the property. Some cited the excessive number of retail pot shops all over Portland. Nate Werner stated, "Portland is fast approaching its saturation point for these enterprises." People are concerned about excessive traffic, parking and marijuana use in and around the location. There is an ad hoc committee looking at these and other issues, email [Jerivera45@gmail.com](mailto:Jerivera45@gmail.com) for more information.

## **Regulatory and Contact Information**

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Cannabis Program Q & A: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/article/570292>

Cannabis Code Compliance: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/article/637883>

Application Procedure & Licensure: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/article/595357>

Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) Regulatory Requirements:

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/article/595357>

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State of Oregon legislatures (BNA districts)

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OLCC 503-872-6366 or [marijuana@oregon.gov](mailto:marijuana@oregon.gov)

BNA Board Meetings are on the second Tuesday each month @ 6:30pm, location varies.

Thanks to all neighbors for attending the BNA General meeting and again to the Portland Yacht Club for hosting us!

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