BRIDGETON

Bridgeton Board Meeting
APPROVED Minutes
April 14, 2026 | 6:30 – 7:35 pm

6:40 **Attendance:** Dan Nehler, Gayle Miller, Katy Ailstock, Karen Waggoner, Susan Johnston-Wright
Guest: Shelley Mentzer

6:42 **Approval of Minutes** from March – no quorum; unable to approve

Discussions

- **Spring General Meeting format:** Tables designated for committee displays with remaining round tables for attendee seating; Bridget will ring a bell every 20 minutes to encourage table rotation.
- **Cleanup date change:** Annual cleanup moved from May 16th to May 9th to accommodate Susan's schedule conflict. Use Osprey and Elevated Tides parking lots (9am-2pm) with lockboxes for shredding at both locations.
- **Susan's NECN tenure:** Susan will step down as NECN liaison and board member in June after completing her term.
- **Levee Property (Vincent):**
  - 30 signatures on petition; multiple city agencies investigating violations.
  - PBOT sent letter to owner stating fence and water feature are in street right-of-way and must be removed (no response as of one week ago).
  - Property on levee cannot legally operate a business without paved parking lot (approval would be costly and unlikely); no business license ever issued for any business on property, including Channel's Edge.
- **School yard and safety concerns:**
  - Woman continues bringing 9-13 dogs to Roth Park school grounds despite cease-and-desist letter.
  - Police called multiple times via non-emergency line but never arrive in time. PPS risk management previously took action after woman exposed herself in front of people.
  - Katy will escalate at Monday morning city meeting (graffiti/police/fire coordination call) for third time.

6:44 **Liaison Reports:**

- **NECN Liaison Report (Susan)**
  - New Concordia board member Kathy McCarthy has nonprofit experience.
  - Treasurer stepped down; Tom's resignation resolved one grievance but ongoing grievances with staff members continue.
  - Meetings focused on grievance procedures rather than accomplishments.

  Other Neighborhoods:
  - Grant Park native plant sale May 2nd at Grant Park Church.

- Arbor Lodge shelter cleanup every third Monday (Peggy can coordinate if Bridgeton interested).
- Cully plaza project at Prescott/Cully with PSU graduates; cleanup May 16th.

Coalition Status:

- Waiting for city scope of work and potential RFP for neighborhood association contract.

Communications Grant

- Karen worked with Bridget and Susan to submit by April 16th deadline via classroom.

6:48 **Eastern Half - Roth Park Restoration and Other (Katy)**

- Final blackberry removal session completed Easter weekend; advisor amazed at progress and slough now visible.
- Plant pickup April 25th with planting day shortly after; includes red and currant bushes.
- Grant application planned for ESWD (Environmental Services Watershed Division).
- Active beaver spotted; new beaver dam visible west of boat launch area; built from downed trees.
- Graffiti on Marine Drive concrete blocks reported to city coordination meeting but not yet removed.

6:57 **Spring General Meeting - April 21st (Dan and Susan)**

- 10 total tables: 5 committee tables (IBR, Clean & Green, Safety, Adopt-a-Block/Food Project, Events) plus 4 open seating tables.
- Sameer Kanal, Portland City Councilor, District 2, will do opening presentation followed by open mingling format (table topics).
- Katy will cover greeting/check-in table
- Dan will coordinate parking volunteers and float between stations.
- Events Table (Susan/Karen): photos and volunteer signups. Will promote Plant Share event heavily (April 24th) with plants on display as teasers. Also Cleanup date and gauge interest for Street Sale in September.

7:09 **Plant Share Event – April 25 (Katy)**

- Katy made initial contact with Harbor Sky; Bridget met with Harbor Sky staff member who will join communications team (former Weebly employee to handle website).
- Harbor Sky wants to have pot painting station; unclear if bringing own tables or other materials.
- Katy has many plants to share and will follow up on Lowe's donation contact (in files) and finalize details with Harbor Sky this week

7:13 **Annual Cleanup (May 9th)**

- Susan and Bridget to finalize placement plan for 40-yard drop boxes.
- Parking confirmed at two adjacent locations: Elevated Tides (formerly Columbia Way West) and Osprey parking lots.
- Linda coordinating volunteers.
- Hazardous waste fees: Last year's cleanup required two trips due to volume limits, with additional fees paid for second load. Dan and Bill also have trucks, if needed

7:26 **Proposed Neighborhood Street (Garage) Sale – September 26**

- Moved from spring to potential September timing to allow for better planning and strategic organization
- Shift from scattered individual sales to centralized collection points along Bridgeton Road or at block corners to improve visibility and participation
- Rebrand "street sale" to "neighborhood garage sale" for clarity

- Sign-up sheet at Spring General Meeting to determine if sufficient interest (target: 30+ households) exists to justify organizing the event

7:29 **Announcements**

- **Traffic cameras** active on Marine Drive (between 33rd) and MLK southbound after Ainsworth speed sign.
- **Western half and middle sections of neighborhood have no current liaisons** (Bill Patterson on distribution list for western updates).
- **Night training operations:** Jets conducting night training exercises for next 3 days. Dan shared insights from federal colleagues (military veterans) about local air defense limitations. Reserve jets at PDX airport primarily provide aerial aircraft interception, not missile defense. West Coast missile defense relies on Hawaii installations and Navy submarines in San Diego/Seattle. Training exercises serve broader deployment purposes rather than local protection.
- **Junk removal service:** Katy recommends Junk It after successful blackberry removal project; has business cards available

7:35 **Adjourn**

Addendum: Katy Ailstock resigned from the Board per email of April 26 due to other involvements.