BRIDGETON

Bridgeton NA Board Meeting
APPROVED Minutes
May 12, 2026 | 6:30 – 8:00 pm

6:42 **Attendance:** Bridget Bayer, Clare Baxter, Dan Nehler, Karen Waggoner, Susan Johnston-Wright, Walter Valenta

Approval of draft minutes from March and April BOD Meetings. Approved with corrections and posted to NECN Classroom; saved to Google Drive and sent for posting on LiveBridgeton website along with notes from Spring General Meeting.

6:47 **Discussion:**

Former Channel's Edge Property Use

- Vincent considering yurt/circus tent-style clubhouse in parking lot rather than food cart
- Posted "parking for customers only" sign without business license; Bridget to address
- Community concerns about pre-payment requests "membership" without physical establishment; past incidents reported
- Truck scheduled for removal after extended parking

Liaison Reports:

6:53 **NECN:**

- NECN failed to respond to multiple requests about serving as fiscal agent for grant; Bridgeton to secure Soul of Portland as alternative at 10% fee
- Board members concerned about being labeled "disloyal" for advocating neighborhood association needs
- Susan will leave NECN board after next month; Jerry will continue as representative

Land Use:

7:12 **Environmental Zone Updates**

- Planning Commission regarding E-zone regulations; public testimony window closed but City Council review remains
- Properties along Marine Drive now have entire backyards designated as conservation zones raising questions about lawn maintenance and gardening restrictions
- Bridgeton Road to water's edge already zoned environmental with no changes; some properties have 25-foot buffer expansion along sloughs
- Drainage district appears exempted from E-zone rules despite protected zones covering their maintenance areas
- Walter will create newsletter content explaining how to use Map app for public comments and testimony process

7:25 **I-5 Bridge Replacement Update**

- Federal approval expected within 1-2 months, but project broken into phases due to $14 billion cost vs $5 billion funding
- Phase 1A: Main bridge only, connecting to existing Hayden Island and Vancouver infrastructure with S-curve transitions
- Phase 1B: Light rail extension with one Vancouver stop (not full two-stop plan), funding uncertain
- Oregon side improvements (Marine Drive, Hayden Island, local bridge) may never be built due to $5 billion funding gap
- Bridgeton Trail property condemnation uncertain as it's not in Phase 1; Walter lobbying for inclusion
- Only design change from public comments is bike path will connect to light rail station instead of requiring 100-foot descent/ascent

Levee redesign timeline: Not imminent but still planned according to levee district

Events:

7:41 **Spring Cleanup Results**

- 2,100 pounds of metal recycled; 41 donations to Restore; $431 cash donations plus $11 Venmo
- Four shredding bins provided (only 3 filled); both dumpsters nearly full
- Excessive cardboard received despite residential recycling availability; filled Elevated Tides bin and multiple moorage containers
- Marketplace promotion successfully cleared remaining usable items by 2pm deadline
- Paint split into four batches with Bill and Brian hauling to Clark County and Metro stations
- Paint will not be accepted at future cleanups due to Metro's liability concerns and logistical difficulties

Summer Picnic – August 8

- Summer picnic scheduled for August 8th with band performing 5-7pm, barbecue starting at 4pm
- Band: Karen to check availability and pricing for August 8th. (Note: Vintage Soul is not available).

Street sale postponed to Fall - potentially combined with Halloween event to allow more focus on summer picnic

Plant Share – Moderate success. Katy signed up 12 residents for newsletter; none had heard of BNA before plant share event

Clean & Green:

7:53 **Levee Maintenance & Wildlife Protection**

- Bridget successfully stopped Flood Safety District from spraying biocide during duckling season after direct intervention with Mark Wilcox
- District agreed to postpone spraying and monitor wildlife status before rescheduling
- Dan to provide nesting season calendar with restricted spraying windows for annual spraying; will share with levee district and Portland Yacht Club
- Only two major goose families observed this year vs 15 previously at yacht club end of levee

Roth Estates Restoration

- Cleanup completed with dozens of trees planted; area looks "great" according to Clare
- HOA meeting held (Bridgeton properties not included); discussion included slough cleanup plans
- Multnomah Drainage District chopping large tree on east side of Gantenbein

Communications & Technology:

8:01 Facebook page management tightened: rejecting applicants who don't answer membership questions or have profile location mismatches

- Need identified for multiple Facebook administrators due to current volunteer's capacity limitations
- Laminator purchased for creating durable event posters – Clare
- Zoom has been upgraded to provide extended recording and transcribed notes
- Clare will send email this week organizing street mural project participants

Finance:

8:04 Communications grant receipts: Matt to provide remaining documentation upon return from overseas travel; Lydia requesting actual receipts vs invoices for $1,000 reimbursement

- Metro cleanup reimbursement: ACH payment pending for approved Clean Up funding; Bridget to check Kenton Firehouse mailbox for Metro reimbursement check

Board Composition & Volunteer Needs:

- Katy resigned due to Roth Estates commitments and frustration; may still help with Halloween event as non-board member (not confirmed)
- Current board: 9 members (Dan, Gail, Karen, Susan, Clare, Bridget, Walter, Matt, Jerry)
- Critical needs: Co-treasurer to assist Matt and implement Google Drive receipt system; Facebook administrators; event leaders for Halloween and street sale
- Dan retiring last week; will have limited availability during extended East Coast family visit

8:13 **Upcoming Events:**

- BEECN safety meeting: Thursday at Pat and Diane Taylor's house
- Smile Boat Parade planning: Starts Thursday 10:30am at Panera
- Soup night: Friday at Julie South's A-frame house
- Summer picnic: August 8th, 4-8pm with band 5-7pm, barbecue by Brian and Randy
- Columbia River Boat Show: May 28-31 at Sundance Marina with demos, food trucks, live music

8:15 **Adjourn**

Addendum: VOTE – Smile Boat Parade contract approved for $3500 as budgeted. Approved by Executive Committee via email 6/3/2026

Notes (see June Minutes for detail):

- Susan will serve on NECN BOD until October as requested.
- Communications Grant received.