BRIDGETON

Bridgeton NA Board Meeting
APPROVED Minutes
June 9, 2026 | 6:30 – 8:00 pm

6:34 **Attendance:** Bridget Bayer, Clare Baxter, Dan Nehler, Karen Waggoner, Susan Johnston-Wright, Jerry Duckett

Minutes from May 12 BOD Meeting: Approved to post on NECN Classroom, save to Google Drive and link to LiveBridgeton

6:39 **Discussion:**

Board Development & Leadership Transitions

Officers Seeking Replacement:

- The board addressed leadership transitions for 2026-27, with multiple officers seeking replacement
- Bridget (Co-Chair), Karen (Secretary), Susan (NECN, Events) will not continue in current roles
- Dan is departing next week for East Coast sabbatical through February; will participate remotely
- Gayle: Requested to step down but agreed to stay through end of term
- Matt (Treasurer) confirmed this is final year on board
- Walter committed to staying indefinitely for land use expertise

Recruitment Targets:

- Michelle Tilley: Retiring next month, previously declined due to employment; strong candidate for board
- Cyn McDaniel: Former board member, currently too busy with business to rejoin
- Shelly (Katy's contact): Declined after getting job; Bridget will retry outreach
- New contact from The Mews: Reached out after Bill Patterson's wife passed; potential board member (Bridget contacted)
- Diane Kenedy: Working on website; not available for board next year.

Recruitment Strategy:

- Three months (July-October) for board recruitment; no July meeting
- Campaign includes A-frame signs at intersections to generate visibility
- Facebook outreach via Ingrid to engage community members

6:56 **Financial Status & Grants**

The association secured $3000 grant from Metro and $1000 from NECN for communications, though payment processing issues with U.S. Bank required resolution. The Smile Boat Parade hired a professional event coordinator for $3500, with plans to establish it as a separate North Waterfront organization

Current Financial Position:

- Total revenue after expenses: $522 (essentially break-even)
- Grants received: $4000 (Park Grant + Metro Grant) plus $1000 NECN communications fund
- Cleanup contributions: $442.*20*
- Jubitz newsletter ad: $600 for 6 months
- Blue Bag Bottle Drop returnables: Annually = $1,000

Payment Processing Issues:

- Metro grant check sent to wrong Kenton Firehouse address (8105 N Brandon Ave., Portland OR 97217 is correct address); Matt located it after 6 weeks
- U.S. Bank counter checks bounced due to illegible account/routing numbers printed over each other
- Blue bag program $500 ACH transfer completed 3 weeks ago; not yet reflected in reports

New Revenue Opportunity:

- Sabor del Rio restaurant (3307 NE Marine Drive, Sundance Marina) agreed to use BNA blue bags for can returns
- Could triple blue bag income but requires volunteer delivery team to bottle drop
- Dan volunteered to help upon February return – NEED volunteer to complete arrangements

7:07 **NECN Relationship & Updates**

Fiscal Agent Resolution:

- NECN failed to respond to multiple requests about serving as fiscal agent over past year
- BNA secured Soul of Portland as alternative fiscal agent with 10% fee for grant applications
- At most recent NECN meeting, NECN announced they would serve as fiscal agent, no fee
- Board members expressed loyalty concerns; minutes still show neighborhood "over NECN interests" language but retained factual record of non-responsiveness

NECN Governance Changes:

- Several neighborhood associations reportedly not participating with NECN
- NECN pushed annual membership meeting and elections to fall; current directors' terms extended through October
- Treasurer resigned after complaint filed; stepped down from board entirely; Interim Treasurer developing 26-27 budget
- Jerry will continue as BNA representative to NECN meetings but not as voting board member (not required for insurance/funding/support)

Training & Resources:

- Karen completed communications training led by SE Uplift; received job description templates and resources
- BNA Bylaws state: Article V GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Section 1 Qualifications: Membership is open to any person above the age of 18 who is a resident, property owner, or holder of a business license located within the Bridgeton Neighborhood Association neighborhood boundaries.
- Training suggested members must opt-in to membership (state law); Karen unable to verify in ONI standards; Nancy (moderator) has not responded to follow-up email
- NECN awarded 11 of 26 small grant applications; BNA historically has not received these grants (separate from $1000 communications)

7:17 **Events Planning**

1. Summer Picnic (August 8)

Planning Needs:
- Susan needs help due to frequent travel over next few weeks
- Storage bins require inventory check to determine supply orders
- Event committee meeting to be scheduled

Volunteer Sign-ups (from Spring Meeting):
- Scott Nielsen (wants to play music again)
- Cherry Ann, Daniel Holberg, Rebecca Wise Barton, Michelle Tilley, Linda Burright, signed up at Spring General Meeting to assist
- Rebecca Wise Barton: new volunteer with email on signup sheets distributed

Music Decision:
- Scott Nielsen available but board confirming other possibilities
- Karen suggested Chance Hayden could assemble a band since Vintage Soul is not available to perform
- Decision to defer named band to next year; handle musician selection through event committee

Scheduling Conflict:
- Picnic coincides with IndyCar race at Portland International Raceway
- Significant background noise expected from hybrid race cars

Logistics:
- Craig to hang shade sails (critical for setup)
- Games needed: ladder ball, cornhole
- Setup/cleanup volunteers: Susan, Bridget, Jerry confirmed availability

7:20 **2. Smile Boat Parade (August 22)**

Professional Event Management:
- **VOTE:** Hired event coordinator for $3500 (100% of budgeted expenses approved by Karen, Matt, Claire, Bridget)
- Total budget approximately $4800 revenue vs. $3500+ expenses

Organizational Structure:
- Currently co-event with Hayden Island NA but BNA managing finances
- Hayden Island contributing as a Yacht ($500) Sponsor
- 100% funding from sponsorships; no participant fees ($25 donation asked)
- Plan to separate from BNA budget completely next year as independent North Waterfront organization

Goals:
- Brand entire North Portland Harbor/North Waterfront area, from PDX to Willamette River (not just Bridgeton)
- Include all of Hayden Island, eventually Columbia River side of Hayden Island too
- 20-year vision to create North Waterfront identity parallel to South Waterfront

2026 Parade Details:
- Theme: "Living Waters" (underwater creatures)
- Parade starts at 11:00 AM out front of Portland Yacht Club
- First 100 registrants receive free dry bag with logo

- Governor Kotek cancelled as judge, Queen Anika of Rosaria, Dist 2 Councilor and Port official will be judges
- Post-parade party at Port of Portland property (other side of railroad bridge) with toilet facilities
- Save-the-date card ready; website and QR code in development by Diane Kenedy
- Bridget's mother (Mary Ann Bayer) posthumous sponsor using inheritance

Fundraising Progress:

- Lined up multiple business sponsors from Hayden Island/Columbia Crossing area
- Port of Portland sponsorship hoped for this year
- Awaiting grant decision (unable to confirm before meeting) – did not receive

7:28 **3. Sidewalk Sale (September 26 target date)**

Interest & Planning:

- Four volunteers signed up at spring meeting: Linda Burright, Michelle Tilley, Chris Ballantyne, Peter Wilcox
- Susan (Events Chair) to organize event committee meeting with all interested parties
- Meeting location suggestions: Island Cafe, Doughboys, Jubitz, Marriott, or Sexton's/Pondo
- Linda Burright will help informally but won't join board officially

7:30 **4. Safety & Emergency Preparedness**

BEECN Team (Basic Emergency Communications Node) Annual Meeting

- Team met; Pat Taylor (Diane's husband) promised meeting notes; out of country next month

Emergency Contact System:

- Residents should designate one out-of-state contact (e.g., Michigan, Florida) to relay status
- Family members call single point of contact rather than overwhelming local systems with multiple calls
- Business card system: residents create cards with plan details (where to go, whose house, contact info)
- Focus: ensure all residents have out-of-area emergency contact (non-503 number)
- Rationale: local communication infrastructure will fail during earthquake; overwhelmed systems if operational

Bridgeton-Specific Vulnerabilities:

- Neighborhood built on dike of dirt with no structural foundation
- Earthquake will cause ground liquefaction
- Houses likely to be covered in dirt or collapse; floating homes may rise above pillars or pillars sink

Alternative Communication Methods:

- Starlink will likely function (many boaters have this)
- Ham radio operators in neighborhood can relay messages
- Marine radios available on boats
- Standard infrastructure (power poles, cables, cell towers) will fail or be overwhelmed

Annual Safety Meeting:

- Date TBD; previously hosted at The Mews with positive response
- Campaign focus: educate residents on emergency contact planning
- Date established after call to be September 9

7:40 **Communications & Outreach**

Newsletter (Claire)

- Focus: summer events (picnic and parade)
- Cleanup statistics ready for inclusion (Susan to send to Claire)
- Deadline: submissions due this week

Mural Project

- Anna Campagna (graphic designer) committed to creating rough design plan
- Design will be dropped into Google Earth for visualization and grant writing
- Timeline: likely next summer (not 2026) due to planning requirements
- Community input process: committee decides design; board members must attend committee meetings for input
- City Repair Project application available; requires community meeting (missed opportunity at Spring Meeting)
- Presentation planned for Fall General Meeting for community feedback before installation

7:44 **Clean & Green Team Dissolution**

Team Disbanded:

- Bridget and Laura are officially ending the Clean and Green Team
- One continuing activity: triangle management with existing landscaper and annual chip drop

Chip Drop Program:

- Recent delivery at Talitha Mathias property (entry to triangle)
- $20 cost for large pile; intended for triangle but available to all residents
- Residents can take buckets/wheelbarrows for own gardens and landscaping
- Homeowners already spread chips around new trees; substantial pile remains

Future Strategy:

- Promote City's Adopt One Block program at community meetings instead of Clean and Green activities
- Bridget will be shifting focus to safety committee development

7:47 **Land Use & Development**

Reporting:

- Walter absent; written report pending
- No land use report provided for newsletter despite request

Neighborhood Real Estate Activity:

- Dan's neighbor recently lowered house price again
- Property on Roth came back on market (John Scott listing)
- Lot on Williams (for sale 11 years) has sale pending

7:49 **Cleanup Event Follow-up**

Outstanding Items:

- Volunteer pizza party postponed until Linda returns from Mexico
- Planning meeting needed: review what went well, improvement opportunities
- Venue options: Doughboys (past venue with pizza purchase) or Island Cafe (support local businesses)

- Dale Tonagle has ideas to present at meeting

7:50 **Adjourn**

Committee information added to minutes to assist with recruitment:

1. Communication

Newsletter (emailed and posted to website: www.livebridgeton.com). Clare Baxter collects newsy content at the beginning of the month then sends it out usually by the 15th.

Website - Diane Taylor just started revamping and managing our website.

Flyers - Discounted printing through the City of Portland. We hand deliver flyers to every doorway. Need new contact to distribute flyers on the western half. Susan can provide more information.

Signs – We use A-Board signs on the street four times a year that displays posters about event information. Need help on west end.

Social - Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/BridgetonPDX
Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/bridgetonpdx/

2. Events - Susan Johnston-Wright is Chair. New leadership needed for next term.

Summer Picnic - There are four people so far interested in helping with finding musicians, raffle prizes, meal prep, etc. Email Susan about the summer picnic to get involved.

Smile Boat Parade – Bridget is focused on fundraising, and Stephanie Van Dyke is the parade coordinator this year. Goal is to make this a big event with a long-term vision to promote North Waterfront throughout the Portland metro area.

The Bridgeton Street Sale is pending looking for leadership to lead that effort. Tentative date in September or sometime in the fall. Susan will have more information soon.

3. Land Use - Walter Valenta, Land Use Committee Chair, keeps us involved in the big projects that will impact our neighborhood like the I-5 Bridge repair project and the federal Levee Upgrade. Committee meets as needed.

4. BNA Board of Directors
BOD meets monthly on the second Tuesday, 6:30 to 8 PM, on Zoom and in person (except in July and December). Bridget is Co-Chair with Dan Nehler this year. BNA has two large annual meetings where the full neighborhood comes in the fall and spring each year. Those meetings are planned by the Board with a short presentation, information tables and a whole lot of networking time. Board commitments are one year and elections happen at our fall meeting.

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