Bridgeton Board Meeting
Approved Minutes
January 13, 2026 | 6:30 – 8:30pm

Via Zoom and in person at Gayle's

6:30 **Attendance:** Bridget Bayer, Clare Baxter, Dan Nehler, Gayle Miller, Jerry Duckett, Katy Ailstock, Karen Waggoner, Walter Valenta

Guests: Jose Rivera, Cathy (?), Cherry Ann Kolbenschlag

6:40 **Discussions:**

- **207 N Bridgeton** - Jose presented documentation and his concerns including the following:
  - Food cart/truck needs to comply with city/count regulations
  - Has catering license; no fire permit, PBOT approval, no food cart business license
  - Safety concerns due to 17' wide road, pedestrians, traffic, parking, placement of trash containers, porta potty (locked when requested to do so), sewer issues
  - No posted menus, prices, hours of operations as required
  - Lot is rented from absentee owner
  - Future plans uncertain; use of building unknown – recommend a conversation
  - General feedback that fully permitted food cart would be welcomed.
  - Parking of semi, safety, fuel, propane issues not addressed
  - "Eye sore." Now a storage lot
  - Jose has drafted letter to file complaint; will circulate a petition to neighbors
  - BNA has no enforcement powers beyond letter writing and listening
  - Documentation posted on BNA Google drive: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1h5HwdyaAtMqibCiybQLhiCMIUmlDqNgU/view?usp=drive_link
  - Petition party at Jubitz Ponderosa Room; details on Facebook (January 19 from 3:00 to 6:30)

7:04 **Approval of Minutes** from November
Approved as presented.

7:06 **Discussions (continued):**

- **2026 BOD List:** https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1CyN0w5Xo1jJbyeiPjOicb1g_v55P30T_/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=113056655522701562215&rtpof=true&sd=true

- **Bylaws update –** Karen has requested input from OCCL/NECN re: description of affiliations. No response to date.

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- **Floating Sauna:** Ebb & Ember at Columbia Way West (East ramp): https://www.ebbandember.com/

- Open daily 7am – 9 pm; offers monthly memberships; 1hour 45-minute sessions for $49-$59
- Questions re: rebuilding of stairs on levee; used digging equipment. Was this approved?

7:18 **Liaison Reports:**

- **District 2/NECN** – Susan reported via email.
  - Grievance Committee elected at the previous meeting
  - RJ DeMello was elected chair of the committee; RJ informed the Executive Director that, in his opinion, there was too much bias from the committee members to continue. He recommended bringing in outside members.
  - PBOT's intends to install EV Charging stations throughout the city in neighborhood right of ways (parking spots).
  - Training on January 29th regarding Land Use.
  - See District Newsletter: https://mailchi.mp/necoalition/dec2025newsletter

- East Columbia NA still looking for an outside neighbor to serve on their grievance committee.

7:22 **Committee Reports:**

- **2026 Calendar Review:** https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HzYhaiZDmbDBiZFQY9lGf9tujOo6ULsx/view?usp=drive_link
  - Clean Up in May – no events until August?
  - Suggest swim and/or ice cream social; Swim the Channel in July – Clare
  - Street sale needs leadership to be successful – perhaps move all goods to Bridgeton Road; signups and create a map
  - Spring General Meeting – Dan to check availability on April 21 at PYC. Shameer Kanil confirmed to do presentation (not a town hall or open forum).
    - Meet Your Neighbor mixer
    - Committee presentations
    - Information tables
  - Trick or Treat Dog (and kid) Walk – on Halloween, Saturday, October 31
  - Holiday Party – December 8 at Jubitz

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- **Safety & Green Team** – Bridget. Triangle needs maintenance; clean boat
  - Portland Solutions – Second and Fourth Monday at 10:30 via Teams call
  - Report graffiti; gets on dashboard to help address trash, graffiti, encampments; interagency including PBOT, ODOT, fire, police, garbage czar, Delta Park property owners, Expo, PIR, etc. Bridget will distribute link to those interested.
  - Issues with EV's stealing power from Bridgeton Harbor
  - Use PDX Reporter

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- **Communications** – Clare. Street mural. Will apply for permit.
  - Spring General Meeting for required public comments
  - Looking for graphic designer; will city plot drawing to scale?
  - No words allowed; proposal to request "no stop" on right turn from Gantenbein be removed.
  - Ultimately do art at 5th Ave too.
  - Add Food Bag pickup dates to newsletter

- Need new website volunteer to post event flyers, minutes, do updates, confirm newsletter signups

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- **Land Use:** Walter testifying (during BOD meeting)
  - 116' bridge height, options. Email report that the Coast Guard has signed off on 116' height; no lift
  - Environmental Zones – letter, housing restrictions, wet land protections already in place
    - What about large lot behind Plaid Pantry? Consider this as an area to enhance. Wildlife getting pushed out. Columbia Corridor Assoc is watchdog. No BNA action needed.

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- **Neighborhood Association METRO Grant** – Bridget. Possible grant to build dog run and community garden at second PPS field through East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District
  - Interagency so complicated process; need to hire lead.

- **Finance –** Bridget presented for Matt proposed 2026 budget and 2025 income statement. Suggested budget revisions include: Metro Grant, EMSWCD Grant, Zoom expense, Ice Cream Social/Swim expense, Plant Swap and Halloween dog walk expense, increase printing expense to $500. Will amend/approve in February

8:22 **Adjourn**