BNA Board Meeting Approved Minutes
February 10, 2026 | 6:30 – 8:00pm

Attending: Walter, Susan, Clare, Bridget, Katy (partial)

Events

Spring General Meeting - April 21

Susan to confirm with Dan about the date for spring meeting at PYC.

Dan & Bridget to confirm presenter (only 1) Set up for networking and table hosts?

1. IBR
2. Levee
3. Adopt One Block/Green Team
4. Portland Food Project & Blue Bag Recycle Fundraiser
5. Events: Clean Up, Summer Picnic, Smile Boat Parade
6. 40-Mile Loop? Columbia Watershed? Other?

Spring Clean Up - May 16

- Connect with PPS Transportation Bldg manager (Debbie Palermas) to see if clean up can take place in their parking lot this year. Date & time?
- Metro grant?
- Order: Dumpster, 4 Paper Chase shred bins

Communications

- Newsletter – Jan/Feb going out together.
- Permanent Sign - Clare and Susan discussed design ideas for a permanent sign ($500 budget), with Clare proposing colorful graphics and a kiosk-style setup able to withstand our windy weather. They debated the merits of purchasing a laminator to create changing graphics. Group is hesitant due to storage concerns. The conversation touched on the budget. Tabled for budget approval.

Street Mural - Clare

- Applying for the permit next week. Design has to be simple and accessible for volunteers to paint.
- One proposed a design features a flock of stylized geese turning a corner. Neighbor Dallas, can provide a base layer using a sprayer then neighbors can help paint overlay colors.
- Walter shared photos of a historic train trestle like the one that went from Bridgeton to Hayden Island.

Land Use – Walter

IBR Bridge Program and Development Updates - Federal approval has been granted for the I-5 bridge to be a non-lifting bridge. Walter provided an update on street improvement plans, explaining that while the city wants to improve side streets, property owners would be required to pay for the improvements through a local improvement district, which he opposed. The group also discussed potential property condemnation related to IBR, noting that if the bridge project moves forward, property condemnation would likely follow.

The board discussed several key initiatives including Walter's proposal to create a 40 Mile Loop Land Trust to manage trail easements, which could help with the Bridgeton trail project. Bridget to send Metro trails contacts (Robert Spurlock and Lainey) to Walter for potential collaboration on trail easements and grants.

Environmental Zone Overlay - East Columbia Neighborhood Association is hosting a meeting 3/11. Collaborate with Columbia Corridor, Hayden Island & Bridgeton on response and letter to City.

Neighborhood Development - All
Elevated Tides' is rebuilding all their docks starting with replacing their pilings approved by Dept of State Lands. The condition of their docks and pilings definitely required infrastructure improvements.
Ask property owners if new steps to the Elevated Tides Sailor's parking lot affect the levee or have potential permit issues?

Walter explained the history of property lines and ownership in the area, including how submerged lands were divided between different mortgages.

The group discussed several local developments, including the way the old Channel's Edge property is being developed and potential changes in the neighborhood.

Clean & Green Team – Bridget
Metro Nature In Neighborhoods capital grant for potential "farm garden" in a portion of the PPS TAG Field (old soccer fields) property improvements, noting that while dog parks are not allowed, community gardens are and dog parks could be funded through a different grant program.

Finance
Bridget to send out the proposed budget for approval at next meeting. They reviewed the overall budget, which includes an extra $500 for signs and $160 for AI note-taking, still leaving us with about $4,000 net.

N Portland Trust Fund ($ from Portland International Raceway) – Grant funding becoming available again. This time through Parks & Rec Foundation. Bridget will be part of the initial committee that will select Grant Selection Committee. Clare will apply to be on the Grant Selection Committee.

The group discussed the need to find a supporting treasurer to learn from Matt, who is currently handling the role but prefers not to take on too much responsibility.