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Bridgeton Board Meeting

BNA Meeting Minutes APPROVED

January 14, 2025 | 6:30 – 8:30pm

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88036745184?pwd=VUlFQXU0UzVvZE9Jc2d1RXRjUHlBQT09
Meeting ID: 880 3674 5184
Passcode: Neighbors

6:30 *Land recognition - We are grateful to the original caretakers of this land who were displaced by white colonizers.*

Attendance via Zoom: Barbara Miller, Bill Patterson, Bridget Bayer, Clare Baxter, Dan Nehler, Gayle Miller, Jerry Duckett, Karen Waggoner, Katy Ailstock, Linda Burright, Mike Pickrell, Susan Johnston-Wright

6:33 **VOTE:** November BOD Meeting Minutes Approved; first – Mike, second - Clare

Agenda additions: Sunderland RV Park
DSL letter of support vessels/marine debris
Otter AI for notes (additional cost)

6:39 Liaison Reports:

- Western Half – Bill and Mike. Concern re: new management for 910 N Anchor apartments and property not as well maintained as in the past. Bridget to email from BOD and Mike will contact in-person. Mews community room held for Safety Meeting on February 6. Katy, Mike and Bill to reschedule meeting re: western half engagement.

- Eastern Front – trailer that was parked there has move on; continuing concerns about high speeds on Bridgeton; goose hurt and unsafe for walkers. Suggested signage "slow for wildlife." Conversation on how to make road safer by painting a walking lane on water side of street. Corner at Gantenbein with no stop for right turn onto Bridgeton is unsafe. Discussed having "no stop" sign removed or making this a three-way stop. All traffic required to stop would slow traffic. (See Safety Committee report following).

- District 2/NECN – Susan. Informative newsletter. Sign up at: https://www.necoalition.org/district-2-distribution-mailing-list. Small grants program (estimate $250-$300) for specific projects, community involvement. Application dates January 10 to February 10. Bridget to write grant. NECN is featuring (upon request) one NA per meeting. Next meeting is January 21 from 6:30-8:00 at King School, 4815 NE 7th Ave, 97211. Shameer Kanal, City Councilor, and Mayor Keith Wilson to attend

6:50 Committee Reports:

- Events – Susan
  - Linda reported the holiday party was well attended; notes for next year – more than one bartender, good food, platters nice, some leftovers. Need to reconcile donations.

- Review of the 2025 calendar, with date shifting for summer picnic (now July 12), street sale postponed and plant share dates. Calendar as part of tracking document updated: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VwWYbqHsieuDyE6lgeKk9QgoiQsTBlwg/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=111558688052754631256&rtpof=true&sd=true
- Agreement to host the Spring General Meeting on April 17. Dan to contact PYC to check availability. Ad Hoc Committee to plan for General Meetings needed. Spring – Bridget has invited Commander; Susan and Clare to assist.
- Clean up – May 17. Mews invited Bridgeton neighbors to hold a spring gathering following this in their pool area. Cheri Ann will be asked to lead clean-up with Susan, Linda, and Gayle.
- Plant share discussion – tentatively April 26 on West End. Katy to research Plant Share. Wave Café no longer (bar may have leased the space) but courtyard a nice location. Could use $250 grant to support. Need clear goals and objectives.
- Street Sale in June – low participation, general agreement plan for every other year; none in 2025.
- Smile Boat Parade is August 23.
- Holiday party – tentatively December 11.

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- Safety - Bridget
  - Safety Meeting set with Brian (retired fireman) at The Mews on February 6 in the evening (6-8 or 7-9)
  - Sunderland RV Park – Port of Portland leased land; lease up March 1. Proposal to move (at taxpayer expense) RV's to NE Task Site on Portland Road in St. Johns.

VOTE: BOD to write letter of support to extend lease and keep Sunderland as is. Ask Matt to follow up. Motion – Katy; Second (not recorded). Approved.

- Discussion regarding safety on Bridgeton (continued from Western Half report): PBOT has been responsive to sign requests in the past. No consensus reached during meeting.

VOTE: Research solutions to provide safe corridor for walkers in particular at the corner of Gantenbein, where a stop is not required for cars turning right onto Bridgeton. Three-way stop suggested. Motion – Linda; Second – Katy and Susan. No objections to research and come back with recommendation. Approved.

- Communications – Bridget. Mail Chimp has a new charge for text communications. BNA does not have a complete list of cell numbers and is uninterested at this time. Will ask to have fee removed.
  - Cost of flyers and an amazing distribution team is inexpensive ($16) per Barbara.
  - Contact form on website currently not working. Will fix; in the meantime, send any additions to Clare.

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7:47 Discussions:

- Land recognition statement – several different statements have been used in varying locations in the past. BOD approved in minutes four years ago. Objective is to acknowledge the continuing stewardship of this land. Some BNA members have questioned the accuracy, meaningfulness and necessity of these statements. Strong feelings on both sides. More work is needed to find a statement that is acceptable to most and how, if approved, this would be widely used in communications, website, and at meetings as a welcome and acknowledgement.
  - Multiple current statements – copied at the end of these minutes.
  - Samples of statements used locally were provided by Barbara:
    - https://multco-web7-psh-files-usw2.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/Tab%200%20-%20FY%202022%20Land%20Acknowledgment%20-%20ADOPTED_1.pdf
    - https://www.necoalition.org/

  BOD members were asked to review and provide feedback and suggestions for next steps. Please REPLY TO ALL via email.

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- Finance – Matt. Draft budget was presented. This and 2024 actuals may be found at: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15SwGN2vqSsWx1V4gybohb7GyCupSwvoy/edit?gid=1917586537#gid=1917586537

  - Discussions included: Amount of METRO Grant (from 2024 and likely in 2025) was $1000. It was noted that woodchips for the berm may be obtained free of charge if DIY hauled from Sunderland. IBR grants not received (for community engagement) in 2024 (only 2023).
  - Need a comprehensive list of who has access to BNA accounts (i.e. Venmo, PayPal, Mail Chimp). Working to get Barbara on checking account.

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- Clean and Green
  - Cost of landscaping in the triangle doubled to $3000 annually. Will ask Laura for contract review. Can volunteers self-manage? Balance in Mitigation Fund is now $16,762.
  - Discussed, if land becomes available at the school, to pitch a Community Farm along side the area now used as a dog park. Bridget to look for funds to explore through i.e. METRO Community Investments, Nature in the Neighborhood, Development Opportunity Grants, others. Concept would be to hire a PT person to manage the farm, sell shares, hold farm days. Good models exist. Clare offered to assist with grant.

VOTE: The Dept of State Lands is applying for a federal grant to pay for derelict vessel removal. Our Clean & Green Team recommends that the BNA send a letter of support for their grant application with the addition of the North Harbour area. Motion – Bridget; Second (not recorded); BOD Approved.

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- Discussion regarding Otter.ai which interfaces with Zoom to transcribe and provide a summary costs: Current no-cost plan has a 30-minute transcription limit. The Pro version allows for transcription up to 90-minutes for $8.33 a month PER USER or the more robust business version is $20 a month. https://otter.ai/pricing This will be added to the February BOD agenda for review.

8:26 Announcements

- Portland Light Festival is February 8-9 and 14-15: https://pdxwlf.com/
- Kenton Firehouse – was not well managed in the past. Terrance Moses Sr. is leading the resistance to sell.

8:31 Adjourn

Addendum: Land Use Statements in use:

LONG VERSION: We acknowledge and give reverence to the indigenous peoples on the Columbia River, who were the first residents and stewards of this area.

What we now call Portland, OR and Multnomah County were the traditional lands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Tumwater, Tualatin, Kalapuya, Wasco, Molalla, Cowlitz and Watlala bands of the Chinook, and many other Tribes who made their homes along the Columbia River.

The Bridgeton Neighborhood Association wants to celebrate our diverse neighborhood of residents and business owners. We are open to all voices in every discussion.

MINUTES: We acknowledge and give reverence to the indigenous peoples on the Columbia River, who were the first residents and stewards of this area.

AGENDA: We want to express gratitude to the original caretakers of this land who were displaced by white colonizers, and to those who still reside on it.

WEBSITE: Bridgeton Neighborhood Association acknowledges that we live, work and relax in a place called Portland, Oregon, which rests on traditional village sites of the Cowlitz, Multnomah, Wasco, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Bands of Chinook, Tualatin, Kalapuya, Molalla, and many other tribes who made their homes along the Columbia River. We want to express gratitude to the original caretakers of this land who were displaced by white colonizers, and to those who still reside on it.