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Bridgeton Board Meeting

BNA Meeting Approved Minutes
February 11, 2025 | 6:30 – 8:30pm

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

6:32 **Attendance** via Zoom: Barbara Miller, Bridget Bayer, Clare Baxter, Dan Nehler, Gayle Miller, Jerry Duckett, Karen Waggoner, Katy Ailstock, Mike Pickrell, Susan Johnston-Wright, Walter Valenta

No guests.

Approval of Minutes: No additions or corrections from January minutes; Approved

6:38 Discussions:

- **Land recognition:** Reviewed and discussed multiple options. Feedback ranged from "dump it" to those passionate about acknowledging past caretakers of this land, at least, at the General Meetings. Some questioned if it is meaningful, to whom, and accurate. Needs more research; perhaps more global stewardship statement than those currently in use by BNA. Katy shared statement used by local church (see addendum).

6:51 **Liaison Reports:**

- **District 2/NECN** – Susan has attended two meetings. Two NA featured at each meeting (overlook next month). Bridget volunteered to help with forming of committees. NECN will do social event for 19 BOD members to get to know each other. Discussion on disbanding of Alberta Main Street – assets and rights to Street Fair transferred to NECN. Would need commercial backing and/or buy-in from Alberta Street businesses, Concordia, King, and Sabin neighborhoods. Reportedly estimated potential $70K

  Budget meeting attended by Susan and Bridget: City to cut $100M from budgets.

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- **Western Half** – Mike: Boat gone; seems to be less motivation to make Bridgeton connection

  Plant Share per Katy, was successful and should be repeated. Tentative date April 26. Katy will look into using Plaza. Clare and Bridget to assist. Bridget to ask Lowe's, who have donated soil, gloves, plants and pots previously. Also planter as raffle item.

- **Eastern Front** – School yard has been locked. Per Dan unlocked and will remain unlocked if rules are followed. Katy reports: Dogs must always be on leash; poop must be cleaned up and disposed of; no more than three dogs per person at a time. PPS locked gates at four sites and only Bridgeton, recognizing its importance to the community, has been unlocked.

Facebook needs rules posted, meeting proposed. BNA could, with approval, post signs with new rules. Enforcement difficult. With license plate numbers, dog businesses/walkers can be tracked. Eddie, janitor onsite, is very nice and receptive. Suggested he be acknowledged with card and gift certificate. No action taken. Closest off-leash dog park is PIR. Katy reports issues with road, parking.

7:24 **Committee Reports:**

- **Land Use/Transportation** – Walter: Quiet right now. Concerns about political pushback on IBR due to cutback on DEI policies and Sanctuary City loss of funding. Nothing eminent.

  Stop signs: Walter to follow up with Linda on safety concerns and will fill out the non-urgent traffic safety hotline form regarding Bridgeton Road and Gantenbein intersection. One non-injury crash in 2006. Katy also suggests stop sign at 4th Street, a main artery for Roth Estates with poor sight lines.

  Crosswalks: Possible crosswalk across Marine Dr by school building not likely. Reportedly $1M to install with flashing lights. One suggested by former Subway on East end. Walter developing a wish list to include these projects in IBR and/or levee projects. He will produce PowerPoint slides for each traffic safety issue to include in reports and share at Spring General Meeting.

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  Walking Lane – A lined sidewalk on the river side of the road especially near Gantenbein may be a solution – as suggested by Gayle. Could be a community art project. City repair funding may pay for these kinds of projects.

- **Clean & Green Team** – Bridget: Landscapers have not raised rate; 2024 billing included stump removal and spreading mulch. Mulch can be obtained at no cost; just need volunteers to spread.

  Smells – Potentially toxic smells detected on Western Half per Mike and Bridget. Researched in the past and pharmaceutical manufacturing plant; new cleaning system or re-recyclers possible sources. A spreadsheet was developed to track air quality: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1BAYM4qYywkI8Mh9oUk_Rvkeuq63ce7vh/edit?usp=share_link&ouid=111558688052754631256&rtpof=true&sd=true

  The team also discussed supporting a grant application to the Oregon Marine Board.

  PIR to stop leaded fuel races (SCCA, Rose Cup, classic cars). Races bring in $600k annually.

- **Safety** – Bridget: rescheduled Safety Meeting until May – date TBD. Dock purchased AED unit. BNA may want to consider obtaining others.

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- **Communications** – Clare: Newsletter a good place to promote local artists or "cool" neighbors in a monthly featured section. Perhaps an Art Show at Jubitz. Note Jubitz pays quarterly for newsletter ads.

  Clare to check with Jalin Malin (https://www.instagram.com/jalinmalin/) about featuring her artwork in the newsletter.

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  Bridget shared sample of *Boise Voice* tabloid newsletter. Might be a good idea for BNA to feature longer articles twice a year to engage neighbors in picnic, etc.

- **Finance** – Matt: Budget to be confirmed next month.

- **Events** – Susan: Spring General Meeting. Dan to confirm space at PYC on April 17. Suggest a meeting the last week of February to discuss including Dan, Briget, Susan.

  Susan to research the Metro grant opportunity.

8:00 **Announcements**

The Arbor Lodge Tree Team is giving away free fruit trees as part of the Brian Duncan Memorial Fruit Tree Giveaway, https://arborlodgetrees.org/the-fruit-tree-giveaway/

Kenton Library closing until summer. Website https://multcolib.org/hours-and-locations/kenton-library reports "closing for construction starting February 22."

Channel's Edge owner in town. No plan for building. Walter will attempt to make contact.

8:03 **Adjourn**

Addendum: Land and Labor Acknowledgement

We sit on the ancestral homelands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Tualatin, Kalapuya, Molalla, bands of the Chinook and many others who made their homes along the Columbia River. We honor the members of over 400 tribal communities who live in the Portland metro area. We acknowledge the labor of kidnapped and enslaved Africans and of Chinese workers and Latinx farm workers, who have risks so much and received so little. They all have helped to build the wealth of this country. Please take a moment to honor the people who continue to resist and survive, despite the intentional and ongoing attempts to destroy them.

From Ainsworth UCC church.