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Bridgeton Board Meeting

BNA Meeting Approved Minutes
March 11, 2025 | 6:30 – 8:00pm

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, Cynthia McDaniel, Jerry Duckett, Karen Waggoner, Katy Ailstock, Matt Whitney, Mike Pickrell, Susan Johnston-Wright, Walter Valenta

No guests

6:53 **Approval of Minutes**: No additions or corrections on February minutes; Approved when quorum reached.

6:34 **Discussions:**

- **Land recognition:** Board discussion years ago; no vote taken to adopt at that time. No apparent ownership from past BOD members. Matt thinks this over the top. Bridget feels it is important to focus on stewardship. Tends to be decisive and not historically accurate. Matt suggests Fort Vancouver has a record of history; just let that stand. Bridget researched tribes; most or all now part of Confederated Tribes, and this is how they are federally recognized. Questionable who uses this, what is general practice. Support from Bridget and others to acknowledge stewardship without reinterpreting the past. These statements may be seen as virtuous. Suggested Katy, Matt, Bridget and Walter meet to explore options for wording and recommend usage (i.e. at Genera Meetings only, website, etc.).

6:54 **Liaison Reports:**

- **Eastern Front** – Katy: Welcome dogs signs removed; found discarded in slough. Those on gates ripped off. BNA did not pay for signs. Verbal warnings that gates will be locked if leash rules not followed. This is the only school yard still unlocked for public/leashed dog use. Closest off-leash is West Delta Park (PIR). East Delta Park closed three years ago due to houseless campers. 12” of soil and 12” of bark chips added because of contamination. Fencing destroyed. Suggested signage to direct to West Delta Park off-leash area.
- Note: school is used for transportation services and 3/4 of building for teachers who work 1/4 time from home. PPS mows yard; PBOT reneged on promise to do so four years ago. City and parks future plans for school yard not clear. Soccer league no longer uses as access is not handicap accessible and there is no funding for ADA upgrades.

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7:05 **District 2/NECN** – Susan: Sameer Kanal at last meeting. Group is working hard, getting lots of pushback and not making much progress. Budget cuts coming. Question about how community can contact Council Members. Next Tuesday meeting.

7:07 **Committee Reports:**

Land Use/Transportation – Walter: Quiet. IBR public comments to be released shortly. Clark County resisting inclusion of light rail. Rumor that federal funding may be at risk even though some contracts are signed. Sanctuary cities may lose funding. IBR downplaying this.

- New commission, still figuring out budget. No money for parks; District 2 meeting next week to discuss general funding of parks; perhaps special committee to reimagine parks. Commission and Dan Ryan have favorable impression of Bridgeton.
- Walter to revisit, track land use projects, levee work. Develop PowerPoint (PPT) to address aspirations for levee, street, park, electrical. Has history of underground utility proposals; ways to save dollars. 50-60 items in PPT now.
- New IBR coordinator, Margaux Weeke, Senior Public Affairs and Community Engagement Specialist, invited to Spring General Meeting. Intro by Mark Wilcox, USFWQD
- Marine Drive/Union Court – trucker input/involvement needed; couple years before work on Marine Drive; all may be reconsidered. Jubitz General Council now Renee Gonzalez, former City Commissioner and step-grandson of Monroe Jubitz, very knowledgeable re: transportation and freight issues.
- Sixth Avenue improvements – Katy: Should upgrade now, add sidewalks. Per Walter this is not on anyone's radar; not in capital improvement budget. Drainage district – new pumping station; water quality issues mentioned

7:21 **Events** – Susan:

Spring General Meeting confirmed at PYC on April 17 6:00 -8:30 pm. Agenda underway including guests: State Rep Travis Nelson; Cmdr Rob Simon from PPB N Portland Precinct; Elizabeth O'Malley, PEMO Street Services.

- Presentations by Katy Ailstock, Portland Food Project, Susan Johnson-Wright re: Spring Clean-Up, Clare Baxter, Communications; Walter Valenta, IBR and levee
- Information tables – USFWQD, Portland Food Project, Adopt One Block, slide show
- Volunteers needed for check-in, parking; Light menu and bar

7:31 **Plant Share** – Katy: Location by former Wave Café confirmed (Harbor Way Plaza). Saturday, April 26 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Bridget – no response from potential sponsor yet; Karen has pots to donate.

- Flyer ready. A-frame with flyer on sidewalk; Michael – help get tables out of storage

7:42 **Clean & Green Team** – Bridget: Smells? Track air quality on spreadsheet or email Bridget. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1BAYM4qYywkI8Mh9oUk_Rvkeuq63ce7vh/edit?usp=share_link&ouid=111558688052754631256&rtpof=true&sd=true.

- Will draft letter to support Travis Nelson HB2738 to ban races at PIR for cars using leaded fuel and distribute for BOD approval.
- **VOTE: Letter distributed via email. Approved by majority of BOD; one abstention.**

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Safety – Bridget: rescheduled Safety Meeting until June; Cyn can get CPR instructor if needed

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Finance – Matt: Budget Additional costs from last year include removal of stump and spreading of bark chips (we can get free with volunteer labor).

- Insurance through NECN ($100 annually)
- Adjusted landscaping budget amount from $3000 to $2500. Total revenue: $10,256. Removed bark chips on berm expense and adjusted triangle landscaping (from Mitigation Fund). Mitigation Fund balance is $12,076.54. Checking account balance: $4141.56
- https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10ZhK5gYq8UTTdbj2skEdyiVHVrMBwu7p/edit?usp=share_link&ouid=111558688052754631256&rtpof=true&sd=true
- **VOTE to Approve Budget as adjusted: Moved – Susan; Second – Matt; APPROVED**

8:00 **Adjourn**