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Bridgeton Board Meeting

BNA Meeting Minutes APPROVED as Amended
April 08, 2025 | 6:30 – 8:00pm

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

6:30 **Attendance** via Zoom: Barbara Miller, Bridget Bayer, Clare Baxter, Katy Ailstock, Mike Pickrell, Susan Johnston-Wright, Walter Valenta, Matt Whitney

No guests

6:35 **Approval of Minutes**: Correction requested re. soccer field park in March minutes; removed and approved

6:38 **Discussions:**

Land recognition: The team discussed the potential inclusion of a land acknowledgement statement in their annual meeting. They debated the appropriateness of discussing this topic at the Spring General meeting, with some members expressing concerns about the political implications. The consensus was to keep the discussion internal to the board and to ask neighbors at the Spring General meeting to share thoughts with board members so we can discuss at future Board meetings. The board agreed to continue the discussion and develop a statement that they could all feel good about.

6:50 **Liaison Reports:**

NECN: Susan discussed the upcoming Board meeting with the NECN, where they plan to address the budget and insurance coverage. Matt confirmed all IRS forms have been uploaded to their site. Our assn. has liability insurance through NECN until 6/30/26.
We also discussed the upcoming NECN board member retreat and the need for better communication with neighborhood associations. It was suggested to ask NECN to allow the inclusion of other community members to volunteer on committees. Susan agreed to bring up the idea of expanding committee membership.

Western Half: Mike raised concerns about garbage collection from the can on Anchor Way. Bridget will report. Everyone can make reports to the city using the PDX Reporter app, https://pdxreporter.org. Don't hesitate to make reports about abandoned autos, graffiti and tents, among other issues.
Susan mentioned a potential improvement in the homeless situation due to documented incidents related at the Bottle Drop in Delta Park.

East End: The discussion primarily focused on the schoolyard, with Katy sharing that any PPS potential plans to improve it were abandoned due to high costs. The schoolyard will remain as is, which is viewed positively by the neighborhood. There was debate about the best stewardship for the space. Parks & Rec will not take over due to their limited resources. The group agrees on the importance of keeping the space clean and available for community use, particularly for dog owners currently.

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LAND USE

IBR - Walter reports that the Interstate Bridge project is moving forward, though officials are shutting down advisory groups and rejecting alternative proposals. They aim to break ground by year-end if the environmental plan is approved. Walter will see if he can get and share a summary of the Draft EIS public comments.

Levee – There is a pending update from the levee project team that we will hear about at the Spring General Meeting.

Traffic - The group explores ideas for traffic calming measures at the Bridgeton & Gantenbein intersection, including painted designs.

Clare volunteered to conduct a nighttime survey of street lighting in the neighborhood.

SAFETY

Bridget shared updates on safety initiatives from the PEMO meetings (twice monthly), including increased police presence at Delta Park and upcoming community events addressing drug issues and homelessness.

Bridget needs to confirm with volunteer Brian Burright for a safety meeting at the Mews in July.

EVENTS

Spring General Meeting – April 17

Final preparations are set. Bridget confirmed speakers, greeters, and reviewed the agenda. Walter will manage AV and provide an update on IBR Project to wrap up the meeting. Clare plans to create a flyer to promote their newsletter.

Plant Share – April 26

Katy has arranged for it to be held at Harbor Sky Apartments. Members offer to bring plants, pots, and supplies. Susan, Katy & Mike discuss logistics for setting up tables and transporting materials. Lowe's confirmed donations of a raffle item, dirt and pots for the event.

Spring Clean Up – May 17

Susan secured a $2,200 Metro grant for our annual cleanup. Arrangements completed for shredding bins, a Habitat ReStore truck, and dumpsters. Linda Burright will handle volunteer coordination. The group considers ideas for volunteer appreciation, such as gift cards and a pizza party possibly at the Mews – Mike to confirm (Bridget will make introductions to new Mews HOA Board Pres)

Smile Parade Committee is starting and invited others to join - August 23

FINANCE

Matt reports on finances, including the quarterly $300 electronic deposit from Jubitz (for newsletter advertising), and discusses adding Barbara Miller as a signer on the bank account.

8:00 **Adjourn**