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Bridgeton Board Meeting

BNA Meeting Minutes APPROVED 6/10

May 13, 2025 | 6:30 – 8:30pm

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, Cynthia McDaniel, Karen Waggoner, Katy Ailstock, Mike Pickrell, Susan Johnston-Wright, Walter Valenta

Guests: Michelle Tilley (BNA member), Dan Ryan, (City Councilor representing District 2), Will Mespelt (Council Aide to Dan Ryan)

Approval of Minutes from April: Any corrections or additions?
If none, approval as presented or amended.

6:40 **Discussions:**

Dan Ryan:

- Discussed budgets; lots of amendments; called it a "thoughtful budget" as proposed by Mayor Wilson
- New Council system (12 city-wide leaders plus Mayor). The good news is leaders are "getting along"
- Priorities: Since 2020 cuts in police/public safety; chronic understaffing perpetuates police OT; no one is thrilled with response time.
    - Fire
    - Economic Development: Focus on improved livability (2020 pre COVID)
    - Currency is livability, lifestyle, families
    - Do not accept behaviors on street; Multnomah County needs better mental health system; no one wants to criminalize homelessness; not all about poverty; must improve conditions; Safe Rest Villages have seen some results
    - Note: County is 50% responsible for Pubic Safety; understaffing issues in jails and DA office continue
    - New Council system (12 city-wide leaders plus Mayor): good news is leaders are "getting along;"
    - Sobering services needed; must provide clear choices
- Sunderland closing in 2025; phase out in July; concern due to lack of plan; Port, who owns land, seems to be fine to with another extension; Mayor does not see RV living as permanent solution just as an unsheltered option.
- To contact department that oversees homeless response: portlandsolutions@portlandoregon.gov
- Kenton Fire House: Will Mespelt to look into details; belief is it has been saved
- Ryan says more voices are needed at City Hall. Contact elected officials through Portland.gov or his aide at will.mespelt@portlandoregon.gov

- Question about ICE vehicles on Bridgeton. Call Maxine Dexter with concerns. City stance is to protect our citizens.
- 911 staffing is up
- Police attracting new recruits; longer training period. Five more years to be "police ready"
- Discussed needs for pedestrian crossings on Marine Drive to include crosswalks and flashing lights.
- Concerns about potholes and deteriorating roads. PEMO often discusses at meetings (every two weeks on Tuesday). Bridget to invite Will. Info online at: https://www.portland.gov/pemo/aboutpemo

7:21 **Land Recognition:** No new information

7:25 **Liaison Reports:**

- **District 2/NECN** – Susan: NECN Board Retreat (15 of 32 NA attended). Exercise – what needs to be accomplished? Presentation on Portland Botanical Garden; former Super Fund site. See https://portlandbg.org/ for more information. Currently fund raising to purchase 59 acres on Willamette. NECN Annual compliance – 15 of 30 neighborhood associations in compliance (BNA is).
- **Grant:** Summer Money from Community Funds. Bridget and Susan wrote, applied and received approval to support proposal for $2900 grant. Need to submit receipts. $2000 for Clean-Up and $950 for picnic, holiday party

7:29 **Committee Reports:**

- **Land Use/Transportation** – Walter: IBR
  - **Survey** – how I-5 Bridge is used; input on tolling
  - Concern about impact on Hayden Island businesses; local bridge; not toll Northbound. Southbound on IBR would be tolled.
  - **Levee Project:** Five-years out; needs to be included in multi-year budgets. Possible other funding sources. Questioning how to request/lobby? Add to PDX local improvement district?
  - **New residential development**: Sunderland Park near Meadow and Shore Road

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- **Events – Susan:**
  - **Clean Up:** Volunteers set and flier out. Pizza party at Susan's or Doughboys at 2:30; map distributed with locations of dumpster, trucks and shredding bins toward east end. Control traffic patterns. Locations posted on Facebook.
  - **Summer Picnic** planning (July 12) – TBD; Susan gone in June
  - **Smile Parade** (August 23) – No coordinator (see addendum following); $500 stipend; small committee of five in need of leader; Bridget will do fundraising and ask past participants if they might help provide leadership.
  - **Recap of Plant Share** – Well received; 50+ plants; Susan has sign-up sheets for those interested in receiving the BNA newsletter. Bridget to write thank you to Lowes for donation. Approx 30 people participated.

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- **Communications:** Newsletter sign up not available on website (as of meeting date). Barbara will investigate this to ensure form is working. Add Michelle at michellemocktilley@gmail.com to the list, please.

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- **Safety** – Bridget: Brian won't lead safety course but will find someone; John and Cyn have contacts too. Information to be shared on first aid, emergency triage; Mews in July – date still TBD
- BEECN has a new coordinator

8:06 **Announcements:**

Social Media: Needed lead to post happenings on Facebook. No interest from BOD members to take this on. Suan suggests we need to keep this alive; make an events page and post fliers; will ask at Soup Night for volunteer.

NECN Newsletter Sign Up: https://www.necoalition.org/newsletter

8:14 Adjourn

Addendum:

VOTE: Proposed by Bridget; email vote. Eleven yes responses received. APPROVED

Re: Leadership for Smile Boat Parade

The Smile Parade is organized by another committee and finances are managed by the BNA. The Parade has $400 leftover from last years' event and we already have one committed sponsor at $300 level so should easily have enough money. My commitment is to fundraising for the event and I expect to raise $3,000 this year.

I spent 30 minutes on the phone with Alayna Amrein, and she came highly recommended from Cyn as a project manager. Her questions lead me to believe that she can easily handle this job.

I have proposed to our planning committee that we pay her $250 a month for three months, June, July and August, $750 total.