BRIDGETON

Bridgeton Board Meeting

BNA Meeting Minutes APPROVED

June 10, 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, Clare Baxter, Dan Nehler, Gayle Miller, Karen Waggoner, Katy Ailstock, Matt Whitney, Mike Pickrell, Susan Johnston-Wright, Walter Valenta

Guest: Michelle Tilley

Approval of Minutes from May: Any corrections or additions?
If none, approval as presented or amended. APPROVED and uploaded to NECN site

6:33 **Discussions:**

Land Recognition:

- Not resolved; Matt, Katy and Bridget to continue discussion; no feedback received from Spring General Meeting request.
- Mixed emotions amongst BOD. Some felt it is tied to reparations, divisive and others feel it is welcoming, makes some feel valued and want to honor historical land caretakers and First Nations. Comments mention current climate in the country, political nature, tribes not doing well, ignoring Hispanics and Hawaiian contributions; not personally important to some, other items need more attention.
- Bridget to send notes including Katy and Walt's input to Michelle. Prep to present and resolve at General Membership Meeting (tentatively October 16).

6:44 **ICE Vehicles on Bridgton Road:**

- Police not aware. Discussed at PEMO meetings. https://www.portland.gov/pemo/aboutpemo

6:48 **Liaison Reports:**

- **District 2/NECN** – Susan: Next meeting is next Tuesday. Mixer on July 23.
- **Eastern Half** – no report
- **Western Half** – per email from Bill Patterson, Mews willing to host safety meeting on July 26, July 27, or August 3 (Saturday or Sunday). Susan responded that a mid-week date would be preferred.

6:51 **Committee Reports:**

- **Land Use/Transportation** – Walter: **IBR**
  - Groups held final meetings. Community Benefits and Equity Advisory Groups combined. Tom Hickey on committee.

- No changes to EIS expected; comments will be acknowledged. Approval with notes of items needed to be studied. Due after January 1.
- Political decision; must be blessed by stakeholders and then consultants hired to finalize plan. Estimated two years. Once signed off making changes difficult; loss of leverage
- Trust that design engineer has higher standards than IBR; highway department just wants it approved with no consensus on aesthetics.
- Grants have been approved, state funding voted in, but not at the federal transit level.
- Columbia Corridor Association involved to provide trucker views. Question about 6th Avenue improvements. Renee Gonsalves, former commissioner now with Jubitz, to help coordinate freight transportation groups.
- Bridget to invite representatives to attend summer picnic.

7:05 **Portland Budget conversation:**

- Cuts except for police; business tax revenues down; everything costs more; County and state to contribute to homelessness costs (apparently found dollars to support). Park may go after renewal bond measure to fund; money for tree projects.
- Why are consultants, not employees, hired by City of Portland; staffing OT a perpetual issue. Hire guards instead of police on OT for public parades, special events.
- Will street response be cut? Should be under public safety.

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- **VOTE:** SUNDERLIN LETTER UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AS AMENDED – Bridget proposed letter of support to continue Sunderlin RV Village citing continued need, potential return of RV parking on 33rd Ave., and support of neighborhood associations. Bridget to submit letter prior to Saturday deadline.

7:20 **Events –** Susan:

- **Clean Up:** Very successful. Filled 2 dumpsters, 3 shredding bins, 2 pickup loads of paint, and 2 plus trailers of metal. Steve left some metal for pick up for a couple days. May look for another solution for next year. Restore will take metal. Restore collected 42 donations.
  - METRO dollars already received; other donations of $387. Will submit receipts for approximate $1800 grant from Community Activity Fund.
  - Expenses include $1605 for dumpsters, $500 for supplies (rain capes, cones, pizza) and Paper Chase (shredding), $45 for paint disposal.

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- **Summer Picnic** (July 12): Susan out of town in June. The following have agreed to help. Volunteers/donations – Linda; Katy – setup; Scott Nieson with The Remotes (band) will also emcee; Doug – grill master; New Facebook volunteer, Ingrid Schommer, to help promote and Michelle to set up event page; Katy will follow up on sails; Bridget will send dimensions of sails and has picnic games. More volunteers needed for setup.

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- **Smile Parade** (August 23): Bridget reports website up; have sponsors and a hired coordinator as approved by BOD in email vote per May minutes. Alayna Amrein to invoice and be paid June/July/August at $250 EOM via Venmo. Will also assist with

media.

7:38 **Clean and Green** – Bridget:

- Letter re: CEI Hub. Based on the findings of the EcoNW CEI Hub Seismic Risk Analysis, OSSPAC Hub Mitigation Strategies Report, ISS Hazmat Risk Report, DOGAMI Earthquake Risk Study and other studies, it is clear that the Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) Hub poses serious health, safety, cultural, social justice, economic and environmental risks to every Portland neighborhood and the entire Pacific Northwest region.
- Watch for video this fall at Kenton Fire House

7:41 **Safety** – Susan, Michelle, Linda, Bill:

- Proposed dates for Mews to host safety training discussed. Susan emailed Bill for dates other than on Saturday or Sunday. Prefer Tuesday evening in late July, if possible.
- Reminder: Columbia Way West Marina has AED. Recommended for others.
- Complaint about weeds in the median at Anchor Way blocking view for left turns onto Marine Drive. Contact Mike Surella (spelling?) at PBOT
- Understand that with NOAA cutbacks, we will not get emergency notifications evenings or weekends in the future. NOAA is an important tool for forecasting/monitoring floods and fires

7:52 **Communications** – Clare:

- Explore cost from City to print an annual newsletter (11x17 folded) each Spring
- Pursue permit to paint intersection (Bridgeton at 4th or 5th Ave entrance to Roth Estates); guidelines include no words for design approval. Suggest flowers or mandala. Katy will ask Shelly about designing.
- Link from Facebook contacts to Mail Chimp needed. Bridget has password.
- Flier in development for summer picnic featuring Scott Nieson. Need to promote to Western Half. Bigger more decorative signs suggested or fliers to local businesses. Mews has monthly meeting.
- Newsletter to go out tomorrow.

8:06 **Finance -** Matt: $3800 in checking account + Community Activity Grant of approx $1800 due.

8:08 **Additions to the Agenda/New Business:**

- Katy proposed a costumed dog walk down the levee in late September. Would bring neighbors together and let those on the Western Half know about the school yard. Idea was well received and slated for further discussion.
- Still issues with owners not following rules for dogs in the school yard. Dogwalker was sent a cease and desist letter. Please text Katy if multiple dogs are using the yard inappropriately.
- Development on 13th Ave. supported by neighbors per Walter; will feature "forever" affordable housing; 26 units – sale price limited; don't own land; $300k price range; includes parking for 1.5 vehicles per unit and on the street; sidewalks; green space; wetlands undeveloped. Spearheaded by Self Enhancement, Inc.

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8:17 **Announcements:**

- Gayle to host August BOD Meeting
- New food court pod going into Delta Park
- New Puerto Rican restaurant, Sabor del Rio Café, on the river at 3307 NE Marine Dr

8:27 **Adjourn**

- Note per 6/20 email: Safety Meeting now scheduled for July 22 at 6:00 pm at the Mews Community Room. For Mews, Michelle Harper is coordinating.