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Bridgeton Board Meeting

BNA Meeting Minutes APPROVED
November 11, 2025 | 6:30 – 8:30pm

Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88036745184?pwd=VUlFQXU0UzVvZE9Jc2d1RXRjUHlBQT09
Meeting ID: 880 3674 5184
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6:32 **Attendance:** Bridget Bayer, Clare Baxter, Dan Nehler, Gayle Miller, Katy Ailstock, Karen Waggoner, Susan Johnston-Wright, Walter Valenta

Guests: Casey Liles, Shilpa Mallem, Nathan Potter and Latricia Tillman, IBR (construction, design and delivery managers)

6:40 **Discussions:**

- **Interstate Bridge Replacement Project** - briefing by IBR team related to ground improvement testing work starting on Hayden Island. See presentation at: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wqIDxcPlgQ7WFVBsz-fprLLbODtYn9Nn/view?usp=drive_link
    - Draft EIS published; 9000 comments received which need to be addressed
    - Final EIS due end of 2026 which will narrow options
    - Fixed and moveable configurations still under consideration. US Coast Guard must sign off re: height of bridge; navigation impact report. Record of Decision due early 2026; 90-day process including 30-day comment period. Feds typically endorse local preference
    - ODOT contractor Keller North America testing soil strengthening methods on former Jantzen Beach office site; geotechnical drilling/boring to understand soil conditions
    - Bridges are 108 and 65 years old and seismically vulnerable
    - Three construction methods – jet grouting (soil with grout), stone columns (vibrating, compacting), deep soil mixing (concrete with existing soil)
    - Design/construction after Record of Decision; progressive design/build team; 28 construction contracts will be negotiated; working to attract small contractors.
    - Marine Drive Package A – start date in 2038. Design typically two years before build
    - EIS footing locations typically set unless major change/improvements develop
    - Changes already due to comments (i.e. landing other than Vancouver Waterfront, layout of transit access – see later discussion)
    - Some board members felt this update to be make work and not an important development

7:17 **Approval of Minutes** from September (amended) and October.
Any corrections or additions?
Approval as presented/amended. Dan - moved, Clare – seconded

7:20 **Discussions (continued):**

- **Bylaws update -** to show NECN affiliation. Karen will draft new text for BOD approval at next meeting. Need to clarify what to do with this once approved.

- **2026 BOD slate –** Proposed officers for 2026: Bridget Bayers and Dan Nehler – Co-Chairs, Karen Waggoner - Secretary, Matt Whitney – Treasurer. Suggested pitch in newsletter to fill positions – website assistance.
  - **VOTE: Katy – moved to accept slate of officers for 2026, Gayle – seconded; Passed**

7:28 **Liaison Reports:**

- **District 2/NECN** – Susan reports a grievance committee was elected for NECN. Suggested in October that BNA either go through process to appoint a new rep or stop participating. No action taken.
  - North Portland Neighborhood Services, Inc. (NPNS) provide insurance for neighborhood associations; does not want to compete with NECN. https://npnsinc.com/

- **Western Half** – Bill Patterson, as west end liaison, will share info with Mews BOD

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- **Eastern Half –** Discussion around potentially abandoned Bronco on the street; no plates and broken sunroof, bikes removed from rack. Ultimately it looked like owner showed up and drove away. Reminder to report on https://pdxreporter.org/ where three reports to multiple agencies is best option to get action. Note that ODOT does not use pdxreporter; budget not renewed.

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- **Land Use –** Walter. Lengthy discussion regarding BBQ truck (converted emergency vehicle), semi-truck, canopy and other vehicles parked in lot by Channel's Edge. This is private property used with permission of the owner. Question why the semi-truck needs to be parked there. Vincent (aka Buck) apparently has permits to operate (liquor license – TBD), does not advertise location and will not be living on property. Ideally Channel's Edge would vacate and he could take over space. Now reportedly temporarily open Thursday to Sunday through the winter. Most enjoy the food and comradery and others think it is a bad idea, with BBQ off the back of the truck, porta potty and not a desirable entry into Bridgeton. Walter will have another discussion with Vincent to gauge log-term plan.

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  - **More on IBR** – no 100% idea of bridge pilings, ramps, height – all are adjusting as design/build progresses. Light rail is shown as six stories high without easy access from multi-use path except down to the ground two blocks away. IBR continuous designing. Noises include drilling, booming and "thunk" sounds apparently from ODOT testing.
  - **Propose date for Land Use Meeting** expressly for those who want more information. Hold separate general bridge meeting. Be sure Ingrid has details to promote on social channels.

8:13 **Committee Reports:**

- **Events – Fall General Meeting** – not well attended; more dynamic speakers needed; use more handouts; poster boards; topic not always about IBR and levee improvement. Bridge to be its own meeting.
  - **More fun events**! Gayle suggested – a swim across the Channel.
  - **Trick or Treat Dog Walk** – Katy. Great fun. Good idea and timing (though this date conflicted with No Kings). Will grow. Need support from condos, Bouy One.
  - **Holiday Party** – December 11 at Jubitz; flyer to be developed.

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- **Safety** – Bridget. Proposed letter from BOD re: **Impact Reduction Program** to defund clean up efforts in the city. Follow up email from the Mayor indicated 1000 comments were submitted and funding has been saved for now. **BOD voted/approved comments to be sent – due the next day**
  - Report on Citywide Deployment Exercise – no BEECN 10; productive day

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- **Communications** – Clare. Need bigger brighter posters to promote events/meetings; engage Ingrid; spend money on advertising. Perhaps have a newsletter contest.

- **Finance –** Matt. Will propose budget at next meeting. Add $159 for Zoom Pro to facilitate note taking and expand services.

8:37 **Adjourn**