

Mon., April 13, 2026: BWNA Annual General Meeting Minutes (7:00-8:30 p.m.)
Sylvan Learning Center, 4300 N.E. Fremont St. (or via Zoom)

7:00-7:15 = Introductions (President Al Ellis presiding)

Angela Frome substituting for Secretary Patti Koehler

- 1) Take role: Introduction of Board members and non-Board member committee chairs. All Board members in attendance, Patti Koehler via Zoom
- 2) Board members with excused absences noted for minutes: All members attended
- 3) Introduction of non-Board member attendees Deb Harris, Peggie Irving Page, Diane Charlton, Randall & Joanne Poff, David Coey, Jim Karlock, Baer Charlton.
(We had three community members in attendance who live on 44th Ave)

7:15-7:35 = Association Meeting and Governance Items

- 1) Approval of agenda (Al) Board approval of agenda- Susan Trabucco moved a motion to approve and John Sandie seconded unanimously approved
- 2) Approval of minutes from March 9th Board Meeting Susan Trabucco moved a motion to approve and John Sandie seconded unanimously approved.
- 3) Treasurer's Report (Karla Lenox)
 - a.) cash in checking account \$26,216.24
 - b.) cash in Venmo account \$233.60
 - c.) outstanding bills- Angela Frome (Flags \$ 62.99, Jane Feinberg Adobe annual service \$ 479.88, BBA Welcome Cards new neighbor \$151.77)
 - d.) donor/sponsor contributions via NECN 501(C)(3); NECN "communication grant"
Grant funds received from NECN \$1,000 Communications grant.

Treasurers note: Committees and programs Please submit revenue and/or expense estimates for any programs or projects that you are the lead on for purposes of constructing the upcoming budget. Examples are safety flags, events, plaza trial, newsletter, board retreat, planned charitable giving, etc. Karla shared that she needs revenue and expense separately, so please do not submit net numbers for an event or project.

The period of the budget is 7/1/26 through 6/30/27--so include payments we will make and revenue we will collect during this time frame. Estimates are requested by 4/30/2026

Once Karla has our budget estimates, she will put together a proposed budget that we will review and discuss at the May meeting. Karla requested to please allow time for this on the agenda.

Treasurer Karla Lenox made a motion to designate signers on BWNA bank accounts Al Ellis (President), Tim Gillespie (Vice President) and Karla Lenox (Treasurer) as signers on the account. Patti Nelson Seconded and it was approved unanimously.

- 4) Annual "State of the Association" report (Al) President All Ellis stated that we are in great shape as a board and all positions are filled in his tenure never better. Every member of the board is involved in a committee, project etc. We have two chairs that are not board members (Michelle Rudd & Mary Rooney) Email blasts go out to over 700 subscribers and newsletters are distributed to over 2,600 households.
- 5) Spring/Summer Q & A: Naked Bike Ride, Village NE PDX, Counselor Elana Pirtle-Guiney (Al)

At our next monthly meeting (May 11th) we'll be visited by two representatives from the Portland World Naked Bike Ride organization--Outreach Coordinator Ellen Miles and Safety Committee Chair Sam Parrish. Bike ride participants will meet on Saturday, July 25th, mid-afternoon, in Wilshire Park to set up the event.

We have speakers scheduled for our June and August meetings as well representatives from N.E. Village PDX (a nonprofit organization helping seniors stay in their homes by assisting with repairs, transportation, etc.) on June 8th, and City Councilor Elana Pirtle-Guiney on August 10th.

- 6) Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN, District 2) report (Patty Nelson) Update NECN continues to have challenges and grievance committee was disbanded and a new selection for grievance committee will be made. Out of all 28 neighborhoods only 8 neighborhoods applied for communications funding. Deadline is April 15th.

7:35-8:30 = Outstanding Action Items and Committee Updates

Board members-only voting, except for Board elections, when attending B-W residents and owners of businesses within the B-W boundaries are eligible to nominate candidates and cast votes

- 1) Board discussion and voting on proposed Public Plaza Pilot on 44th, just off Fremont (Al)

Executive summary for BWNA voting members on the NE 44th & Fremont Public Plaza Proposal was prepared and given to the board prior to the meeting to review.

The votes were not unanimous, with a 13-2 approval for a three-month trial period. The approval includes the provision that the Plaza will be removed at the end of the trial and reassessed by BWNA, BBA, and PBOT. Additionally, if significant issues arise, the project may be discontinued before the trial period concludes.

The group agreed to work collaboratively with partners, residents, and businesses to give the project the strongest possible chance of success.

The board also expressed a desire for greater clarity regarding ongoing responsibilities, financial commitments, and PBOT's roles during the trial period, as well as in evaluating next steps following its conclusion of the trial period. More questions and clarifications to be discovered.

- 2) Board elections: nominations/acceptances/voting for Pres., Treas., 5 at-large positions (Al)

There were no challenges to the incumbents (President Al Ellis, Treasurer Karla Lenox, Position #2 Tom Cuppernull, Position #4 Aaron Breakstone, Position #6 Angela Frome, Position #8 Rob Lee & Position #10 Colin O'Neil). President Al Ellis shared that this is an exceptional group of people and thrilled to serve together. All nominees were re-elected by voting eligible members.

Colin will be stepping down from his role as Transportation Chair to assist Susan and Jane with newsletter graphic design. Given that transportation safety remains a critical issue for many in our neighborhood. The vacancy will be announced in the next Community Update and will be featured in the Newsletter. Importantly, Colin has expressed his willingness to support a smooth transition for whoever steps into the position.

- 3) Land Use (Tim Root) No updates

- 4) Crime & Safety Committee (Patty); Beaumont Market update (Angela) No crime updates. Beaumont Market update no new information or communication in relation to the bottle return concerns. A community member heard that the market may not renew its lease and listing, but information not verified.

5. Events Committee (John Sandie)

Neighborhood Wide Yard Sale - Saturday, July 11th, Neighborhood Cleanup event Planned, Saturday, June 6th 10-12.

Angela and John are working with neighbors and PBOT reps to make this happen. Initial notice in May/June newsletter will need more promo at the end of May.

Art and Garden Tour - Saturday, July 18 Per separate communications with Patti/Susan - artists seem to be lined up for the 5 sites working on musical acts and vendors at each site.

Summer Free for All Movie August 13th no real changes, may request \$100 for items for the prize wheel at the event for kids.

Block Party Friday, Sept 11th moving along nicely, more details to come.

6. Newsletter Team (Susan Trabucco)

Two new ads Arciform Ad and Rose and Pine Strategies LLC. Colin O'Neil will take on a role of supporting graphic design with the team.

7. Friends of Wilshire Park Committee (Mary Roney)

Portland Parks Alliance request (Al)

In Mary Roney's absence, Al Ellis shared information about Portland Parks Alliance (a coalition of 48 community organizations) advocating for an increase in funding for Portland Parks & Recreation in the upcoming city budget to help make up for a \$774 million backlog of deferred park maintenance. (Al is on the e-mail list but has yet to attend a meeting as he believed the same goes for Mary.)

8. Transportation report (Colin O'Neill); Pedestrian Safety Flag Project update (Patti & Angela)

Speed counts on 42nd Ave are completed with 8k cars a day. 85% were doing 31-34 MPH, enough for concern. No new information on next steps.

9. Communication Committee (Michelle Rudd)

Communication Committee (ComCom) Chair Michelle Rudd reported that committee secretary and Steve Avery are working on a new format for the website (utilizing A.I.) At the next ConCom meeting on May 21st Steve will present his final product, which will then be scrutinized by the committee, revised (if needed) by consensus, and eventually sent out to Board members for review and comment. A revamped website might be ready to be voted on at the July 13th Board meeting. But first things first: reach committee consensus.

10. New Neighbor Welcoming Project (Al) No new list currently. Suggested that there be additional information added to the New Neighbor Welcoming packet. to lead folks to the website and the subscriber list, Al will revise in information accordingly.

8:30-8:35: For the good of the order (announcements, meeting reflections, etc.)
Upcoming Board Meeting = Mon., May 11th, 2026, 7:00 p.m., Sylvan Learning Center

Adjournment