

## **Monday, November 10, 2025: BWNA Board Meeting Agenda (7:00-8:30 p.m.)**

Sylvan Learning Center, 4300 N.E. Fremont St. (or via *Zoom*)

### **Welcome & Introductions** (President Al Ellis)

- 1) Board members and non-Board member committee chairs present: Al Ellis, President, Tim Gillespie, Vice-President, Patty Nelson, Immediate Past President, Karla Lenox, Treasurer, Patti Koehler, Secretary. At Large Board Members, John Sandie, Aaron Breakstone, Angela Frome, Colin O'Neill, Susan Trabucco, Rob Lee, Tim Root, David Knowles, Crystal Grainger. Committee Chair, Matt Grainger. Members with excused absences: Tom Cuppernull, Committee chair Mary Roney.
- 2) Neighbors: Diane Charlton, Graeme Rudd, Michelle Rudd
- 3) Guests: Cathy McCarthy, Concordia Neighborhood, Mary Myers BBA President, Guthrie Shriver, Community Engagement for BBA, Daniel Silvey and Cameron Chester, Fremont Food Cart owners.

### **Association Meeting and Governance Items**

- 1) Approval of meeting agenda (Al); Patti moved, Angie seconded, unanimous approval
- 2) Approval of minutes from October 13th General Meeting as amended (Patti Koehler); Tim G moved, Rob seconded, unanimous approval.
- 3) Treasurer's Report (Karla Lenox): as of 10/31/2025
  - a.) cash in checking account: \$20,447.07
  - b.) cash in Venmo account: \$1,825.11
  - c.) outstanding bills: \$2022 for the newsletter, \$159 to Susan for six months of Mailchimp, \$150 to Susan for McMenamins room rental. \$300 to John for rental of Fremont Methodist for upcoming talk and \$200 for an honorarium for the speaker, Dr. Safran. The Block Party cost \$2,568, we netted \$2250 in donations for a total cost to BWNA of \$318, well below our budgeted \$3,000.
- 4) Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN, District 2) report (Patty Nelson): 28 neighborhoods are in NECN. Grievance committee was formed, Patty had applied to be on the committee, filled out form online and at the bottom there was a button that said no I'm not interested in applying. Did not see that and ended up clicking it so even though she did the paperwork, the office did not feel it was in accordance with the bylaws to allow her application. They also formed a planning committee to decide the future of NECN. The treasurer was unable to generate the end of the year report because he got the information late. There is a contract in place for the communication funds. Can begin the application December 1st. They have only budgeted for 25 grants as last year not all neighborhoods applied. Karla sent the application in last year and agreed to do so again this year. Patty did share our upcoming Reckoning with the Big One event and they posted it in their news feed. Patty is looking for anyone who wishes to take her place on the NECN Board. She would like to stay on till they get through the current grievance complaints as she has background on it but would welcome someone else to step into that position. John mentioned that he has emailed NECN requesting clarification regarding donations and the specific language to use when soliciting sponsorship. Has not yet heard back from them. Have had a neighbor who wanted to donate money to BWNA, motivated by the flag project. All of the money donated to NECN for the block party has been given to Karla, NECN has asked for all of the receipts associated with the event.
- 5) Board Retreat (Sat., Nov. 15th, Kennedy School, 9 to 2)(Al): All 15 board members are able to attend the upcoming board retreat. It will be held in the Kennedy School Community Room.

Al presented the following agenda:

8:30-9:00: Set up

9-9:45: Getting to know each other better activity.

9:45-10:30: Intra-board communications, meetings discussion.

10:30-11:15: BWNA goals and policies

11:15-12:00: Lunch break

12:00-1:50: Previous discussion wrap ups as needed, brainstorming for 2026

1:50-2:00: For the good of the order, retreat commentary, suggestions

2:00-2:30: Clean up

Angie will order the meal requests you provided and her husband Mike will deliver them.

### **Outstanding Action Items and Committee/Team Updates**

- 1) Beaumont Market update (Angela Frome, David Knowles): Still waiting on final sign off from the property owners so they can begin the construction work for the green bag program. Store owner John Archer will reach out to the property owner again. Mary Meyers reports she knows the property owner and will also reach out to them. Angie reports she has been able to get the city to move the garbage can from the bus stop on 42nd and put it on the other side of the road. Much less garbage and drug paraphernalia since then at that location. Have also gotten three new garbage cans placed on Fremont St. The city picks up garbage weekly and Jeremy, the man in charge of the cans, has given her a key so that she can lock the garbage receptacles if they are left open. David reports he wrote a letter to OLCC on behalf of the neighborhood which explained the burden the current regulations place on small businesses. Unfortunately, the regulations are being formally adopted next week and they have not proposed any changes to current regulations. We have gone on record stating our concerns, including the notion that the whole bottle bill system is broken and that it has become kind of an income distribution program more than a recycling program. Don't know what representative would be willing to bring this up. Al suggested reaching out to our Representative Tran. David stated whoever takes it on will need help figuring out what the changes would need to be and it would need to be in collaboration with other neighborhoods.
- 2) Crosswalk flags update (Angela & Patti): Angie reported we have had more flags disappear in the last 6 weeks than in the past year (probably a total of 10). Have a new batch of 12 flags available to put out. Each batch costs close to \$60. Our total budget for the year is \$200 so having people who might want to donate to that specifically could be helpful. Patti reports she spoke with a member of the Vernon neighborhood association who contacted her regarding the flag project. Patti provided information on making flags and where we got our supplies with a warning that cutting and drilling into the PVC canisters can be dangerous. The women she spoke with reported they have a drill press and a table saw which would probably help. Susan shared a like to an organization called See me Flags which have kits available for purchase.
- 3) Transportation Committee + Ad Hoc Public Plaza Committee (Colin); Plaza vote:: Al shared that Marjorie Hendrickson, who had asked that we support her petition regarding speeding on 33rd Ave has heard that PBOT feels radar speed signs might be an option. Al believed PBOT would fund them, but Colin clarified that it is part of the neighborhood funded speed sign which PBOT is looking into and which he described at our last meeting. Al received notification from PBOT regarding speed bumps and maybe a stop sign coming on Skidmore Ave between 37th and 42nd.  
Public Plaza: An ad hoc committee led by Colin, including Al, Crystal, Michelle, Rob, Aaron, and Mary Myers met to discuss the Public Plaza requirements and the application

process. A very detailed email was sent to all board members which included all of the pertinent information. Colin made a motion that BWNA approve submission of the Plaza application, conditional upon comprehensive community engagement, where we would do direct outreach to neighbors in the area, both neighbors on the streets where the plaza might be and the surrounding area. An invitation would be extended for a dedicated public meeting where anyone interested could come and have a conversation. We then would have a follow up BWNA board meeting to discuss and vote on whether we want to continue on as a sponsoring organization or not. Colin stated that if approved, the plaza is seasonal with the possibility of becoming permanent if successful. Mary Meyers states that she believes the BBA would be willing and equal partners in the process. A discussion followed. Colin's motion was approved unanimously.

- 4) Friends of Wilshire Park Committee (Mary Roney); funding for FoWP website vote: A discussion was had but voting was delayed as Mary Roney was unable to attend tonight's

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- 6) meeting and could not answer questions.
- 7) Newsletter Team (Susan Trabucco): Susan will save her report and any discussion for the retreat.
- 8) Website Enhancement Committee; Community Update--aka e-blast (Matt Granger): Matt reported there are about 780 people receiving the e-blast. The email open rates are good but the click through rates are not as high as he would like. The website has a newly updated form on the get involved page. Previously the alignment of the form did not match up on the bottom of the page but it all matches now. Take a look and give any feedback.
- 9) Land Use Committee (Tim Root)L No new updates. Tim reports he will try to attend the upcoming NECN Land Use Zoning 101 seminar. He is not sure what it is all about at this time.
- 10) New Neighbor Welcoming Project (Al): Thank you to Diane Charlton, Patti, Kate Krider and Jamie Gardner for taking packets to new neighbors.
- 11) Events Committee (John Sandie): John states he emails events committee notes to the board following the monthly meetings which typically occur a week before the board meeting. A new member, Claudia, attended the last meeting and she hopes to get a BWNA yard sale event going. She would be happy to lead the event with assistance. The Great Spirit United Methodist Church on Shaver has offered their parking lot for a recycling event which will occur in February. The Center for Positive Aging will lead the senior resource event and we will assist with marketing and possibly volunteering as needed. This will likely occur in May. We hope to have another Art and Garden show in July. Reckoning with the Big One talk is getting good sign up. Will occur Nov. 12th at Fremont Methodist Church.

8:35 Adjournment.

**Upcoming General Meeting:** Monday, Dec. 8th, 2025, 7:00 p.m., Sylvan Learning Center

