

Monday, September 8, 2025: BWNA Board Meeting
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, Patti Koehler, Secretary. At Large Board Members, John Sandie, Aaron Breakstone, Angela Frome, Rob Lee, Tim Root, Crystal Grainger, Tom Cuppernull Matt Grainger
Board and committee chairs with excused absences: Karla Lenox, Treasurer, Susan Trabucco, Colin O'Neill, David Knowles, Mary Roney
- 2) Guests: Jim Karlock

Association Meeting and Governance Items

- 1) Motion to approve 8/11/25 and today's meeting agenda's(Al); Patti moved, Angie seconded, passed unanimously.
- 2.) Motion to approve minutes from July 14th Board Meeting/Aug. 11th General Meeting as amended. (Patti Koehler): Tim moved, Aaron seconded, passed unanimously .
- 3.) Treasurer's Report (Al substituting for Karla Lenox)
 - a.) cash in checking account: \$22,640.79
 - b.) cash in Venmo account: \$1,978.32
 - c.) outstanding bills: None reported in Karla's absence.
- 4.) Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN, District 2) report (Patty Nelson): Patty reports acrimony and dysfunction at NECN. Something occurred at the first executive meeting which she had to miss in which a complaint was filed against the president and also against the treasurer. There has been no resolution of this issue and the discord remains unresolved at this point.
- 5) Board Retreat Sat., Nov. 15th: Mule room 9:00-2:00 (30-min. lunch)? Agenda items? (Al): The Mule Bar was approved as a venue for the board retreat as well as a 9-2 time frame. Al will contact them to reserve the space. He shared a tentative agenda he has prepared but would welcome other input by the next meeting.
- 6) Indigenous Peoples' Day: Oct. 13th General Meeting "Land Acknowledgement" (Tim Gillespie): Tim agreed to read a land acknowledgment at our next meeting which falls on Indigenous People's day. Al asked that he also include historical information regarding the Indigenous people in our area.
- 7) Proposals: creation of three new standing committees and listing of chairs on website (Al): Al proposed we create three new standing committees. The first would be a Beautification and clean up committee. Following discussion and input from Angie and the rest of the board it was decided that this would be better left under the Event's Committee. Al also recommended a Communication Committee so that people who are assisting with the website changes. It was decided to further discuss this during the upcoming retreat.

Outstanding Action Items and Committee/Team Updates

- 1) Bethany Lutheran Church update (Al): No changes from last month's report.

- 2) Beaumont Market update (Al, Angela Frome): Al reported that with the help of Angies letter and Dan Ryan's help the OLCC has come out to Beaumont Market three times and it looks like they will expedite the request for a green/blue bag program. Angie will be going to a City council meeting this Friday (9/12) at which time they will discuss Beaumont Markets complaints. A discussion followed regarding the ramifications of Oregon's Bottle bill as it stands today.
- 3) Events Committee (John): John moved that we approve a budget of \$600 for the Cascadia Subduction Zone lecture on Nov. 13th which would include \$300 for use of Fremont United Methodist Church, a \$200 honorarium for Dr. Safran and \$100 for advertising. Al seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Sept. 12th All-Neighborhood Block Party update, John requested volunteers to set up and take down. Patti reported the barricades would need to be moved into position at 3 PM which would allow the four food trucks, ice cream truck and PFIEM beer time to set up. Lighting people and the band will also be arriving for set up at the same time. We have a little bigger kids area with the addition of a basketball hoop. Decided against a bouncy house when NECN said they would not cover insurance on that. Ann Angulo, a member of the events committee has taken charge of the kids area (as she did last year). She has assistance from Bev Yashar (another events committee volunteer) and Al's wife, Peggy, but other volunteers are most welcome. Susan and John are pulling together a table with our BWNA banner and a large banner thanking our sponsors. The event will end at 8 PM. Garbage will be collected and put in Patti's truck. The Electrify your house event on Sept 16th will occur at the Mule Bar from 7-8 PM. It currently has 20 people signed up for it. Limit is 40.
- 4) Website/E-Blast (Matt Grainger); Ad Hoc Website Enhancement Committee update (Al): Al reported a second meeting was held at his house. Matt explained that WIX, which is the host of our current website, is a little cumbersome. They are looking at other options to make our website bigger and better but it will take time and no decisions have been made. He also said they have been working on a Get Involved page which they have up on the website but will need additional work. Want to help drive volunteers to specific activities they have an interest in and make sure they have easy avenues to contact the right people linked to their interests.
- 5) Newsletter Team (Al substituting for Susan): No current update.
- 6) Friends of Wilshire Park (FoWP) Committee: FoWP website? (Al filling in for Mary Roney): Mary told Al that there have been three instances of tagging in the past month. Mary sent a note to the park leader and he had it cleaned up the same day. John offered to paint over graffiti but the Parks Department would prefer to handle it themselves. A discussion was held regarding Friends of Wilshire's request for money to establish a website, as their old one is no longer working. A final decision was not made. Al hopes to come to a final decision at our next meeting.
- 7) Transportation Committee (Colin O'Neill): Al reported that notices have been received by those living on NE Skidmore Ave. that PBOT will be putting in speed bumps and signage for a neighborhood greenway between NE 37th and 49th Ave's and between NE 49th and 77th Ave's on Mason St. This is slated to happen by the end of September.
- 8) Land Use Committee (Tim Root): Tim reported one notice regarding an apartment building going in behind The Red Sauce Pizza business on NE 47th Ave and a second notice regarding a demolition at 3913 NE 47th ave. The Portland Neighbors Welcome group posted a

meeting set for Sept. 25th. They usually have a report that comes out the same day and Tim will be watching for that. Tom Cuppernull reported that the man in charge of the food cart location on Fremont St reached out to him to set up a meeting. Tom had offered to help him with sound insulation for inside the venue. He will let us know what he finds out at a future meeting.

- 9) New Neighbor Welcoming Project (Al): Thirteen packets taken by Crystal, Jamie Gardner and Patti.

Upcoming General Meeting: Monday, Oct. 13th, 2025, 7:00 p.m., Sylvan Learning Center

Adjournment: 8:35 PM