

Monday, July 14, 2025: BWNA Board Meeting Agenda
Sylvan Learning Center, 4300 N.E. Fremont St. (or via Zoom)

Welcome & Introductions (President Al Ellis)

- 1) Board members 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, Angela Frome, Susan Trabucco, Tim Root, David Knowles, Crystal Grainger.
- 2) Board members with excused absences: Tom Cuppernull, Aaron Breakstone, Colin O'Neill
- 3) Unexcused Board Members: Rob Lee
- 4) Committee Chairs Present: Mary Roney and Matt Granger
- 5) Neighbors: Peggy Ellis, Julie Robins, Kathy Norton, Jim Karlock, Bill and Midori Martwart
- 6) Guests: Carole Orloff, Michael Hall from ANA and Marjani Hendrickson resident of ANA.
- 7) Special welcome: Stacy Carleton, Synod's community liaison for Bethany Lutheran Church
- 8) Multnomah County Commissioner Jessica Vega Peterson's aide informed us earlier this week that he could not attend tonight's meeting. An e-blast was sent, to those who are signed up for it, that he would not be here. He did say that he would like to meet with Al Ellis for lunch, together with Chris Rauber, a reporter from our newsletter. The lunch is set for July 30th..

Association Meeting and Governance Items

- 1). Approval of Meeting Agenda: Patti moved, Karla seconded, approved unanimously
- 2). Approval of June 9th General Meeting minutes as amended: Angie moved, Crystal seconded, approved unanimously
- 3). Treasurers Report: (Karla Lenox) As of June 30th, end of fiscal year
 - a.) Cash in Checking account: \$25,436.87
 - b.) Cash in Venmo account: \$1,138.14
 - c.) Outstanding bills: \$119.98 to Jane for annual Dropbox fee.
 - d.) Have now completed transition from accounts we had with CNN
 - e.) We had budgeted to draw down our accounts by \$4,049 but only drew down by \$3,649. This year we have budgeted a draw down of \$4,447
 - f.) Tax Deductible Sponsorship Agreement needs to be voted on by the board and submitted to NECN. All donations, no matter the size, will need to go through NECN to get a tax write off. David moved, Susan seconded that we sign and submit the agreement. Passed unanimously
- 4) Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN) report: (Patty Nelson) Have elections 7/15. Patty will stay on the board but step down as secretary. The city did allocate funding to continue funding the district

coalitions, including separate funding for insurance. The coalitions will fund insurance and pay for it out of their budgets. All the coalitions are trying to figure out what that means for them. Patty also understands that they are allocating funding for some small grants though there are no details at this time including how much in communication funds may be forthcoming.

- 5). Guest: Stacy Carleton, Bethany Lutheran Church Synod representative: The congregation is no longer using the church though there are other nonprofits which are currently meeting there. Stacy reported part of her role in this transition period is to get a sense from the neighborhood what folks would like to see happening in this space and what needs the neighborhood has. When asked what priorities the synod has she responded that the synod is prioritizing community groups, possible faith based organizations. One part of their resolutions is land and liberation, which is looking at reparations, looking at the history of the church and how some harm as been caused through colonialist policies. Looking for the most equitable way to use this going into the future. The property includes the parking lots. A discussion followed including a suggestion that BWNA take on the building and lease out rooms to the community. Leaven Community Center in the Vernon neighborhood was used as an example. Stacy acknowledged that a full inspection of the building would need to be done, she is aware that the roof leaks in several places and some floor tiles are loose, there may also be mold and asbestos issues. The faith based groups who are currently meeting there would like to continue . The Synod would like to make a decision by September. Several board members responded that this timeline seems too soon for such an important decision. Concerns were shared about a new owner not being able to keep up with the expenses and reselling the building soon after purchase or others purchasing the property with the intention of demolishing the buildings. Stacy responded that the Synod would be requiring some kind of stipulations of use to prevent that. Other non-profits in the neighborhood who might have an interest were discussed. Stacy can be reached at 971-409-4950 or at stacy@oregonsynod.org
- 6). Sgt. Greg Moore from the North Precinct will be at our 8/11 general meeting fielding any questions or concerns. Al requested any questions be emailed to him before the meeting.

Outstanding Action Items and Committee/Team Updates

- 1). Crime Prevention & Safety Committee: (Patty and Bill Markwart)
Patty reported that it is difficult to run statistics about crime in our area unless we get calls from the neighborhood. Bill attends a precinct wide committee meeting on a regular basis. He reported BW, statistically looks

like a no crime area. We have petty crime but it doesn't look bad city wide to the police. Patti had a neighbor call and ask why crime is not reported in our newsletter. People are encouraged to call Bill or Patty if they are aware of any crime which has occurred. Al suggested that crime then be publicized in the E Blast.

Angela raised concerns about things happening around Beaumont Market. She is attempting to find out who owns the building to address issues of people coming early in the morning on bikes, the bus, in RV's and cars (many with WA license plates) to redeem cans. Many of them go through neighbors recycling bins, spilling trash on the ground that isn't put back in the container so she is cleaning up a lot of garbage. She will continue to work on finding out who to contact and how we may help.

Jim Karlock reported there was a lady who has done crazy things in his neighborhood including stealing two of his surveillance camera's. He did not report the issue to the police. Bill Markwart encouraged anyone to contact him about issues they have and he will bring them to the precinct meeting.

2). Land Use Committee (Tim R):

No new reports. Al reported he told Luella, who had been at our last meeting regarding traffic/parking concerns at the Mason street cottage cluster that we, as a neighborhood association, cannot do anything about the clusters or the parking as they are guided by city code. He did note that there are areas in NW Portland that do have a dispensation on that. A discussion followed about why the NW have dispensations and what are the minimum requirements for a cottage cluster. Tim agreed to look into it more.

3). Transportation Committee: (Al in lieu of Colin)

Al introduced Marjani Hendrickson. Marjani reports she has lived on NE 33rd north of Fremont St. In that time she has witnessed three cars that flipped in front of their house. They met with Rick at PBOT and he informed them that the fire department is not a fan of speed bumps but he would discuss that with them. He said that the best thing you can do is tighten and narrow down the road so people have to slow down. Marjani has put in a request for temporary speed readers. She has started a petition to the city which currently has 273 signatures. Neighborhood associations have written letters of support and she would like to know if BWNA would do the same. There was unanimous agreement to write a letter to PBOT encouraging them to study 33rd avenue and address safety issues that are happening there.

Angie and Patti reported completion of installation of flags on 45th/Fremont and on 33rd and Alameda. One set of canisters remaining which we are planning on putting on Prescott and 37th ave. We have lost a few flags, have another packet of flags to refill as needed.

4). Webmaster/E-Blaster: Matt Grainger

Ad Hoc website enhancement committee met. Working on adding a get involved section on the subscribe page. Also working on making the newsletter archive more noticeable. Want board input on upcoming events. In the newsletter, we list events happening in neighborhoods surrounding ours. Should we do the same in our website? Do we advertise for events that are not strictly in our neighborhood? Following discussion Susan moved that we align our e-blast and website policy with the established newsletter policy. The motion passed unanimously.

5). New Neighbor Packet: (Al):

Thanks to Diane Charlton, Tim and Crystal for delivering packets.

6). Friends of Wilshire Park Committee: (Mary Roney)

The previous Friends of Wilshire Park webpage is gone, discussion regarding request for money for them to have their own website vs hosting them on our Website. Matt will provide an update of costs at our next meeting.

7). Newsletter Team: (Susan)

Ad revenues are down. Have lost a few advertisers. Susan reports she does not have time to be an ad person as well as doing the newsletter. Let Susan know if you have an interest or you know someone who may be open to placing an ad.

8). Events Committee (John)

John moved a request for \$50 for flyers advertising the Go Electric event. Motion passed unanimously.

Clean up, recycling event in October. Details to follow

Fremont Fest: Tim Root volunteered to do a slot. All two hour slots now filled.

Adjournment: 8:38

Upcoming General Meeting: Monday August 11th 2025, 7 PM Sylvan Learning Center