

Monday, December 8, 2025: BWNA General Meeting Agenda (7:00-8:30 p.m.)
Sylvan Learning Center, 4300 N.E. Fremont St. (or via Zoom)

Welcome & Introductions + Agenda Approval (President Al Ellis)

- 1) Board members and non-Board member committee chairs:
Al Ellis, President, Tim Gillespie, Vice-President, Karla Lenox, Treasurer, Patti Koehler, Secretary. At Large Board Members, John Sandie, Aaron Breakstone, Susan Trabucco, Tim Root, David Knowles, Crystal Grainger.
Committee Coordinators: Matt Grainger, Mary Roney
- 2) Board members with excused absences: Patty Nelson, Immediate Past President, Angela Frome, Colin O'Neill, Rob Lee, Tom Cuppernull
- 3) Introduction of non-Board member attendees: Kelly Thompson, active in Friends of Wilshire Park fundraising and webpage creation. Spyder McHenry. Interested in discussing a collaborative event. Mary Meyers, President of BBA, and online participants, Cheryl (no last name provided) and Dean Freeman.
- 4) Approval of meeting agenda: Approved unanimously.

Open Floor for Non-Board Members (any B-W topic, 3-minutes per person)

- 1) Spyder McHenry wanted to know if we would be interested in having him provide a presentation on Artificial Intelligence Safety (free of charge). He currently volunteers with an organization called ASAP (AI Safety Awareness Project). Following discussion of Spyder's background and what the lecture might look like the Board expressed interest and advised him to follow up with the Event's committee.
- 2) Kim Gault sent an email to Al as they could not attend the meeting. They expressed appreciation for the flags project but have concerns regarding cars decreased visibility when turning from 43rd to 45th avenues onto Fremont St. Last year, they requested traffic safety mirrors from PBOT who told them they would have engineers determine if the area needed them but they have not been installed and they have not heard back from them. A discussion was had regarding parking regulations around crosswalks. No decisions were made. It was recommended that Colin continue working with PBOT regarding our safety concerns.
- 3) Max Horton emailed Al as he was also unable to attend tonight's meeting. He and his family live on 42nd Ave by Everest M Market. Speeding is a major concern. He would like to have a discussion started with PBOT regarding traffic calming measures at crosswalks and possible speed bumps. It was recommended that Colin address these concerns with PBOT.

Association Meeting and Governance Items

- 1.) Approval of minutes from November 10th Board Meeting (Patti Koehler): As amended, unanimous approval.
- 2.) Treasurer's Report (Karla Lenox): As of Nov. 30th.
 - a.) cash in checking account: \$19,620.30
 - b.) cash in Venmo account: \$1,772.54
 - c.) outstanding bills: None

- d.) Donor/sponsor contributions—501(C)(3) via NECN: Karla reported that there is a donation information sheet (devised by Karla, using language John got approved by NECN) for people wishing to make a tax-deductible donation via NECN to BWNA. Karla, John, Susan and perhaps Al will set up a meeting with Jonah at NECN to address unanswered questions, many of which were brought up by board members in tonight's meeting. Karla attempted to download the application for the \$1000 communication grant on the NECN website but it was not yet made available.
- 3.) Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN, District 2) report (Patty Nelson): No report
- 4.) Speakers: Al reports City Councilor, Sameer Kanal wishes to attend one of our meetings. He is co-chair of the community and public safety committee. Al booked him for the March meeting as that is the time he had free. Chris Rauber who is on the newsletter team and works with Northeast Village PDX has requested a representative from Northeast Village PDX be allowed to make a presentation in June. Al gave him a tentative yes to his request.
- 5.) Board Meeting Agenda Formats (Al): A discussion was had regarding formats of General vs. Board Meetings. General meetings will start with 15 minutes at the beginning of the meeting reserved for neighbors input. No further discussion was had at this time.
- 6.) Policy regarding endorsements: Al reported that there are two endorsement requests. One asking us to support an effort to persuade the Planning Commission to recommend to City Council a ban on the storage of fossil fuels along the riverfront. The second asks for a resolution in opposition to ICE operations in our city and around the country. Following a lengthy discussion the resolutions were tabled pending further board discussion at our January board meeting. Al reported he would pull together some suggestions on criteria based on our discussion for that meeting.

Outstanding Action Items and Committee/Team Updates

- 1) Updates: Beaumont Market (David) David has been in touch with the owner of the building. He received an email from him a couple of days ago which said that his understanding is that the market is now in a different situation and not obligated to take in so many containers. This has not been verified but Angie reports that there is less traffic noted by the Arrangement compared to previously. Flag Project: Angie asked Mary Meyers if the BBA would be willing to pay half the cost of replacing flags. Our current budget for flags is \$274.95. Mary reports she will bring it to the board next week. She believes some of the businesses might be interested in an adopt a flag program. Patti reported 12 new flags were recently added to canisters to replace missing ones. A discussion was had about expanding the program. Kelly Thompson suggested talking with Grant High School's shop class as they may be looking for projects to do that serve the community. Aaron volunteered to assist with making more canisters to place in the neighborhood. Patti volunteered to work with him.
- 2) Friends of Wilshire Park report (Mary Roney); Mary, Matt and Kelly Thompson requested that the Friends of Wilshire Park website be separate from BWNA's website but with links to each other. Kelly revealed the website she has created for Friends of Wilshire Park. Mary moved that BWNA pay for the Friends of Wilshire

Park website for a yearly cost of \$204 plus the cost of renewing the domain name. The board voted unanimously in favor.

- 3) Newsletter Team report (Susan Trabucco): Despite declining ad revenue we will continue to keep the newsletter at the current 20 pages.
- 4) Transportation (Colin, no report, not present) Tim Root reported that you need to be aware that the stop signs on Skidmore and 47th have been switched. Al reported they have put up stop signs all up and down Skidmore from 37th to 42nd but not along the park. Public Plaza Committee (Aaron Breakstone): Prior to the meeting Aaron sent out an email regarding recommendations from the ad hoc committee which met 12/5/25. Looking for venues for the special meeting that will need to be held. The Great Spirit Native American Church, Bethany Lutheran and BMS were all recommended.
- 5) Events Committee (John Sandie): John reported Movie in the Park applications are open for which he requested \$500. Crystal seconded his motion, it was approved unanimously. Neighborhood recycling event on 2/21. John brought up the option of adding shredding services at a cost of \$650. Following discussion the board did not appear to favor shredding and John revised the motion to not include shredding. Karla advised John there was already \$300 in the budget for the recycling event so a motion was not required.
- 6) Land Use (Tim Root); Tim Root reported that the building on 47th and Failing is being demolished. He has not seen what the development will be but probably multiple houses. Bethany Lutheran Church update (Susan & Al): Susan reported the Synod is coordinating the donation of building contents to the people who are currently meeting there and helping them move. Still no information on who they are in talks to regarding taking over the space.
- 7) Ad Hoc Website Enhancement Committee; Community Update (Matt Granger): Following the committees recommendation, Al moved that their committee be transformed into a standing committee called the Communication Committee. Crystal seconded. Approved unanimously.
- 8) New Neighbor Welcoming Project update (Al): Al reported 14 new packets picked up by Diane Carlton, Crystal, Patti and Kate Krider.

Upcoming Board Meeting: Monday, Jan. 12th, 2026, 7:00 p.m., Sylvan Learning Center
Adjournment: 8:40

