

Mon., May 11, 2026: BWNA Board Meeting Agenda

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

Introductions (President Al Ellis)

Introduction of Board members and non-Board member committee chair:

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, Susan Trabucco, Tim Root, Crystal Grainger, Tom Cuppernull. Committee Chairs: Matt Grainger, Website. Board members with excused absences Rob Lee, David Knowles, Colin O'Neill and Mary Roney, Friends of Wilshire Park Committee

- 1) Introduction of non-Board member attendees: Steve Avery, (communications committee), Jim Karlock, John Snell, Mary Meyers, President of BBA

Association Meeting and Governance Items (Board member-only voting)

- 1) Approval of agenda (Al) Patti moved, Angie seconded, unanimous approval
- 2) Approval of minutes from April 13th General Meeting as amended (Angela Frome): Patti moved, John seconded, unanimous approval
- 3) PDX World Naked Bike Ride start: Sat., July 25th, Wilshire Park (**Ellen Miles & Sam Parrish**)
Ellen Miles, outreach coordinator and Sam Parrish, Safety Committee Chair . Ellen reported the function of the ride is a protest against a dependency on oil but over the years it has also become a celebration of body positivity. They have had up to 10,000 riders in the past with 8,000 participating last year. It is a permitted ride which will launch from Wilshire Park on July 25th. They will start gathering at 6:30 PM with the ride starting at 8:30, the route will not circle back to Wilshire Park. Details of the route are not shared until the start of the event. Sam addressed safety issues. Along the route they are planning for a team of volunteer bike mechanics and medics. They will be partnered with Portland Police (all participants from the Police Department will be volunteers). They are also looking for local volunteers to do what is called corking. The corkers work at intersections to let cars know that a ride is coming through. There will also be clean-up crews at Wilshire Park earlier that day, so that they begin with a clean slate, another cleanup after the bike has left and then a clean-up the following morning. The park will not be closed to the public at any time. We strongly encourage people to bike to the event if able but there will be an increase in cars parking in the neighborhood. Donations are welcome which helps cover items such as porta potties and park permits. A safety tent, volunteer check in tent and info booths will be set up. BWNA is welcome to have a table, should you wish. Cross advertising is appreciated. If you note that BWNA supports the ride we will put you on your list of donors on our website.
- 4) Treasurer's Report (Karla Lenox): As of 4/30/26
 - a.) cash in checking account: \$28,281.70
 - b.) cash in Venmo account: \$374.36
 - c.) outstanding bills: \$151.97 to BBA for printing of new neighbor welcoming packet cards. \$99.99 to Patti for annual Otter transcription services. \$144 to Jane for computer software related to Canva. \$2,823.31 to Carpenter Media for newsletter bill. Susan reported that the bill for the newsletter was \$801.31 more than normal because of a miscommunication with them regarding a problem with our file. Following a discussion of the events that unfolded it

was decided that if Susan was able to retrieve some of the money from Carpenter Media that would be ideal but it is not worth ruining the relationship with them for it. Once a receipt is received we will owe \$23.90 to Kelly Thompson for the Wilshire Park website to renew their Domain registration with GoDaddy. Lastly, \$62.90 to Angie for more flags. Karla confirmed with Mary Meyers that BBA is splitting the bill for flag replacement. Year to date we have spent \$455 on flags. She will email this information to Mary for follow up payment.

d.) 2026-2027 fiscal budget items: Karla emailed the budget and asked for questions. She reported that we projected a draw down of our 2025-2026 budget by \$4,400. While we are not yet at the end of the fiscal year we are actually up by \$1600 due to money/sponsorship we made at events, less budgeted money spent at events and the \$1000 that we got from NECN. With the proposed 2026-2027 budget there is a projected \$3,900 draw down. Patty asked if the \$2,000 budgeted for the Public Plaza was a realistic number. Colin admitted he produced that number on not a whole lot as it is our first time. When he asked Concordia Commons they said it depends on the programming. Concerts tend to be the highest expense. They are doing a concert every other week and they are budgeting \$2500. Since BBA will match our costs, the total Plaza budget is actually \$4,000. Karla pointed out that we don't know the costs for anticipated website changes but she left the budget at \$468 (what we currently pay WIX). Website changes won't occur until December. Steve thinks the cost them may actually be zero. In the donations category there will now be only one category. NECN made it clear that any money we make is a donation and that when we raise money it is for everything we do. Eliminating the service category but will continue to split the donations into three buckets (donation events, sponsorship and miscellaneous). All of the donations must go through NECN and then Karla requests a check from NECN and deposits it. The budget will be voted on in June.

- 5) Upcoming Speakers: (Al): At our June 8th meeting Chris Rauber (who volunteers as a reporter for our newsletter) and wife Kim Williams will be attending our meeting as representatives from Northeast Village PDX. 3 During the July 13th meeting we may have a representative from the Neighborhood Emergency Teams. Tomorrow night they are making a presentation at the Alameda Neighborhood Association. City Councilor Elana Pirtle-Guiney will speak at our August 10th meeting.
- 6) Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN): motion to approve new rep. (Patty Nelson): Patty reported that NECN has elections next month and she is asking for someone to take her place. She reported she missed one meeting due to illness and they apparently passed a measure when she was absent to censure her, though she has not received notice of this action. Patty reports she will be attending the June meeting and will continue as a representative if no one steps up. Crystal volunteered to take Patty's place and was reassured that she could attend meetings virtually. Al moved, Tim seconded having Crystal be our new representative at NECN, the movement was passed unanimously. Patty will finish her last meeting in May as our representative, in June, Patty will nominate Crystal to the NECN Board and introduce her as our new representative. Patti asked us to address the dysfunction at NECN with our City Council Representatives. Patty responded that a number of neighborhood organizations are raising their voices and they have been meeting with city council members. She, as a current Board member of NECN cannot speak up as that would go against her duty of loyalty. Al recommended that we could have an Ad Hoc committee so that we can get the facts together, Susan stated she would like to invite them to come to our meeting so we can know their scope of work. Patty replied the Jona, the head of NECN would likely be willing to come. Al stated it could not occur until our Sept. meeting.
- 7) Neighborhood association networking; e.g., Al invited to speak at May 12th ANA meeting (Al)

Outstanding Action Items/Committee Updates (Board member-only voting)

- 1) Motion to approve Graeme Rudd as Transportation Committee Chair (Colin O'Neill): Motion delayed till next meeting as Graeme is not at tonight's meeting.
- 2) Crime & Safety Committee (Patty); Patty had nothing to report. Pedestrian Safety Flag update (Angela & Patti Koehler): Angie reported that we have had more flags stolen. 32 flags total. Angie recommended pausing adding any more canisters until we get a better sense of what's going on. Patti discussed branding our name via magic marker or stencil on any new flags.
- 3) Transportation Report: Al received an email from Colin with his report. He reported that the speed concerns on 42nd Ave got PBOT to do traffic counts that showed that 85% of the speeds are 31-32 mph, Colin has sent a message to PBOT asking about the possibility of installing some traffic calming measures. He also suggested engaging the BMS PTA to see if they will support the request.
- 4) Ad Hoc Public Plaza Committee: limited committee expansion; planning (Aaron Breakstone): Aaron reported they have grown to a committee of 12. Greg from PBOT recommended a delay of a week or two between the installation of the Plaza and the Grand Opening to allow for kinks to be worked out. Current target is a 6/13 installation date for street painting and installation of furniture. They will be soliciting as many volunteers as interested. A contractor manages the street painting process and they bring all of the materials. 6/27 is the targeted Grand Opening date, hope to have city councilor(s) and ribbon cutting. 6/20th is the back-up date for installation if the 13th does not work out. The committee is voting on a name for the plaza but have not finalized a decision though Fremont 44 and Beaumont Crossing tied for the top votes. We are responsible for coming up with the design for the street painting. Mary is in conversation with Mike Bennett, a local artist to see if he would be willing to create it with a backup plan to reach out to other artists in the community. Still working on designs for the street barriers. Colin reported he had an email to NECN regarding insurance coverage. If we cannot get it with them then Mary with BBA will cover it.
- 5) Land Use Committee (Tim Root); Inner Eastside for All/Portland Neighbors Welcome: Tim spoke about the recent zoning resolution that was passed by the Portland City Council which will allow multi-family units in areas of neighborhood that have previously been off limits. The zoning change is from NE Fremont to SE Powell and NE 12th to NE 60th. The city administrator has 90 days to show how the city could speed up the rezoning process with the goal of making changes by June 2027. Tim is waiting to see what happens when this next report comes out. Susan would like to see if David Knowles could write an article for the newsletter about this.
- 6) New Neighbor Welcoming Project (Al): Updated list from the Mortgage Company should be coming out soon. Have a new renter that got a packet from Susan.
- 7) Outreach update: Newsletter Team (Susan Trabucco); Susan reported there was one new ad for the recent newsletter. She is looking for a volunteer to compile the Community Update for the newsletter and Steve Avery volunteered. Website/Community Update (Matt): Matt reported our current website is being redesigned. He is meeting with Steve Avery later this month to discuss all of that.

- 8) Communication Committee (Steve Avery): Steve reported significant progress has been made on the new version of the website. He digitized all 83 previous articles or newsletter issues. He did that with AI which cost \$10. He hopes to do the same with Community Update and historical archive. He needs to get into Mailchimp to do that. He also needs to do some work to support events with ticketing, like the Garden and Arts tour. Jim Karlock asked how far back do we have records for newsletters and minutes? Steve reported the newsletters go back to 2012 and possibly one from 2011. Jim responded that he has ones that go back further and he will send this to Steve.
- 9) Events Committee (John Sandie): Stair cleanup 6/6 with Angie being the contact. Yard sale on 7/11, info is on the website. Garden and Art tour 7/18. Movie in the park, 8/13, John requested an additional \$150 for music and \$100 for prizes. Crystal moved to approve John's request, Tom seconded, the motion was passed unanimously.
- 10) Fremont Fest: Al asked for 8 volunteers to staff the table for four hours. He will not get a table if we don't have enough coverage. Please let Al know if you can cover a 2 hour shift.
- 10) Friends of Wilshire Park Committee (Mary Roney): No report

8:30-8:35: For the good of the order (announcements, meeting reflections, etc.)

Upcoming General Meeting = Mon., June 8th, 2026, 7:00 p.m., Sylvan Learning Center

Adjournment: 8:43