

Monday, June 9, 2025: BWNA General 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; Patti Koehler, Secretary, Karla Lenox, Treasurer. At Large Board Members; Angela Frome, Tim Root, John Sandie, Susan Trabucco, Crystal Grainger
- 2) Board members with excused absences: Patty Nelson, Tom Cuppernull, Rob Lee, David Knowles, Colin O'Neill
- 3) Board Member with non-excused absence: Aaron Breakstone
- 4) Committee Chair Present: Matt Grainger, Webmaster
- 5) Neighbors: Luella Nelson, Ari Tallen, Michelle Rudd, Diane Charlton, Steven Avery, Jim Karlock, Elizabeth Nathan

Association Meeting and Governance Items

- 1) Approval of Meeting Agenda (Al): Patti moved, Tim seconded, approved unanimously
- 2) Approval of May 12th Board Meeting minutes as amended (Patti Koehler): Angie moved, Crystal seconded, approved unanimously
- 3) Treasurer's Report (Karla Lenox): Due to change in neighborhood coalition we have had to open different bank accounts. Currently have four accounts vs normal two as we transition to our new accounts. As soon as outstanding checks clear the old account will be closed.
- 4) a.) cash in checking account: \$23,360.63 in old acct. and \$1371.80 in new
b.) cash in Venmo account: \$747.04 in old account and \$349.27 in new
c.) outstanding bills: To Susan, \$18.80 for envelopes and \$1.00 for new Paypal setup. To Patti, \$51 for flag expenses
d.) update on financial matters vis-à-vis NECN: Still working on banking transition. Still have questions regarding Fiscal sponsorship
e.) vote to approve finalized 2025-26 fiscal budget: Karla moved, Crystal seconded motion to approve amended 2025-26 budget. Following discussion of changes the motion was approved unanimously
- 5) Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN, District 2) report (Patty Nelson): No report in Patty's absence
- 6) An Bui, aide to Multnomah County Chair Jessica Vega Pederson, to speak at July 14th meeting

Outstanding Action Items and Committee/Team Updates:

1. **Land Use Committee** (Tim Root): No new land use notices. Neighbor Luella Nelson spoke about her and other neighbors' concerns regarding traffic and parking on Mason St. between 42nd and 47th Ave since the Cottage Cluster was built. She noted the street is 27 feet wide and the city permitted an eight cottage cluster with no off street parking. She has difficulty getting out of her driveway due to a large vehicle that seems to be consistently parked across from her driveway making it hard to negotiate a turn. She and others are concerned that emergency vehicles may be blocked from accessing their homes if the need arises due to parked cars on both sides of the street narrowing the road. She stated that the city of Berkeley, CA modified their ordinance for cluster cottages without parking such that they could not built on streets narrower than 32 feet which adequately allows parking on both sides of the street and two way traffic. At the very least, she feels the city should require the developer to improve residents driveway cuts so that people can more easily get out of their driveways with their cars. A long discussion followed with recognition that there are city as well as state changes to zoning laws driving increased construction as well as developers needs to make a profit. Susan noted she would be including an article in the upcoming newsletter which would address both neighbors and developers needs and concerns. Al suggested talking to other neighborhood associations to see if they have similar concerns.
2. **June 13 Cleanup** (Angela Frome): Adopt one block donating grabbers, John Steep from the city will provide graffiti kits. Will go out for an hour and meet back at Foot Traffic at the end. Flag project is still ongoing. Hope to finish next installment sometime in the next three weeks.
3. **Events Committee** (John Sandie): Movie in the park 8/7. Block Party 9/12. Electrify Now 9/16 tentative location The Mule Bar, 7pm. Talking with the Rebuilding Center, they approached us about coordinating a pickup for supplies that they use that people no longer want. Thinking of combining that with a recycling event. Dr. Elizabeth Safran to speak on the Cascadia Subduction Zone 11/13. Location TBD. Resources for Seniors topic is being considered for early next year, perhaps partnering with the Center for Positive Aging in Hollywood. John made a proposal asking for a \$3,000 budget for this year's block party, citing rising costs for barricades, music and application fees. Following discussion of costs associated with Movie in the Park and the Block Party the proposal passed with 8 votes for and one vote against.

Fremont Fest Participation (Al): Following discussion 6 board members agreed to person a table at the event.

4. **Webmaster/E-Blaster** (Matt Grainger): A bit of a learning curve for some of the responsibilities but Susan, Rob and Jane have been helpful. We have a good open rate on our email blasts. Would love to start adding more things to it, if I can, within reason. It's a great place to publicize all of the things that everybody works so hard on here. Have some ideas for improving the website and drive more people to it. Al and I

discussed this and Al suggests an ad hoc committee for Website Utilization to include Al, Matt, Susan and Jayne. Neighbors Steven Avery and Michelle Rudd also volunteered.

5. **Newsletter Team** (Susan Trabucco): In the final push for the upcoming newsletter, out for a team review in a few days. Colin did provide me with a transportation update which will be included.
6. **Transportation Committee** (Colin O'Neill): Al reported for Colin that PBOT has formally started the assessment of traffic on NE Wistaria near 41st and 38th avenues. It will likely be a month or two before we hear back. Colin notified neighbor Robert Torrents who reached out for our help. Neighbor Ari Tallen voiced concerns of residents about the intersection of Klickitat, Alameda, and 38th not having "a single way to cross where there is a sloped ramp on either side...forcing people to walk in the street with their strollers or zig to get from sidewalk to sidewalk. He's waiting to hear back from PBOT.
7. **New Neighbor Welcoming Project** (Al): Thank you to Diane, John, Crystal and Matt for handing out the latest packets.
8. **Crime Prevention & Safety Committee** (Patty): No update. Al reported that Officer Moore will be at our August meeting.
9. **Friends of Wilshire Park** (Mary Roney): Al reported that He, Mary and John met. They do have a website. Looking for volunteers to water one time a week for about 45 minutes. Next meeting July 26th.

Upcoming Board Meeting: Monday, July 14th, 2025, 7:00 p.m., Sylvan Learning Center

Adjournment: 8:42

