

## **Monday, January 12, 2026: BWNA Board Meeting Agenda (7:00-8:30 p.m.)**

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

### **Welcome & Introductions** (President Al Ellis)

- 1) Board members present: Al Ellis, President, Patty Nelson, Immediate Past President, Karla Lenox, Treasurer, Patti Koehler, Secretary. At Large Board Members, John Sandie, Aaron Breakstone, Angela Frome, Colin O'Neill, Susan Trabucco, Rob Lee, Tim Root, Crystal Grainger, Tom Cuppernull. Board members with excused absences: Tim Gillespie, David Knowles.
- 2) Committee chairs present: Matt Grainger; Committee chairs not present, Mary Roney.
- 3) Introduction of non-Board member attendees: Jeff Dorr, Lynn Dorr, Mathew Horten (Max), Chelsa Greene, Steve Avery.

### **Association Meeting and Governance Items**

- 1.) Board approval of agenda (Al): Patti moved, Rob seconded, passed unanimously.
- 2.) Board approval of amended minutes from December 8th General Meeting: John moved, Aaron seconded, passed unanimously.
- 3.) Treasurer's Report (Karla Lenox): As on 12/31/25 half way through fiscal year.
  - a.) cash in checking account: \$20,128.71
  - b.) cash in Venmo account: \$1,439.06
  - c.) outstanding bills: \$15.60 to Karla for stamps.
  - d.) donor/sponsor contributions—501(C)(3) via NECN: meeting on 1/14 to clarify requirements with NECN. Request for Communications funds still not posted on NECN website.
- 4) Feb. 13th elections for President, Treasurer, even-numbered at-large positions (Al): Al reminded members that elections will be held during our 4/13/26 meeting. He would be happy to surrender the President's roll should anyone wish to run but will continue on as President if no one steps up. He hopes all other members up for election continue on in their roles.
- 5) Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN) report: Patty noted that the NECN planning meeting was rescheduled to 1/29/26. NECN is continuing work on a strategic plan document.
- 6) Crime and Safety: (Al): Al spoke with Lieutenant Chuck Greulich who is happy to come to as many meetings as we want. A neighbor wrote to Al regarding concern about gun violence in the neighborhood following a recent shooting in the Hollywood 24 hour fitness parking lot. Following discussion it was agreed that Lieutenant Greulich would be invited to our 2/9 General Meeting and will be asked to address issues regarding gun violence..
- 7) BWNA response to Zenith oil storage issue, ICE issue, and gun violence issue (Al): BWNA was asked to endorse a request for a letter to the City Council and to the Planning Commission prohibiting new or expanded storage or transportation of any type of fuels. Following discussion which included a letter from David Knowles, who is on the Planning Commission, there was unanimous agreement that we not take a position due to the complexity of the problem and our own lack of knowledge regarding its ramifications.

BWNA was also asked by a neighbor what our position is regarding ICE. Following discussion Al moved that we add a list of resources to our community page on our website for local organizations, Patty seconded and the resolution passed unanimously. We also agreed to ask Lieutenant Greulich to inform us about any police actions and ICE involvement in our neighborhood.

- 8) Bylaws changes regarding proposed policy resolutions: Al moved that the #2 policy under the Meeting Agenda Content be changed to the following. Proposed resolutions, endorsements and donation requests-be they internal to BWNA or external in support of a policy affecting not only Beaumont-Wilshire residents, but residents in other neighborhoods as well-may be included on the agenda, providing their purpose is related to enhancing the livability of the Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood and their scope is within the purview of the BWNA Board to evaluate. Political candidate endorsements are off limits. Crystal seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

### **Outstanding Action Items and Committee/Team Updates**

- 1) Newsletter Team (Susan Trabucco): Susan reported Ad revenue is down. She and newsletter team member Polly Webber will approach a few business to see if they can get more. Crystal Grainger also said she would help. Al suggested asking Backyard Bird Shop as they provide a discount in our new neighbor welcome packets.
- 2) Friends of Wilshire Park Committee website update (Mary Roney): No report.
- 3) Beaumont Market bottle/can return issue update (Angela Frome): Unclear about current status of bottle drop program. Angie will continue to follow up with the store owners and the OLCC.
- 4) Land Use (Tim Root); No new land use issues. Tim reported he went to the Inner Eastside For All mixer. Three City Council members were in attendance including Jamie Dunphy, Candice Avalos and Sameer Kamal.  
Ad Hoc Public Plaza Committee report (Aaron Breakstone): The initial application has been submitted, the city will respond by 1/30. If approved the next round would be a month long process of outreach and fine tuning details. Crystal has been working on an online survey with questions aligned with PBOT's annual report. A long discussion was had regarding whether an exact location for the plaza should be noted in the survey. Aaron informed us this would be premature to do as a final decision on location viability must involve PBOT. The plaza committee has been in conversation with local business and will continue to do so. Aaron requested \$128.70 for rental of the Alameda school library to hold an informational meeting for the neighborhood occurring the evening of 2/17. Patti pointed out that four members of the Board will be at an Events committee function that night. Aaron would like as many board members to attend as possible and will see what night works best for the majority. Patty seconded Aaron's request for funds and the motion passed unanimously.
- 5) New Neighbor Welcoming Project (Al); Alameda Neighborhood Association has shown an interest in our neighborhood packets. Al is in communication with them. Crystal pointed out that our packets are addressed to the homeowner but at times the person in the residence may be a renter. She requested that Al add "or occupant" behind the owners name to cover such occurrence's. Al agreed. Al had six new neighbor packets given to Crystal and Patti to deliver. Communication

Committee (Matt Grainger): Matt reported on some of the items they are working on with nothing finalized at this time.

- 6) Events Committee (John Sandie): John sent out the 1/6 Events Committee meeting minutes to the board. Our next event is a neighborhood recycling event on 2/21. Patti is meeting this week with Spyder Monkee regarding the AI safety lecture he proposed during our last General Meeting. Tom agreed to attend the meeting with Patti although he may have to leave early for work. John moved that the board approve \$200 for our next speakers forum. Aaron seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
  
- 7) Transportation (Colin O'Neill); Neighbors Jeff and Lynn Dorr live right across the street from the Everest M Market. They are at today's meeting to voice concerns regarding speeding and safety issues on NE 42nd Ave and Beech/Failing streets. Michelle & Graeme Rudd sent e-mail testimony regarding the urgent need for traffic calming measures to be implemented by PBOT on 42nd (flags helpful, but far from sufficient), Colin suggested that plugging into PBOT's "Safe Route to School Study" might open the door, and his committee will follow through on that. Colin also informed us that PBOT has responded with modest traffic calming mitigation for dangerously inclined Wistaria Dr. Small victories are victories nonetheless. Update on Pedestrian Flag program (Angela & Patti): Patti reported that there are enough canisters to provide flags to two additional locations and that we are awaiting a few additional supplies. Our current plan is to put one on 42nd near the Everest M Market crosswalk and the second on the corner of Prescott and Cesar Chavez. Aaron has agreed to help with the project.

**For the Good of the Order:** announcements, meeting reflections, etc. No additions.

**Upcoming General Meeting:** Monday, Feb. 8th, 2026, 7:00 p.m., Sylvan Learning Center

**Adjournment:** 8:40