

## **Minutes of Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association (BWNA)**

### **Board Meeting Via Zoom**

**May 10, 2021**

**Attendance (Board of Directors):** Tim Gillespie, John Sandie, Al Ellis, Gary Hancock, Barbara Strunk, Tim Hemstreet, Karla Lenox, Patty Nelson, Sam Balto

**Neighborhood Members and others attending:** Joel Schmitz, Diane Charlton

**Excused:** Andrew Rinke, Laurie Holtz

**Meeting called to order:** At 7:00pm by Tim Gillespie, President.

The May 10, 2021 meeting agenda was approved unanimously.

**April 12, 2021 Minutes:** Minutes from the April 12, 2021 BWNA general meeting were approved. Minutes will be posted on the BWNA website.

**Treasurer's Report:** It was reported by Treasurer Karla Lenox that as of 4/30/21 we have \$14,091.67 cash in the bank and no accounts receivable. A \$1,284.00 bill for newsletter printing is due. It was moved and approved to reimburse Andrew Rinke for 5 months of Zoom fees, totaling \$74.95. It was also moved and approved that Andrew be reimbursed in the future for Zoom expenses without an additional board vote. The use of a Venmo account (an electronic means of receiving payment for newsletter ads) was discussed. Cost is approximately \$157.00 a year for transaction fees if all advertisers used the system. The cost would be less if fewer advertisers used Venmo. Karla has consulted with the bank and was advised that a separate account (at no extra cost) for Venmo be linked with the BWNA regular bank account. The Board approved this plan. The Treasurer's report was approved.

#### **Updates on Ongoing Projects:**

**a. Friends of Wilshire Park:** Gary reports that water supply for the dog park has been given the go-ahead, with the City planning to install in the autumn. The cost to the City will be \$10,000 \$25,000 to install the water source. BWNA will need to check with Mike Grosso of Portland Parks and Recreation for a possible narrower estimate. The local Eagle Scout troop may build a bench near the toddler play area. A \$3000.00 grant has been received from the Portland Garden Club for plantings.

**b. Follow-up On Contribution to Community Recycling Center (CCC):** Tim G. reports that the grant given to CCC for COVID-related resiliency is much appreciated by CCC. The CCC asks if the terms of the grant can be changed to be less restrictive so monies can also be given to a volunteer group within CCC that distributes food and personal care kits. The BWNA board approved that Tim G. will talk with Alison at Central NE Neighbors about changing the terms of the grant and get back to CCC.

**c. Transportation Committee:** 1) BWNA will place a request with PBOT for a temporary multipurpose path along the north side of Wilshire Park that would be a prototype to gather community feedback. 2) Patty Nelson reported that PBOT is adjusting their plan for work on Klickitat St. to include more plantings and less concrete. 3) The question was raised whether BWNA should weigh in on the Hollywood transportation design issue, since the potential proposed plans would also affect BWNA residents' experiences using mass transit. The Transportation Committee will talk with Jim Howell about this. 4) Patty Nelson will join the BWNA Transportation Committee. 5) PBOT is trying to increase communication with neighborhoods regarding street/sidewalk plans. 6) The BWNA Transportation Committee will have future meetings as needed.

**d. Communications Committee:** report postponed until next month.

**e. Central Northeast Neighbors:** Barb Strunk reports: 1) The Rose City Park (RCP) neighborhood continues their restoration work of the bluff along the north side of Rose City Park to remove blackberries and replace with native plants. The RCP neighborhood is applying to East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District for financial assistance and has set up a Go-Fund-Me account for the Rose City Bluff project. 2) Dignity Village will increase housing by 60-120 units and build a much-needed communal shower and bathroom. The \$675,000 budget for Dignity Village is not yet funded.

**f. BWNA Newsletter:** Al Ellis reports that more reporters for the newsletter are needed. A question was raised again should the newsletter be enlarged. A reader has made a request for a recycling column. A story is planned about the 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave. food carts, and about schools working to support immigrant families. Al requests that recipes be submitted to publish in the newsletter.

**g. New Neighbor Welcoming Project:** Al reports a resources blog and upcoming events will be listed on the BWNA website. The Beaumont Business Association and Backyard Bird Shop have donated gift cards for new residents. The recipients appreciate the new neighbors welcome program by BWNA.

**Future Planning for BWNA:** Zoom meetings will continue as Multnomah County continues to be high risk for COVID. It was suggested that a future meeting could be held at Wilshire Park while COVID restrictions are in effect. It is still uncertain whether the National Night Out picnic will be held this year. BWNA must be careful about get-togethers and strictly follow state/county/city COVID guidelines.

Future meetings/events ideas and topics suggested: 1) Sponsor a mobile blood drive. Tim G. will consult with the Red Cross. 2) A presentation from the City regarding crime and graffiti. How neighborhoods can be supportive of safety and help prevent crimes. 3) Invite City leaders from all departments to speak on current issues, with a planning lead-time of at least 2 months to get on their schedules. 4) How to combat climate change. 5) Neighborhood Emergency Team: how to be self-sufficient for two weeks.

Meeting adjourned by President Tim Gillespie at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Strunk, Secretary

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