

Minutes of Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association (BWNA)

General Meeting Via Zoom

December 13, 2021

Attendance (Board of Directors): Tim Gillespie, Barbara Strunk, Andrew Rinke, Karla Lenox, Tim Hemstreet, Al Ellis, Sam Balto, John Sandie, Derek Humbard, Peggy Nelson, Gary Hancock

Neighborhood Members and others attending: Ryan Baker-Mckenzie, Gesher and Rebecca, Bill Markwart, Jan Gillespie

Excused: NA

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

The December 13 meeting agenda was unanimously approved.

Minutes: Minutes from the November 8, 2021 BWNA board meeting were approved unanimously. Minutes will be posted on the BWNA website.

Speaker: Ryan Baker, on Portland Neighborhood Emergency Teams (NETs): The NET is composed of neighborhood residents trained by the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management, and Fire and Rescue to help with emergency disaster assistance in their neighborhoods. NETs are organized by neighborhood or small groups of neighborhoods. NET volunteers have an initial 30 hours of training and also train 12 hours yearly. Our NET is Alameda/Beaumont-Wilshire. Residents should be self-sufficient for 2 weeks after an emergency such as a large earthquake. Some NETs have been volunteering at COVID vaccination centers. Information about NETs is found on the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management website. Ryan Baker is our neighborhood point of contact for our neighborhood NET.

Reports and Updates on Ongoing Projects

a. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Karla Lenox reported: As of 11/30/21 total cash in the bank: \$10,890.61. Venmo balance: \$307.66. Accounts Receivable \$1000.00. \$2200.00 in communication funds for 2022 was received from CNN. Venmo is working well and information is online at the BWNA website. Credit cards are not used on Venmo.

b. Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN): Barb Strunk reports that: 1) Sgt. Jennifer Butcher of the Portland Police Bureau North Neighborhood Response Team (NRT) spoke at the December, 2021 CNN meeting. NRTs are understaffed and they do not currently have the NRTs that she would like to see. Issues on Marine Drive include stolen cars and homelessness. Delta Park is slowly being cleaned up. 2) Regarding the Cully Tax Investment Financing (TIF) plan: Prosper Portland states the plan will not ready to go to City Council until at least May 2022. Neighborhoods have the option to opt out of the Cully TIF.

c. CNN Mini-grants: Tim G. reports that the CNN grant review committee is much more diverse this year than it has been in the past. No one from BWNA or Grant Park is on the grant review team this year. Grants of \$500 - \$3000 will be awarded this year. Any grant proposal must meet City of Portland equity goals. Tim G. will talk with Beaumont Middle School PTA about whether they wish to apply for a grant for their Family Resiliency Fund.

d. Friends of Wilshire Park: Gary Hancock reports that the Friends had a recent meeting about moving forward. A yearlong fundraiser is proposed for park improvements into the future. Gary will talk with Portland City Commissioner Carmen Rubio about fund-raising in the next year to cover the \$25,000 cost of supplying water to the dog park. The Friends are trying to attract more neighborhood volunteers for park projects.

Transportation Committee: John Sandie reports that representatives from Portland Bureau of Transportation will be at the February, 2022, BWNA meeting. John is writing an article for the upcoming BWNA newsletter about this.

New Neighbor Welcoming Project: Al Ellis states that the neighborhood had 20 newcomers in the last month. Patty Nelson, Peter Mogielnicki, John Sandie, Al Ellis and Derek Humbard are again delivering welcome packets in person.

Newsletter: Al Ellis reports there is currently an overabundance of articles. Al moved that two 20 page newsletters be published a year since we have the funds to support this. The proposal was seconded and passed. The December issue will be 20 pages, and a second 20 pager will be published sometime in the next year. It was encouraged that authors adhere to a 350-500 word maximum word length. BWNA resident, Peter Mogielnicki, is planning to write a series of articles for the newsletter about creative people who live in Beaumont Wilshire.

Communications Committee: Andrew Rinke reports that at present we have 200 people on the email distribution list. Encouraging more people to sign up for the email list will continue. In reviewing the use of the BWNA website Andrew has observed that people do consistently click on links on the website.

Crime Prevention and Safety Committee: Committee Chair, Patty Nelson, reports that a meeting of the group is upcoming. Patty will speak with BWNA neighbor Bill Markwart to see if he is interested in joining the committee. Gary Hancock and Tim Gillespie have also expressed interest in being on the Crime Prevention and Safety Committee.

One More, Brief Follow-up On Our November 7 Blood Drive: Tim G. reports that \$5136 was donated to the Beaumont Family Resiliency Fund in conjunction with the blood drive.

Other Items and Issues of Recent Concern and Interest: 1) Discussion of the McPeet's tavern street- blocking issue is on hold for further discussion with PBOT. 2) There is an article in the Star News about Portland's Charter Commission review to consider a possible new form of City government. Input from citizens is requested. 3) There has been a change of leadership of Beaumont Business Association. 4) BWNA has reserved Bethany Lutheran Church for in-person meetings every 2nd Monday, if better control of COVID is achieved. 5) The January 2022 BWNA meeting will be via Zoom.

It is hoped that Scott Cohen from PBOT can meet with BWNA in February. The February General Meeting will be on Monday, February 7 to avoid having it on Valentine's Day.

Meeting adjourned by President Tim Gillespie at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Strunk, Secretary

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