

Minutes of Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association (BWNA)

General Meeting Via Zoom

April 12, 2021

Attendance (Board of Directors): Tim Gillespie, John Sandie, Al Ellis, Gary Hancock, Barbara Strunk, Andrew Rinke, Tim Hemstreet, Laurie Holtz, Karla Lenox

Neighborhood Members and others attending: Peter Mogielnicki, Nancy Mogielnicki, Patty Nelson, Aida, Barbara Linssen, Jim Karlock, Lisa Stein, Sam Balto, Deb Harris, Ethan Derstine, Bill Markwart, Nick Parish, Peggy Irvine-Page, Diane Charlton, Salome, Cheryl Grabham, Scott Cohen Portland Bureau of Transportation.

Excused: NA

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

The April 12, 2021 meeting agenda was approved unanimously.

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

Treasurer's Report: It was reported by Treasurer Karla Lenox that we have \$12427.47 cash in the bank as of 3/31//21. Accounts receivable are \$1535.00 as of 3/31/21. (\$1190.00 of this amount was collected on 4/12/21). The new BWNA bank account is open as of 4/12/21. Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Vote of Board on confirming bank account signatories: A motion was made and seconded to designate all officers as signatories for the BWNA bank account: Tim Gillespie, Andrew Rinke, Barb Strunk, Karla Lenox. Ronda Johnson of Central Northeast Neighbors Coalition is also a signatory for the BWNA bank account. The motion was passed unanimously.

Communications Committee Report: Andrew Rinke reports that "business is as usual". The BWNA email list continues to be updated.

Newsletter: Al Ellis reports that there is an increasing interest in submitting articles for the newsletter. Al requests a link to the neighborhood Rose Festival porch decorations for the newsletter. The question arises again whether to expand the newsletter from 16 to 20 pages. With all the articles and ads it is difficult to include everything in the current 16 page issues. This was briefly discussed but no conclusion was reached.

New Neighbor Welcoming Project: Packets continue to be mailed out to new residents. There will be a story regarding this effort in the next newsletter.

Central Northeast Neighbors and CNN Grant: Sam Balto and Al Ellis delivered the CNN grant check to Community Cycling Center (CCC). CCC is very appreciative of the donation. BWNA will need a report and pictures from CCC outlining how the grant has been used.

Friends of Wilshire Park: Gary Hancock reports that the next project will be plumbing water for the dog park.

Transportation Committee. Guest: Scott Cohen, PBOT, Program Coordinator, Neighborhood

Greenways Project: Mr. Cohen works with the Portland Slow Streets program in addition to the Greenway program. The city's goal for these programs is to provide more safe space for people to walk, ride and roll, and to increase a sense of community. During the pandemic drivers should expect more people on the streets. The placement of greenways is based on equity and need. The discussion was lively and intense as neighbors expressed their concerns and opinions. Issues that were addressed include: 1) The need to slow vehicle speeds on all streets: Portland will continue the Slow Streets program and plans for the use of concrete plants and slower speed limit signs at 41st and Alameda, 37th and Fremont, and Prescott and 37th. 2) A BWNA resident expressed concerns about the dangerous intersection at the 37th and Prescott curve and requests a flashing yellow light. Speed and traffic volume data is also requested in this area. 3) Some BWNA residents request a four-way stop at Skidmore and 37th, and speed bumps on Skidmore between 33rd and 37th. The City does not plan for the four-way stop; speed bumps are planned but not funded. The City is planning a formal pedestrian/bike crossing at 33rd and Skidmore in 2022. There are also possible plans for median islands at 41st and Alameda and Fremont and Alameda. 4) A BWNA resident states that traffic is fast on the Klickitat greenway and that cars do not stop for stop signs. Mr. Cohen states that data does not show that greenways in close proximity to a major street like Fremont have increased vehicle speed. 5) Speed data on Fremont was requested. Mr Cohen stated that speed data collected in 2019 shows that 50% of traffic exceeds the speed limit somewhat. A 50% decrease of traffic on neighborhood greenways and the Slow Streets Program may have helped with decreasing speeding. If BWNA neighbors have questions John Sandie of the BWNA Transportation Committee can forward them to Mr. Cohen. Per Mr. Cohen, reports to PBOT are most helpful as descriptions of perceived problems rather than prescriptive comments.

Election of BWNA Officers and Board of Director Positions: Andrew Rinke was re-elected for an additional term as Vice President. Barb Strunk was re-elected for an additional term as Secretary. For At-Large Director Positions: John Sandie was re-elected to Position 1, Sam Balto elected to Position 3, Patty Nelson elected to Position 5. All votes were unanimous.

Other Items: Sumner neighborhood is having a neighborhood clean up in May. Tim G. will give details to AI for inclusion in the BWNA newsletter.

The next BWNA board meeting is 5/10/21 and the next BWNA general meeting is 6/14/21.

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

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Strunk, Secretary

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