

Minutes of Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association (BWNA)

General Meeting Via Zoom

June 14, 2021

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

Neighborhood Members and others attending: Peter Mogielnicki, Nancy Mogielnicki, Diane Charlton, Doreen McFadden, Kayci Murray, Greg Bourget

Excused: NA

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

The June 14, 2021 meeting agenda was approved unanimously.

Minutes: Minutes from the May 10, 2021 BWNA board meeting were approved unanimously. Minutes will be posted on the BWNA website.

Treasurer's Report: It was reported by Treasurer Karla Lenox that we have \$13238.27 cash in the bank as of 5/31//21. Accounts receivable are \$595.00 as of 5/31/21. \$1284.00 was paid for newsletter printing. Setting up a Venmo account is still in process. It needs a personal account (Karla's) with a business account from BWNA tied to the personal account login. If Karla leaves the BWNA board Venmo will need to be connected to another BWNA board member. Venmo has a 1.9% transaction charge. Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Friends of Wilshire Park: Fundraising is continuing for the \$25,000 cost to supply water to the dog park. John has informed Alameda Neighborhood Association of the work on the park but has not yet heard back from them.

Vote on Request to Print Fund-Raising Envelopes: It was moved, seconded and approved to apply \$500.00 of BWNA funds to the cost of printing fund-raising envelopes to support the work on the Wilshire Park dog park. These envelopes will be placed in the next BWNA newsletter. A Go Fund Me account has also been set up for the dog park project. Katy Day, who is a member of Friends of Wilshire Park and a Beaumont-Wilshire resident, has invited BWNA to a private tour of her new Steeplejack Brewery on 6/23/21.

Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN): 1) Barb reports that Michael Montoya has been selected as the new interim director of the Office of Community and Civic Life (OCCL). CNN has sent a letter to Commissioner Hardesty stating that Coalition chairs should have a seat at the table in the process of hiring a permanent director of OCCL. Several people in upper management of OCCL have left and will be replaced in the near future. 2) The Design Overlay Zone Amendments (DOZA) have been recently publicized. Neighborhood Associations need more time to weigh in so CNN is asking to delay a City Council vote on these amendments for 120 days. 3) The yearly conflict of interest statements are needed by CNN from all BWNA board members.

Follow-up on CNN Grant to Community Cycling Center: CNN has some additional grant money available. BWNA would like to give more to Community Recycling Center. BWNA has not heard back yet from CNN.

Newsletter: The newsletter staff has two new contributors: Polly Webber and Elizabeth Ericksen. A new series on recycling will begin in the next newsletter. There is interest from volunteers in the two distribution route positions that need to be filled. John Sandie will organize the Friends of Wilshire Park contribution envelopes stuffing for the next newsletter.

New Neighbor Welcoming Project: AI reports the project continues to go well and responses from new residents are positive.

Transportation Committee: 1) A prototype Skidmore path/draft ideas has been sent to PBOT with no response yet. 2) The proposed traffic survey of NE Prescott and 38th has not yet been scheduled. 3) A new stop sign has been placed at NE Failing and Cesar Chavez. There have been many close calls at this intersection. 4) Speeding continues on NE Shaver. So far PBOT has not done a traffic study of traffic count and speed at this area of concern.

Communications Committee: 1) There has been a more regular stream of blog posts recently. The BWNA committee is not using Next Door at this time.

Guest Presentation: Greg Bourget of Portland Clean Air. Greg reported on industrial air pollution concerns in Portland. The perception is that Portland has not focused enough on air pollution issues. Portland has data from 8 agencies that needs to be made accessible to the public. Of interest are: 1) The EPA has ranked Portland as one of the worst with industrial pollution, and in the top 1% in diesel particulates. 2) DEQ is not using human health as a measure of control. 3) Oregon is on of 6 states with the highest asthma rates. 4) The Oregon legislature has decreased clean air rules recently in response to pressure from industry. 5) DEQ has 35 years of air particulate data that it is not using. 6) Portland Clean Air is currently working with 81 organizations. 7) Pollution from Owens-Brockway near Cully has been a significant polluter. It was fined and did curtail its pollution. 8) Oregon Clean Air owns air-monitoring equipment.

A liaison to Portland Clean Air is needed from BWNA. Sam Balto volunteered to be a liaison and Tim Gillespie volunteered as a second liaison

Discussion of BWNA Projects Going Forward: 1) Tim G. and Karla will work on getting a Red Cross blood drive scheduled for August. Beaumont Middle School (BMS) is very supportive of this project and hopes it could be held at BMS. There would be a \$384.00 cost to BWNA for the drive. There is no commitment from Portland Public Schools at this point. 2) Will plan on a Zoom BWNA Board meeting for July and take month by month as COVID decreases and COVID precautions loosen. 3) National Night Out has not been scheduled this year.

Meeting adjourned by President Tim Gillespie at 8:42pm

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Strunk, Secretary

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