

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

### **Board of Directors Meeting Via Zoom**

**1-11-21**

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

**Neighborhood Members and others attending:** NA

**Excused: Karla Lenox**

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

The January 11, 2021 meeting agenda was approved unanimously.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the 12-8-20 board meeting were approved with one spelling correction. Minutes will be posted on the BWNA website.

**Treasurer's Report:** It was reported that we have \$12361.91 cash in the bank as of 12/31/20. Accounts receivable are \$325.00. Bills to pay: newsletter printing \$1284.00, and an ad credit of \$55.00 to Popina due to the COVID related non-delivery of the newsletter last spring. This is now being paid out because Popina has discontinued their ad.

**Planning for February 8 General Meeting:** Tim G. will contact Portland Police to request an officer to come to the February 8 General Meeting via Zoom. If a police officer attends questions will be limited to areas of public safety and crime. Confrontation of the police officer will not be allowed at the meeting. There is also a request that the Office of Community and Civic Life (OCCL) provide a speaker for a BWNA general meeting in the near future. Tim G. will reach out to OCCL north Portland coordinator, Jacob Brossoff. Other suggestions for future meetings were a speaker about fraud prevention; a county medical person regarding COVID; an update from the Beaumont Business Association and businesses' experience during COVID; Portland City Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty; Commissioner Mingus Mapps; Neighborhood Emergency Team.

**Updates on Ongoing Projects: Newsletter:** Al Ellis reports that a letter to the editor was received requesting the BWNA board get involved in pedestrian etiquette in the neighborhood. The consensus of the board is this is not something the NA should take a position on. It is sufficient to simply publish the letter online and in the newsletter. We have over 20 advertisers in the newsletter after losing one and gaining one or two.

**New Neighbor Welcoming Project:** Al Ellis has mailed out over 40 packets welcoming new homeowners. Al read a few positive responses to the neighborhood welcome from new homeowners.

**Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Volunteer Group:** John Sandie and Andrew Rinke report that a few calls are coming in from neighbors who need various types of assistance from neighborhood volunteers. John will write an article for the newsletter and/or a BWNA blog post

reminding residents that this service is available. This volunteer group is not part of BWNA because of potential liability issues. John will discuss liability issues with Alison Stoll of Central Northeast Neighbors because BWNA is under the CNN liability umbrella. There was discussion regarding whether special parameters should be set because of COVID, such as no indoor jobs.

**Equity and Inclusion Committee:** Tim G. reports that how to respond to bias incidents will be a priority in the next BWNA newsletter, in addition to content that is currently on the BWNA website blog. Portland United Against Hate has a list of online workshops. John will verify the process to sign up for workshops and distribute the steps to be taken to fellow Board members.

**Transportation Committee:** John reports that things have been quiet during the holidays and no reports have been received from the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT). John will try to expand PBOT contacts beyond Scott Cohen (Safe Streets Coordinator) to other decision makers, up to and including Jo Ann Hardesty who now presides over PBOT. Portland's Vision Zero goals should direct the city's response to neighborhood suggestions and requests. The BWNA Transportation Committee will put together its priorities in a proposal and present the proposal to the overall Board at the next meeting in February, to obtain approval of their action plan to pursue with PBOT.

**Beaumont Middle School:** The major support for Beaumont Middle School (BMS) families is currently through the Beaumont PTA Family Resiliency Fund. BWNA will partner with the PTA regarding these efforts. Recently BMS PTA has raised \$7000 for this effort and is providing grants, gift cards, hygiene products, etc. This BMS program will be publicized in the BWNA newsletter and on the BWNA blog. Tim G. will contact Beaumont PTA president, Marty Stockton, and ask her to write this blog. Laurie and AI will write an article for the BWNA newsletter.

**Communications Committee:** Rich, Andrew and AI reported on updates of communication efforts. There is a new "updated resources" tab on the BWNA website. A blog post will be written about the neighborhood volunteer support group discussed above. The communications team meets twice a month for "broad" brainstorming. Content for the website/blog posts is needed that will encourage neighborhood engagement and is thoughtful and conversational. The website BWNA.us is still live and the committee continues to work on shutting it down, as well as developing the use of ZOHO. An email blast is planned to share an updated neighborhood resources list. The Communications Committee is working to develop a branded email format to appear more official. More kids' activities are needed and being planned for the newsletter.

**Central Northeast Neighbors:** Barb reports that a helpful presentation was given to CNN by staff of On Point Credit Union on preventing fraud that might be useful for a BWNA General Meeting. CNN is working on updating the CNN website. Jo Ann Hardesty is the city commissioner in charge of the Office of Community and Civic Life. CNN has sent a letter to the Portland City Council describing the ideals and goals of CNN, and what CNN stands for. The City should value coalitions and neighborhood associations. Suk Rhee is likely to continue as head of Office of Community and Civic Life.

**Friends of Wilshire Park (FoWP) Committee:** Gary reports that 15 people attended the most recent FoWP meeting, including Mike Grosso, parks supervisor. Jo Ann Hardesty is the commissioner in charge of Parks and Recreation. Moving forward on Wilshire Park improvements so far has been strongly supported by Commissioner Amanda Fritz, who has now retired. A new splash pad for Wilshire Park is in the Parks Department queue for development. A list of priorities for development will be discussed at the next Friends of Wilshire Park meeting and list of 2-3 highest priorities will be forwarded to the BWNA board. FoWP will report to the BWNA board next month.

Meeting adjourned by President Tim Gillespie at 8:39pm.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Strunk, Secretary

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