



BWNA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2023, 7 p.m.

Zoom

Submitted by: Aaron Breakstone

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Attendees: Board Officers: Patty Nelson, President; Al Ellis, Vice President; Patti Koehler, Secretary; Karla Lenox, Treasurer; Tim Gillespie, Immediate Past President. **At-Large Board Members:** Sam Balto, Aaron Breakstone, Angela Frome, Colin O'Neill, John Sandie, Susan Trabucco. **General Membership and Guests:** Jonathan Hays, Rob Lee, Adam Ballard, Amy O'Brien, and Sean Micken. **Excused:** Gary Hancock.

Welcome & Introductions: Patty Nelson, BWNA President

Meeting and Association Governance

Treasurers Report: As of 3/31/23

Cash in checking account:	\$ 20,725.00
Cash in Venmo account:	\$ 213.40
Accounts receivable:	\$ 1,027.00

Additional discussion: Beginning July 2023, the annual PO box fee will increase from \$99 to \$180. Beginning 4/1/23, the monthly Zoom account fee will increase from \$14.99 to \$15.99

Meeting Discussion

Guest Speaker: Sean Micken, Oregon Shines

Oregon Community Solar Program: Mr. Micken provided an overview of the program, which was created in 2016 in the state legislature and launched in 2020. It is a subscription program that enables residential and commercial customers of Pacific Power and PGE to make use of offsite solar panels and support the construction and operation of new solar projects in Oregon. Creation of the program was motivated by the fact that more than 50% of homes are not suitable for on-site solar and non-taxable entities and low-income people are at a disadvantage since they can't take advantage of federal tax breaks related to clean energy. Average annual savings amount to 5-40% depending on income level, roughly \$50 annually for the average subscriber but up to \$300+ for low-income subscribers due to low-income carveout. A minimum savings of 5% is guaranteed, shows up on bill as difference between generation credit and subscription fee (credit is always greater than fee). The program differs from green power programs offered by utilities in that the latter tend to be more expensive, subscribers can't choose their project, many of the project are in western states other than Oregon, and many of the projects have been in existence for some time.

Board Elections:

Vice President: Al Ellis agreed to continue, elected unanimously.

Secretary: Patti Koehler volunteered, elected unanimously.

Position 1: John Sandie (continuing), elected unanimously.

Position 3: Sam Balto (continuing), elected unanimously.
Position 5: Susan Trabucco (continuing), elected unanimously.
Position 7: Gary Hancock (continuing), elected unanimously.
Position 9: vacant, Amy O'Brien elected unanimously.
Position 8: vacant (was Patti Koehler), Rob Lee elected unanimously.
Position 2: vacant, Jonathan Hays elected unanimously.

Committee Updates

Central Northeast Neighbors: CNN is in regrouping mode, in the process of determining their focus for the next year and hoping for more clarity on interfacing with the city.

Crime Prevention & Safety: Five gunshots were reported to have been fired from a car at Prescott and 37th, no known target or injuries but neighbors shaken. The "castle house" on Wisteria was reported to have been broken into again. A car was crashed into Wilshire Tavern and an ATM machine inside was stolen and emptied.

Friends of Wilshire Park: Group met and reviewed feedback for park (momentum on playground structure and empty pool), but things are currently at a standstill at Portland Parks & Recreation as there are no neighborhood partnering projects for now with the new commissioner and team newly in place.

Land Use: Plans were recently submitted for a "cottage cluster."

New Neighbor Welcoming Project: Patti Koehler and John Sandie are delivering welcome packets to new neighbors.

Newsletter: Two new advertisers, now at maximum, revenue up from \$698 to \$967.

Transportation: John Sandie shared details of communication with Scott Cohen of PBOT on the Skidmore Safety Project (crossing signal activation at Mason, follow-up on studies referenced in BWNA presentation as showing safety benefits of similar projects elsewhere) and the plan for post-implementation traffic counts in the vicinity of the Fremont/Alameda diverter project (now envisioned for ~9 months after implementation in Sept/Oct, several board members questioned why this was not 6 months as previously discussed).

Other Updates

1) Movie in the Park: Showing of Encanto scheduled for August 10. The movie will be facilitated by Portland Parks & Recreation, any other activities will require somebody stepping up. There will be the option of having up to five "tabling" spots/organizations, but these cannot involve fundraising. The group hosting will have an opportunity to speak from the microphone.

2) Graffiti: Angela Frome has 15 graffiti kits in her garage and CNN has another seven available. BWNA has access to vouchers for 10 gallons of paint via Metro. Commercial entities affected by graffiti can submit an application (service agreement) with the city and they will send a contractor out to remediate. A City representative be coming to the June meeting to discuss prevention efforts.