

Minutes of Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association (BWNA)

Board Meeting Via Zoom

March 8, 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, Doreen McFadden, Eva Steinberger, Jim Howell, Patty Nelson.

Excused: NA

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

The March 8, 2021 meeting agenda was unanimously approved.

Minutes: Minutes from the February 8 General Meeting and February 11, 2021 board meeting were approved with one correction. Minutes will be posted on the BWNA website.

Treasurer's Report: It was reported by treasurer Karla Lenox that we have \$12,850.00 cash in the bank as of 2/28/21. Accounts receivable are \$1180.00. Bills to pay: UPS \$1284.00 for printing newsletter; gift certificates paid for by John Sandie \$20.00 and Karla Lenox \$30.00 to be reimbursed. The check previously made out to Laurie Holtz needs to be reissued. Karla and Andrew will discuss the possibility of online bill pay and get back to the BWNA Board.

Brief discussion of updates to bylaws to accommodate this era when in-person meetings are not possible: The BWNA bylaws do not state that meetings cannot be held online in extraordinary situations. Public participation is allowed online. It is the opinion of the BWNA board that current BWNA bylaws do not need revision in view of the impacts of COVID and that voting by the Board can be accomplished online. The Office of Civic Life follows the previous Office of Neighborhood Involvement standards that are currently online.

Transportation Committee: John Sandie reports that BWNA is following up on the Skidmore street neighborhood use proposal with Bridget Coleman of PBOT (Portland Bureau of Transportation). She is program coordinator for the Portland in the Streets program that oversees any prototyping/pop ups street ideas and permitting process. Permits are not presently being issued, but we can submit ideas to begin PBOT approval process pending the restart of permitting— hopefully in the summer. PBOT needs more detail in our proposal. Commissioner JoAnn Hardesty is having a meeting regarding unmarked intersections on March 18. Longtime BWNA resident and transportation activist, Jim Howell, reported on Trimet plans to change/move the Hollywood Transit Center to add new buildings. This will necessitate removing buses from the transit center and require riders to walk further and cross Halsey to access buses. Jim asks that BWNA oppose this plan and write to the City, PBOT and Trimet. John Sandie will contact the Hollywood Neighborhood Association, which opposes this plan.

BWNA resident, Patty Nelson, brings to the board the issue of current remodeling by PBOT of ADA ramps on B-W corners. The new configuration is very narrow and does not include any

planting areas in the design. An example is at NE 43rd and Klickitat. PBOT is not communicating with BWNA about this work. Ms. Nelson questions why the City is building bio-swales and at the same time decreasing the area of green space associated with sidewalks. John Sandie will contact PBOT for more information and discussion regarding this issue.

Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN): Barb Strunk reports that BWNA has received a \$1000.00 check from CNN as a grant to the Community Cycling Center (CCC). Sam Balto and Al Ellis will deliver the check to the CCC.

Friends of Wilshire Park (FOWP) Committee: Gary Hancock and Peter Mogielniki report that the recent planting event at the park was a success and feel that such events increase the positive relationship with the Portland parks department. Mike Grosso, from Portland Parks and Recreation, reports that next most realistic project for the park is supplying water to the Wilshire Park dog park. The proposed project to build the new park splash pad will cost \$250,000 and take years to accomplish. A split rail fence has been placed along parts of the north side of the park. It is hoped that logs for sitting can be placed next to the toddler area soon. FOWP is waiting to hear from the Portland Garden Club whether FOWB will receive a grant to support future work.

Communications Committee: The committee continues to meet once a month and develop the BWNA website and email ability to the neighborhood. Jane Feinberg is a new member of the committee. The committee welcomes more ideas for family activities. Messages sent to the BWNA website are being monitored and forwarded to appropriate board members by Andrew Rinke.

Newsletter: Al Ellis reports there is one new advertiser for the newsletter, a plastering business in Tigard. Another potential advertiser is Real Estate Roofing.

New Neighbor Welcoming Project: 7 packets were sent out to new residents. The response is very positive to the packets. Some responses from new neighbors will be publicized in an article for the BWNA newsletter.

Equity and Inclusion Committee: John Sandie and Andrew Rinke attended a recent equity workshop at which they learned a lot. BWNA has become less diverse since the 1970's. Equity and diversity resources to be publicized by BWNA were reviewed by Tim Gillespie, including formulating a BWNA statement of commitment to equity for all our communication venues, devoting the September/October newsletter to the issue, putting together and publishing a list of resources for reporting incidents of bias and harassment, and publicizing workshops offered by Portland United Against Hate.

Planning for April 12, 2021 General Meeting: It is hoped that PBOT's Scott Cohen can attend the meeting. Elections will be held at the 4/12/21 General meeting. The board officer positions of secretary and vice president are open for nominations, in addition to 6 open board positions. Barbara Strunk and Andrew Rinke are willing to continue in the secretary and vice president roles. Members of the board will encourage BWNA residents to run for board positions.

Other Items: Topics are needed for future General Meetings. Long-time BWNA resident and board member, Kathy Campbell, may move to Eugene soon to be closer to family

Meeting adjourned by President Tim Gillespie at 8:34pm.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Strunk, Secretary

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