

Minutes of Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association (BWNA)

General Meeting Via Zoom

October 12,2020

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

Neighborhood Members and others were attending: Stan Hoffman, Bob Kreinberg, Penelope Kreinberg, Sam Balto

Excused: NA

Meeting called to order: At 7:00pm by Tim Gillespie, President. The agenda was moved, seconded and approved unanimously.

Minutes: The minutes from the September 14, 2020 BWNA board meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Karla Lenox, Treasurer, reported we have \$11,116.05 cash in the bank as of 9/30/2020. Accounts receivable are \$307.00. Tim Hemstreet has resigned as BWNA President. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that BWNA check signers will be Tim Gillespie, President; Andrew Rinke, Vice President; Barbara Strunk, Secretary; and Karla Lenox, Treasurer. Karla will make arrangements with Beneficial State Bank to update paperwork.

Open Forum: In what ways might BWNA best serve our neighborhood during this Covid-19 pandemic?

a. What we're already doing: 1) 2500 neighborhood households receive the neighborhood newsletter. 2) The updating of the BWNA website has made it more user-friendly.

b. What else we might be doing: 1) Add a "Contact Us" link to our new website to make giving input easier. 2) Tim G. and Andrew will contact Beaumont Middle School to see how we can help the school community. 3) Assistance by the neighborhood association to ameliorate food scarcity; examples are work with Oregon Food Bank and Portland Food Project.

c. What Beaumont-Wilshire families are doing for Halloween: no discussion.

Visit by Portland City Commissioner Amanda Fritz with information on Council-referred ballot measures: Ms. Fritz joined us online and discussed ballot measures 26-213 Parks, 26-217 Police Oversight, 29-219 How Water Bureau properties are used aside from water management. Ms Fritz will be retiring at the end of her term 2020. Thank you to Ms Fritz for joining the BWNA neighborhood association meeting, and for her years of work serving the citizens of Portland.

Ongoing Projects and Reports and Invitations to Join In:

a. Communications Committee Update (Rich Wyoma, Andrew Rinke, Al Ellis) The group is meeting 2x/month to continue setting the groundwork for committee operations. The overall goal is to get as the most we can out of our website, email list and NextDoor. The committee proposes that BWNA cancel G-mail and move to ZOHO Mail and add more BWNA board officers as contacts including President, Treasurer, newsletter editor and newsletter graphic designer. It was moved, seconded and the motion passed unanimously to make the above changes to the BWNA communications system.

b. Friends of Wilshire Park: Gary Hancock reported that there will be an article in the BWNA newsletter to help increase interest in park issues. A split rail fence is planned for the north side of the park. There are also hopes for a new water feature. Sam Balto requested that a sand box be considered for the park. Available monies for these projects will depend on the passage of Portland city measure 26-213. The request from neighbors for a fence around the dog park is not part of the work of Friends of Wilshire Park. There are disagreements among BWNA residents whether a fence is a good idea. This issue is for BWNA and City of Portland to work out before moving forward.

c. Transportation Committee Update: John Sandie reported that Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) has provided some raw data about traffic on Skidmore. Rich Wyoma will assist with analysis of this data. More raw data is expected from the City. A survey was sent by BWNA to 65 residences in the area and 15 responses have been received so far. The overall goal in working with PBOT is traffic- calming actions. A four way stop at NE 37th and NE Skidmore was discussed briefly as a way to possibly decrease the traffic running the current stop signs on Skidmore. Bike vs. car issues are a problem. NE 37th is a designated bike route and should be more clearly identified with signs. A traffic circle at this intersection was mentioned as a possible solution.

d. Equity and Conclusion Committee Update: John Sandie shared a draft of ideas for our BWNA Resource for Bias Incidents. He will share it with the neighborhood resident who recently experienced a racial hate incident for feedback. Tim Gillespie reports that when people contact the BWNA Board through the BWNA website Rich Woyma will forward the message to the appropriate board member to respond.

e. Newsletter Update: Al Ellis reports that the calendar in the newsletter has the meetings of some BWNA committee meetings listed. The goal is to put all committee meetings on the calendar for the January/February 2021 issue.

Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN) Update: Barb Strunk reported that in the Sunderland neighborhood the City of Portland is proposing using city-owned property for a mobile home

parking lot for houseless people. The neighborhood was not contacted by the City for input. Dignity Village has not weighed in on the proposal. Homeless street camping continues to be a big issue for Sunderland. Ronda Johnson of CNN reminded the CNN Board that it is time for updated Conflict of Interest statements to be sent to CNN.

The next BWNA meeting will be November 9, 2020 via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned by President Tim Gillespie at 8:35pm

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