



BWNA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

8/12/24 (7p.m.)

Sidewalk in front of Blackbird Wine

Prepared by: Patti Koehler

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Board Officers: Al Ellis, President; Tim Gillespie, Vice President; Patti Koehler, Secretary; Karla Lenox, Treasurer; Patty Nelson, Immediate Past President. **At-Large Board Members:** Aaron Breakstone, Tom Cuppernull, Angela Frome, Gary Hancock, David Knowles, Rob Lee, Colin O'Neill, John Sandie, Tim Root, Susan Trabucco.

Welcome & Introductions: Al Ellis, BWNA President

Attendees

Board Members: All Present, see names above **Excused Board:** none

Neighbors: Tom Cuppernull

Association Meeting and Governance Items

Adoption of Meeting Agenda: Rob moved, Colin seconded, passed unanimously

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: As amended, Susan moved, Angie seconded, passed unanimously

Treasurers Report as of: 7/31/24

Cash in checking account: \$28,561.78

Cash in Venmo account: \$153.16

Outstanding bills: \$175.82 for Garden and Art tour, \$128 for Fremont Fest, \$100 for upcoming Block Party, \$995.05 to John for Street Art. \$12.50 for Movie in the Park posters. The approved budget for the Garden and Art tour was \$500 and \$1000 for Street Art.

Have to file annual CT-12 (Charitable Activities report). The fee is \$50.

Meeting Discussion

1. Presidents Report: Introduction of Tom Cuppernull, BW resident wanting to fill at Large Board position (Al). Tom reported he and his wife moved from NYC to 43rd and Beech a few years ago. They had looked at a lot of cities and liked Portland the best. He does Product Strategy work for a Software Company and does DJing of dance music on the side. His wife is a sustainability consultant and does supply chain strategy. Tim G moved, Patty seconded and Tom was unanimously voted on to Board Position #2. Al explained that Position 2 currently runs till 4/26.

2. Northeast Coalition of Neighbors-NECN: (Patty N). Patty reports she is on the Governance Committee which meets weekly. The next NECN Board Meeting is Oct.20th. During the September

meeting NECN will hold elections for NECN Board members. Patty felt that Insurance issues were resolved as they issued a Certificate of Insurance for the Garden and Art tour. Patti K reported that she spoke with the insurance agent for NECN directly and she said that actually the individual Garden homeowners needed certificates in their name which the agent provided after names had been given to her. Patti K also stated the agent stated that NECN had not yet gotten insurance for Board Members. Patty N said she would follow up with NECN regarding these concerns.

3. Fall Board Retreat Saturday, Oct 19th (Al): Suggestions for venue, survey, agenda activities (Al): Al reported he checked out Clementine's Banquet Room at the Mule which opens at 11 am. Also considering Kennedy School but don't know if they have availability. Al will send out an email asking people to vote on locations. Agenda suggestions which Al threw out for later discussion could include policy, updating links to community resources, goal setting for the year. Susan sent an email to the board of the survey, which she pulled together. The survey will be sent out via newsletter and email blast with a QR code attached. Susan asked someone to step up and compile the results of the survey and our new Board member Tom and Aaron agreed to take that task on.

4. October 14TH and December 9th speakers (Al): Tim R suggested a police officer but does not know who to ask. Angie volunteered to see if she could find a guest police officer to speak.

5. Political candidate forum proposal (David): David has initiated emails for a presentation on Rank-Choice Voting. The City Transition Project is offering this option. He is working on getting BMS gym for the meeting which would also be available via zoom.

Committee Updates and Outstanding Action Items

Events: (John Sandie, Chair):

- Movie in the Park (John): Estimated 780 people attended. Music went over great. Some people did face painting.
- Garden and Art Tour (Susan and Patti): 233 tickets were sold. \$3961 in revenue. Not all expenses are in yet. Propose \$750 to Vernon School and remaining money (less expenses) to go to BMS.
- Fremont Fest (John, Angie, Tim R, Al): Handed out graffiti kits and other neighborhoods expressed interest in doing the same. The spinning wheel was a big attraction.
- Fremont Street Art (John): Painting went well over three days with John, Patti, Susan and three other volunteers contributing their time. Maintenance on all street art will need to be planned for the future.
- Motion to purchase bins for storage of BWNA supplies (John): John has been keeping supplies at his house and is happy to continue to do so. Request to purchase 5 bins for storage, approximate costs about \$10 each. Patti moved, Angie seconded, unanimous agreement.
- **UPCOMING EVENTS:**
- Street/Block Party September 20th 5:30-9:00 pm (Patti): Permits are being submitted to the city. Currently have two food carts and one ice cream cart to provide food. Pfriem Beer will provide samples. We can order games from the City. Working on verifying insurance from NECN. Patti

asked for assistance in setting up and taking down day of and Angie, Gary, Al, Tim R and Susan said they could lend a hand.

- **Neighborhood Clean Up Sept 22nd 9-11am (Angie):** Trying to get grabbers donated from Just one Block. Meet in the courtyard of Foot traffic. \$133 remaining from last events approved budget request of \$385. Angie requested a budget of \$250 for this event (including remaining \$133 from last event). Patti moved, Patty seconded, approved unanimously.

Friends of Wilshire Park: (Gary Hancock, Chair): Met last month in the park, slowly moving on getting the water feature. The city has been repairing benches. Patti reported one of the fence rails along the pathway had broken. Next meeting Wed 7/14 at 7pm in the park.

Land Use: (Tim Root, Chair): Housing for All will be presenting their proposal to the City on Aug 28th. They want to change zoning from R5 to RN which would mean no limits on apartment buildings extending from NE 12th-60th and NE Fremont to SE Powell. Patty reports that NECN is looking to vote next week to support the proposal. Patty made a motion that BWNA not support NECN backing of the proposal due to insufficient information regarding its impacts. Patty moved, Susan seconded and the board voted to support Patty's motion with Rob and Aaron abstaining.

New Neighbor Welcoming Project: (Al Ellis, Chair): Artistic Portland Gallery reported getting new business as a result of adding a discount coupon to the New Welcome Packets. Thank you to Patti and her wife Kate for distributing.

Newsletter: (Susan Trabucco, Chair): Al thanked Susan for throwing a nice party this past weekend to gather available Board and Newsletter volunteers together as well as spouses. Susan reported that she is ditching the Board/Committee updates page in the newsletter. If things are happening that you would like to be reported on make sure to send an article. She is happy to edit it for you.

Safety and Crime: (Patty and Bill Markwart, Chair): Patty reported there was a large accident on Fremont St. recently. No accident report was filed. She wonder why there was not a report and wondered if data is collected. Apparently it does not happen if no one is injured. She also reports that car prowls are on the rise in her neighborhood again. There is some concern regarding the can return area at Beaumont Market. Patty will try to speak with Beaumont Market about the concerns.

Transportation Committee (Colin O'Neill, Chair): Still no engagement from the city about Jim Karlock's past complaint/concerns regarding the safety of speed bumps. A neighbor complained about cars getting hit because of a lack of stop signs on the corner of 38th and Wisteria Dr. Colin said he would support her in conversation with PBOT

Social Media, Website, E-mail Blasts (Rob Lee, chair): No updates. Reminder that the blast deadline is the 15th of the month.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40

Next Board Meeting: Board Meeting Sept 9th Sylvan Learning Center