



BWNA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 14, 2023, p.m.

Zoom

Prepared by: Patti Koehler

Adopted on: September 11, 2023

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, Gary Hancock, Jonathan Hays, Rob Lee, Amy O'Brien, Colin O'Neill, John Sandie, Susan Trabucco.

Welcome & Introductions: Patty Nelson, BWNA President

Attendees

Board Members: Patty Nelson, Al Ellis, Pa3 Koehler, Tim Gillespie, John Sandie, Jonathan Hays, Sam Balto, Aaron Breakstone, Susan Trabucco, Angie Frome, Gary Hancock, Rob Lee, Amy O'Brien, Colin O'Neill.

Absent: Karla Lenox, Aaron Breakstone.

Other: Diane Charlton, Angelia Lovell, Tim Root.

Guest Speaker: Rachel Munzig, Outreach Director, Alder Commons

Meeting and Association Governance

Adoption of Meeting Agenda: Susan moved and Patti seconded adoption of meeting agenda with unanimous agreement.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: John approved and Colin seconded approval of past meeting minutes with unanimous approval.

Treasurers Report: Karla was unable to attend this evenings meeting. By email she reported outstanding bills yet to be paid include \$119.94 to Jane for newsletter software monthly fees for January-June, \$205.34 to Susan for Art & Garden Tour expenses for signs and balloons and \$20 to the State of OR for the filing fee for CT-12 Charitable Activities Report due 9/14. John asked for a reimbursement of \$75 for gift certificates for Geocaching exercise winners. Money is still being released by PayPal for the Art & Garden Tour tickets.

Cash in checking account: \$ 19,533.82

Cash in Venmo account: \$ 1,735.85

Speaker: Rachel Munzig, Outreach Director, Alder Commons: Located at 4212 NE Prescott Ave. Rachel was invited to present an overview of the function and role of Alder commons. She presented a slideshow describing the center as a hub for self-directed work and play whose Mission Statement is to cultivate an equitable center for all ages of self-directed learners. It's three core values include: self determination, collective liberation, and community support. There is accessible parking, 2 ADA restrooms, a lounge, full wood-working shop, library, community kitchen, playroom, meeting room, co-

working room and backyard area for meeting and play. They use a membership model similar to the YMCA, members pay a monthly fee. There are three types of membership, Individual, Household and Organizational (10+ others). 83% of current members qualify as low income. Starting membership fee is \$15/month. They have a number of current programs including affinity groups, cooking classes, pop up markets, woodworking classes and interest-based clubs. There are multi-week classes such as those offered through The Portland Underground Graduate School (PUGS). The center's philosophy is "Everyone is a student, Everyone is a teacher." Rachel informed us that there is an upcoming Alder Commons Festival on 8/26. As this is too late for our current newsletter she was encouraged to give us two months notice of upcoming events so that we may assist in informing readers. Several board members provided her with recommendations for where she may leave flyers in the neighborhood.

Meeting Discussion

Board Activities

Communications:

Website Volunteer: Patty reported that Jane met with Megan who has been on/off but she has backed out. Requirements include monthly maintenance, uploading of minutes and activities. A big thank you to Jane for all the work she has done.

Social Media: Jonathon recommends taking baby steps. He reports 2/3rds of local Neighborhood Associations have some social media presence such as Facebook and Instagram. He presented a graph outlining what others are currently using. Rob has volunteered to assist Jonathon. Their recommendations will be presented at the Sept. meeting.

Board Retreat Planning: Items to consider for next board meeting

Date: Oct 7th or 14th

Location: TBD. Will be part of determining the date

Agenda Items: By-Laws, Goal Setting

Community Survey via Email? Questions to ask

Community Events:

Angelia Lovell: Neighborhood Yard Sale Proposal. Angela would love to head up a neighborhood yard sale next year. She is currently in and out of the area due to school but would be available to head the activity next year. She proposed considering the weekend of Fremont Fest. No action was taken by the Board at this time.

Art & Garden Tour: Final amount raised from this event will be made next month as income and expenses are still being finalized. Over 100 people attended and it was well received. It is hoped others will open their gardens for a similar event next year.

Movie in Wilshire Park: Patty reported a projected 800-1,000 people attended. Popcorn was provided by Joe Brown. There was no swag provided by the association though she would like to propose a list of swag for future events.

Committee Updates

Central Northeast Neighbors: Patty reported no meeting July or August.

Crime Prevention & Safety: Car thefts are still a problem. No update on current numbers.

Friends of Wilshire Park: Gary Hancock reported nothing much going on. Trying to set up a meeting with Commissioner Ryan to discuss next project (wading pool or fencing for dog park)

Land Use: Tim Root reports the developer of the 4305 NE Mason St cluster cottages met with a group of concerned neighbors but did not get any concession other than a commitment to look at trash concerns. They anticipate selling 8 units at \$450-500,000. The development on 42nd and Prescott is underway. It will have 44 bedrooms, the developer is Ethos Development. Tim requests a budget for future work to cover costs associated with getting up to date information from the city. Al recommended that he come to the Board and request reimbursement. Amy asked if there was any additional information regarding the Shaver and 31ave project (Tim did not have any updates). Tim reported he would like to find out more information about recently sold properties. Amy works for a Title company and offered to assist Tim. Tim asks the Board to inform him when we notice any activity in the neighborhood.

New Neighbor Welcoming Project: No updates.

Newsletter: Susan Trabucco reported that in August the board approved \$500 for the addition of color in the Sept./Oct newsletter to showcase the Art & Garden Tour and the street painting project. Susan reported that advertisers paid \$225 toward the \$424 total for 10 pages, leaving \$199 as the net additional expense. This resulted in a net newsletter-only profit for Sept/Oct. of \$645.52.

Transportation: Colin O'Neill reported the local access street signs people have noticed in the neighborhood are related to the proactive maintenance on 33rd Ave. The signs will move north as the project progresses. Traffic counting related to the Alameda/ Fremont street project will occur in late Oct or early Nov. There are possible speed bump additions on Skidmore. Location will be where two painted parallel lines have been added to the street

Meeting Adjourned: 8:33 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: September 11, 2023 Location TBD. Al will lead