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BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
7PM



Prepared by: Patti Koehler

Adopted on: 12/11/23

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, Patti Koehler, Karla Lenox, Tim Gillespie, Sam Balto, Angela Frome, Gary Hancock, Jonathan Hays, Rob Lee, Colin O'Neill, John Sandie, Susan Trabucco

Excused: Amy O'Brien Aaron Breakstone

Guest: John Steup, City of Portland

Neighbors: Barry Watson, Tome Boe, Joy Wallace

Meeting and Association Governance

Adoption of Meeting Agenda: Patti moved, John seconded adoption of meeting agenda, passed unanimously.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Karla moved, Susan seconded approval of previous meeting minutes, passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report: end of Oct 31 2023

Cash in checking account: \$ 19,974.97

Cash in Venmo account: \$ 1438.54

Additional discussion: Bills outstanding: \$660 to BMS Resiliency Fund from CNN, \$24.40 to Angie for graffiti supplies, \$15.99 to Gary for zoom charges, approximately \$2,022 for printing bill not yet received.

Meeting Discussion:

1) Graffiti Clean up

-Angela's proposal: BWNA will work with neighbors and partners on graffiti and cleaning .

projects with events every 3 months beginning 3/15. Angie outlined how the proposal met neighborhood priorities captured by our survey last year. Emphasized our community connections are strong and there is goodwill among our partners and neighbors that can be useful. Goals include: 3 events next year, acquire adequate supplies, build relationships with City of Portland, CNN and BWNA , create a designated email, explore funding opportunities, Future goal of supporting neighbors in the Hollywood district in cleanup events, create a budget that BWNA assist in paying for some cleaning supplies. Angie has reached out to Solve but has not heard back at this time.

-John Steup, City of Portland presentation. Contact 311 for all graffiti reports. They will take care of small business, & homeowners though nothing taller than 8ft at this time. Do not do street signs or sidewalks which are city & state property. Support walls along streets is PBOT's domain. Work with PEMO (Public Environment Management Office) to discuss neighborhood issues and concerns. Prioritize hate speech and gang tags.

To report graffiti: Call 311 or go to www.portland.gov/311/graffiti-report

If you do not qualify for City assistance, business to hire are found at:

www.portland.gov/graffiti-removal-service

Discussion followed: John Steup recommended f/u with Solve. Gary had three suggestions, 1. The City organize three neighborhood clean up events throughout the city a yr vs coming from the ground up. 2. Everyone caught doing graffiti be required to do hundreds of hours of volunteer work. 3. Raising fines. Angie emphasized that we all have to do our own little part to keep eliminating graffiti that is present. Will need to come up with a proposal linked to the first event and see what funding will be required. Will revisit the proposal with specific funding request for first event. Angie will flush out the costs for first event.

2: Social Media Proposal (see social media attachment for complete details).

Jonathan presented the Social Media Policy and had three proposals.

1). Policy Proposal for adding a social media presence for BWNA. The majority of the policy addresses items that were discussed at our last meeting and reflects feedback Rob provided clarifying that we cannot support any specific candidates.

Patty moved, Karla seconded that we adopt the Social Media Proposal as presented. Discussion ensued regarding removal of the words political candidate in the prohibited use section. We are prohibited by city code from any endorsement of political candidates or parties but we can make endorsements for measures, referendums, initiatives and petitions regarding causes.

Following discussion the fourth line of the Prohibited Use and Activities section was changed to

- Cannot support any political candidate.

- Cannot support any political causes not officially endorsed by the BWNA Board.

Colin inquired about execution of the policy if there becomes an online debate regarding any of our posts. Jon said the intention is to not allow any comments. He acknowledged that you cannot turn off comments on all platforms but will on those we can and if comments do arise that are prohibited than you can delete them. The goal is to keep maintenance to a minimum and he feels the goals outweigh the risks.

Tim moved that we except the Social media proposal with the changes we agreed upon, Patty seconded and there was unanimous support.

2) Proposes that we have a digital communications sub-committee consisting of Rob, Angela and Jonathan to manage social media, email and the website. Patti moved that we create a digital communication committee consisting of Rob, Angela and Jonathan, Gary seconded and the motion was passed with unanimous approval.

3) Proposes that we add Instagram as our first social media account. Karla moved, Gary seconded and the motion passed with unanimous approval.

3: Balto Traffic Reduction Proposal's (continued):

1). BWNA asks PBOT to engage the community in a new discussion regarding installing a traffic diverter at 37th and Skidmore. Sam made a motion and Tim seconded the proposal and discussion followed. Following discussion the motion was amended to say. BWNA ask PBOT to address concerns regarding safety and speeding on Skidmore between 33rd and 37th. Patty moved, Al seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2). BWNA endorses Sam Balto's efforts to apply for a PSU "Better Blocks" project with a goal that all non-arterial neighborhood streets in the Beaumont Wilshire neighborhood see less than 300 cars per day. The proposal was moved by Susan and seconded by Gary. Eight were in favor and four opposed. Motion passed.

Committee Updates

Central Northeast Neighbors: No update

Crime Prevention & Safety: No update

Friends of Wilshire Park: No update

Land Use: Tim forwarded the rough draft letter regarding Housing Regulatory Relief Project to the board. This is to be sent to the City Council for their December meeting. He will be making small edits prior to the meeting. He also attended the Portland Neighbors Welcome event at Migration Brewing where a Land Use Attorney spoke about dealing with jurisdictions regarding building permits but not much else came from that night. The organization seems pretty early in development. He just got a land use notice for the Barrett Garage property. Food Carts are going in and two of the existing buildings are being renovated. They are asking for four variances in development. Portland BDS has stated they are laying off 15% of their staff due to a lull in building permitting.

New Neighbor Welcoming Project: No update

Newsletter: No update

Transportation: Scott Colin from PBOT will present at 12/11/23 General Board meeting to discuss Fremont diversion and update regarding Skidmore project.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45

Next Board Meeting: General Meeting Monday December 11,2023 Guest: Scott Cohen Alameda/
Fremont Diverter Update