

## **BWNA Board Meeting Agenda for September 9th, 2024 (7:00-8:30 p.m.)**

Sylvan Learning Center, 4300 N.E. Fremont St.

### **7:00-7:20 = Welcome & Introductions (President Al Ellis)**

- 1) Board members present: Al Ellis, President, Tim Gillespie, Vice President, Patti Koehler, Secretary, Karla Lenox, Treasurer, Patty Nelson, Immediate Past President. At large Board Members: John Sandie, Tom Cuppernull, Tim Root, Aaron Breakstone, Susan Trabucco, Angela Frome, Gary Hancock, Rob Lee
- 2) Board members with excused absences: David Knowles, Colin O'Neill
- 3) Neighbors
- 4) Guests:
- 5) Lt. Chuck Greulich from North Precinct provided a crime update and fielded questions & concerns. He has worked in Portland as a Police officer for 17 years and in April was promoted to Lieutenant. He reported we live in a very safe neighborhood without a lot of crime, similar to the Alameda, Grant and deep SW neighborhoods. Most guns committed in crimes have been stolen. There is a very small percent of people who are doing most of the shootings in Portland and the focus is on that group of people. There has been a pretty decent reduction on car thefts throughout the city. When asked about the shooting on 37th and Milton he was unable to give a lot of information as it is still an ongoing case but he did say that the victim was not from this area and it was not likely gang related.

### **7:20-7:45 = Association Meeting and Governance Items**

- 1) Approval of Meeting Agenda: Patty moved, Gary seconded, approved unanimously
- 2) Approval of August 12th General Meeting minutes as amended: Karla moved, Susan seconded, approved unanimously
- 3) Treasurer's Report (Treasurer Karla Lenox)
  - a) Cash in checking account: \$29,942.24
  - b) Cash in Venmo Account: \$635.91
  - c) Outstanding Bills: \$2,234 for Newsletter with extra color (an increase of \$212). \$15.99 for Zoom bill payable to Gary.
  - d) Art and Garden final accounting. \$3,761 raised with a net of \$3,292. \$750 was donated to Vernon School's PTA and \$2,500 was slated to be donated to BMS's PTA. Al moved that the BMS donation be given to the BMS Beaumont Family Resiliency Fund, Patty seconded, the motion was passed unanimously.
- 4) Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN, District 2):

Patty reported there are 6 at large Board positions open for NECN to be filled by residents or community/business people within District 2. Voting will occur at their Oct meeting. Karla and Patty will follow up with recommendations for banking changes now that we are with NECN.
- 5) Retreat (Sat, Oct. 19th, 11-3, Mule Bar's Clementine room): Al recommended we consider the following agenda.
  - 11-11:45 Icebreaker
  - 11:45-12:30 Results of newsletter survey which Tom and Aaron will compile
  - 12:30-1:15 lunch
  - 1:15-2:00 Policy and Procedures
  - 2:00-2:15 Break
  - 2:15-3:00 Brainstorming/Events

Al reported that \$250 was previously adopted for food during the retreat. No additional discussion was had at this time regarding the agenda.

#### **7:45-8:30 = Outstanding Action Items and Committee/Team Updates**

- 1.) Art & Garden Tour: Patti and Susan circulated Thank you cards for the Garden hosts and asked the rest of the Board to sign.
- 2.) Purchase of storage bins (John Sandie): Rob donated three bins, may need more in the future.
- 3.) Sept. 30th Candidate Fair: Al reported in David's absence. There are 22 candidates for three positions in District 2. There will be a mixer which David has organized in the BMS cafeteria from 6-8PM. They will be allowed to leave written material.  
  
Oct 14th General Meeting will be via Zoom. David is arranging a guest speaker to discuss Ranked-Choice Voting.
- 4.) Events Committee:  
Sept 20th Block Party: Patti reported that the permits are all in order and that it was decided to add additional lighting due to the lack of lights on Skidmore. She asked for volunteers to assist with set up and take down. Al, Angie (Angie's husband Mike), Aaron and Rob all agreed to assist. Gary is unable to attend but will send his son.  
  
Sept 22nd Cleanup: Angie reported she will get flyers out in a couple of days. Meet in front of Foot Traffic at 9 am. Will have paint, cleaning supplies, grabbers, vests etc available.
- 5.) Neighborhood communication: Newsletter Team (Susan); Website/E-Blast (Rob Lee, Susan)  
Susan reported she has had several rave reviews about the addition of 8 more pages of color photos in the newsletter which costs an additional \$202. It would cost \$1200 more a year to have that much color in all issues. No proposals at this time. Wants us to consider for later discussion.
- 6.) Transportation Committee: No report in Colin's absence.
- 8.) Friends of Wilshire Park Committee: Gary reported they are in a holding pattern for now with the new city government system. There is a zoom meeting on 9/11 at 7PM.
- 9.) Land Use Committee: Tim reported there were no new notices. He has heard that the Swing State Boxing Club, currently on NE 42nd Ave, is moving on 12/1 to the building that housed the now closed Refinery. He attended the NECN meeting on 8/20 and registered BWNA's opposition to the Portland Neighbors Welcome proposal. Grant Neighborhood was there and did the same. He reported a good exchange of questions and comments.
- 10.) New Neighbor Welcoming Team: Al reported there were no new packets at this time.

**Upcoming General Meeting:** Monday, October 14th, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom

**Adjournment:** 8:37 PM

