



BWNA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

6/10/24 (7-8:30 p.m.)
Sylvan Learning Center

Prepared by: Patti Koehler

Adopted on: 7/8/2024

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, 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: Al Ellis, Tim Gillespie, Patti Koehler, Karla Lenox, Angela Frome, Gary Hancock, Colin O'Neill, John Sandie, Tim Root. **Excused Board:** Patty Nelson, David Knowles, Aaron Breakstone

Neighbors: Jim Karlock, Peggy Ellis

Guests: Bec Lawsen (from Alameda Neighborhood association), Mike Marshall (running for city council), Sam Adams (running for Multnomah County Board).

Guest Speaker: Mary Meyers

Association Meeting and Governance Items

Adoption of Meeting Agenda: Karla moved, Gary seconded, passed unanimously

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Tim G moved, Colin seconded, passed unanimously

Treasurers Report as of: 5/31/24

Cash in checking account: \$ 27, 634.31

Cash in Venmo account: \$ 1,148.28

Outstanding bills: \$242.29 for New Neighbor Discount cards and printing. \$15.99 to Gary for Zoom bill. \$500 to Alameda School foundation (passed today).

Additional discussion: Revised 2025 Budget (presented by Karla) Patti moved, Angela seconded and motion to accept revised budget was unanimously approved

Meeting Discussion

1. BWNA Policy Statement Vote (presented by Al). John moved, Tim G seconded, passed unanimously
2. Alameda Elementary School Foundation donation: Al moved we donate \$500. Following discussion the vote was six to five to approve a \$500 donation.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mary Meyers, the newly elected President of the Beaumont Business Association (BBA) and Director of Sylvan Learning Center shared that she started as VP of the BBA last year and took over as President in Feb. Her desire is to work closer with BWNA on events such as Fremont Fest and Halloween on Fremont St. She states she hopes to collaborate on more things and wishes to have more of a united front. BBA just started an event series called First Thursday's on Fremont Street which is in beginning stages. BBA has an online newsletter which currently has 1200 people signed up. We are welcome to sign up online. The BBA district includes businesses between 42nd and 57th ave. Businesses must opt in to be a part of the BBA.

FREMONT FEST: Mary is planning on BWNA having our own booth at Fremont Fest though she needs to confirm with the event planner. Last year there were 160 participants and this year there are over 200 applications. If it becomes too crowded we can share a booth with BBA.

Committee Updates and Outstanding Action Items

Events: (John Sandie, Chair):

Bike Rally: (6/22, John leads); Only have three teams that have signed up, hope for more to sign up but will hold with however many we have.

Fremont Street Art: (7/19-7/20, John leads): John has submitted permits. Still looking for volunteers to assist with painting.

Movie in the Park: (7/25, John Leads): Mo Phillips will provide music. The Bubble service station provider has not gotten back to us after repeated calls and emails so we have instead decided to hire two face painters. We will not have a table at the park.

Art and Garden Tour: (7/27, Patti and Susan leads): 5 gardens, numerous art displays. Following discussion of where the funds raised (less expenses) goes it was agreed by a vote of 8 for and one against that they be divided between BMS and Vernon schools. The amount allocated to each school will be determined by the board following the event.

Fremont Fest: (8/3); John has our canopy if needed. Will either share a table with BBA or have our own. Angie, Tim G and Gary with Al as the lead formed an ad hoc committee to discuss ways to attract people to our table. Angie suggested a trifold board with pictures. Volunteers to person the table are still needed.

Street Party: (9/20, Patti and Laurie Webber leads); (See attached proposal): Following discussion John moved, Gary seconded approval of the "street/block party" proposal with a budget not to exceed \$2000.

Yard Sale: There was unanimous agreement by the events committee and Angelia (who presented the proposal) to postpone the Yard Sale until next year due to adequate time to market and organize it.

Friends of Wilshire Park: (Gary Hancock, Chair): No report

Land Use: (Tim Root, Chair): No new land use notices. Tim reported that the organization

Portland Neighbors Welcome are working towards rezoning regions in the NE from 12th to 60th avenue, Fremont to Powell to change zoning from R5 to RM which would allow medium scale multi-dwelling development. They have already raised \$200K and seem to have the ear of many in city government. Tim will consult with a lawyer friend to see if this is even legal.

NECN: (Patty Nelson, Chair): In Patty's absence AI asked the board to rank the District 2 NECN Government options in a 1-2-3 ranking. Votes were tallied following the meeting by AI who informed up by email that Option 1 (one representative from each of the coalitions 28 neighborhood associations + 6 at large reps) received the most first-ranking votes.

New Neighbor Welcoming Project: (AI Ellis, Chair) AI reported there are 19 new new neighbors. He brought the welcoming packets and asked any who wished to distribute to take some.

Newsletter: (Susan Trabucco, Chair): Susan reports our free Dropbox account has exceeded capacity. Jane recommended shifting the newsletter to a paid dropbox account which will cost \$110 annually. The Board approved spending the \$110 for a paid subscription.

Safety and Crime: (Patty and Bill Markwart, Chair): No report

Social Media, Website, E-mail Blasts: (Rob Lee, Chair): Rob reported it has been a very busy month and he needs to distribute some of the work as Jon was chair of communications and is no longer on the Board. No decisions were made.

Transportation Committee (Colin O'Neill, Chair): Rob reported 60% of the plan for the Mason Greenway is finished. There will be a meeting with PBOT rep on 6/12. Zoom link will be available on the website and they are looking for input.

Neighborhood Cleanup (Angie): Angie reported things are looking good. Will have the next clean up on Sept 22 between 33rd and the cemetery with a 9 am meet up in front of Foot Traffic to clean up graffiti and pick up litter.

BWNA Block Party proposal

rev 6 Jun2024

Background

This event idea was part of the initial committee brainstorming session in January 2024 that evolved from a musically themed Porch Fest event with multiple locations into a single location musically themed block party event. It started with idea to use local talent such as the Grant High Royal Blues and their availability during late Sept. Two of locations were considered: 1) Alameda Street south of Fremont to 38th – area has hosted local block parties in the past. 2) Skidmore north of Wilshire Park. This wide street has been discussed much over last couple years -- in context of showing neighborhood how to think differently about its utilization and, recently, as the link between the expanded Mason/Skidmore Greenway. Ultimately the committee considered option 2 the better choice due to room and closeness to the park.

Event Coordinators

Patti Koehler and Laurie Webber

Additional volunteers to help set up and man contact table to possibly hold 50/50 raffle to help offset costs?

Target date: **Saturday, Sept 20th 6:30 – 9:00 pm**

Considerations: Skidmore between 33rd and 37th Requires a Community Event Permit <https://www.portland.gov/transportation/permitting/apply-community-event-permit>

Contact is Sal. 503-823-5191 • Community Event Permit - \$100 application fee

• If food or other items are sold an additional \$100 permit fee (though this may be waived for non-profit organizations) Thinking of nachos or dessert food truck similar to July Movie event (guaranteed min revenue?)

- If Alcohol is sold another \$250 permit would be required. [www.portland.gov/bds/ liquor/apply-temporary-liquor-license](http://www.portland.gov/bds/liquor/apply-temporary-liquor-license) Note: Personal connection to local brewery has indicated they would take on managing this aspect of event. Need to cordon off alcohol serving area
- Permit required for amplified sound [www.portland.gov/bds/noise/apply-noise variance](http://www.portland.gov/bds/noise/apply-noise-variance). Hope is to get Royal Blues to perform a set and then have a band come in for a couple hours
- Site Plan must be submitted. Requires a 12 foot wide emergency easement
- Event Flyer must be submitted
- Insurance permit is required – verify with NECN about required details and coordinate with PP&R
- Neighbors must be notified (though don't have to agree)
- If dancing or music occurs in the park than a permit is required from Portland Parks 503-823-2525 , but width of road is conducive to keeping activity out of park space.

Possibly have bean bag game area – donated sets

Est Costs

Above mentioned permitting	\$450
Musical costs	\$1000
Marketing and signs	\$400

Generator/lights donated

Optional –

20 x 30 canopy rental \$600

10 tables \$250

(would suggest guest bring own chairs)

50/50 Raffle offset - \$500

Budgetary request NTE \$2000

Meeting Adjourned: 8:38 pm

Next Board Meeting: July 8th, 2024, 7-8:30 Sylvan Learning Center