

**2024-10-14 General Meeting** *(via Zoom)*  
**ADOPTED: 11/11/2024**

**Welcome & Introductions** (President Al Ellis)

- 1) Board members present:  
Al Ellis, President; Tim Gillespie, Vice President; Karla Lenox, Treasurer; Patti Koehler, Secretary, Patty Nelson, Immediate Vice President; John Sandie, Gary Hancock, Aaron Breakstone, Angela Frome, Colin O'Neill, Susan Trabucco, Rob Lee, Tim Root, David Knowles, Tom Cuppernull, Members at Large
- 2) Board members with excused absences: None
- 3) Neighbors: Peggy Ellis
- 4) Guests: Francisca Garfia, representing the City of Portland Transition Team. Francisca provided an overview of the new election system and form of government which the city is transitioning to. She focused on Ranked-Choice Voting and provided numerous scenarios which helped to clarify how votes will be tallied and distributed. For additional information phone PDX311 or 503-823-4000. Email [311@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:311@portlandoregon.gov) or go online to [www.Portland.gov/311](http://www.Portland.gov/311). Resources are available in a number of languages other than English.

**Association Meeting and Governance Items**

- 1) Approval of meeting agenda (Al): Susan moved, Patty seconded, passed unanimously
- 2) Approval of September 9th General Meeting minutes (Patti Koehler): Gary moved, Rob seconded approval of amended minutes.
- 3) Treasurer's Report (Karla Lenox): As on Sept 30th
  - a.) Cash in checking account: \$22,442.55
  - b.) Cash in Venmo account: \$645.30
  - c.) Outstanding bills: \$15.99 to Gary for October Zoom bill. \$50 to State Corporation division for annual filing, \$2,260.18 to Patti for Block Party.
  - d.) Questions/Discussion: \$2526.88 was spent on Block Party. \$500 was donated by pFriem beer, minus donation party was \$26.88 over budget. Karla would request future budgets not include donations in case they do not actually come through. Would like a longer discussion regarding this during our upcoming Retreat. There was no budget set for the Candidate forum which David organized on Sept. 30. Susan stated she paid \$65 for posters which she would like reimbursement for, and she asked that David be reimbursed for the flyers he printed and any cost for gym rental. David said the gym rental and insurance came to \$175, which he will pay for out of pocket as we had not set up a budget.
- 4) Review of Sept. 9th police officer visit (Al): Al moved to invite Chuck Gruelich back to speak at our Dec. 9th General meeting, John seconded. Discussion was had and a request to know more about the recent burglaries in the neighborhood was made. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5) NECN Report (Patty Nelson) = Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, District 2: Board elections were moved from Sept to Oct. 15. There are 6 at large positions

open. Once the Board has been voted on then the entire board will vote for officers. Officers are voted in yearly. Patty reported that the new assistant, Lydia, is very tech savvy and has done good work on revising the website. Patty reported that Lydia did a fantastic job communicating about insurance matters and getting needed paperwork completed.

- 6) Sat., Oct. 19th Retreat, Mule Bar banquet room, 11-3:00: food & drink; agenda (A1): Revised agenda has been sent out. Aaron and Tim R will be unable to attend. Food and NA drinks have been ordered. People will need to pay for alcohol.

### **Outstanding Action Items and Committee/Team Updates**

- 1) Reflections: **Street Party** (Patti): Suggestions for changes and additions should we decide to do a Street Party next year. Need 1-2 additional food carts, string lights on all food cart canopies, string lights for game area, start time 5:00 vs 5:30, decrease volume of band, see if BMS will play music in addition to Royal Blues, change yard signs to horizontal, list names of vendors/musicians in newsletters, possible table to sell raffle tickets and water. See if other merchants are interested in co-sponsoring. **Cleanup** (Angela Frome): Fewer people this time around (6-7 vs 18-20). Will not do another clean up till late spring 2025. Still have graffiti kits at her house and at John's if anyone wants one. Susan pointed out that Angie purchased a tool for \$125 which allows her to reach higher for cleaning. Discussion regarding paying her back for the purchase as she has not exceeded the budget for the year. **Candidate Fair** (David Knowles): Candidates were pleased with the number of people in attendance. David was disappointed that there were not many younger folks who turned out. In the process of reserving the gym at BMS he set up a BWNA account in his name which we should have changed over at some point. There was a question if Jon Hayes had already set this up in the past though David said there is a brand new account system in place as of this year.
- 2.) Events Committee; (John Sandie): John gave an overview of past events. Art and Garden tour is looking for people willing to show their gardens. Block party was successful, likely look to repeat next year. Working on a Yard Sale event to be done in conjunction with Fremont Fest. Movie the Park, hope to get additional support Alameda. All activities and events will require money, passion and leadership. Will discuss more at the retreat.
- 3.) Transportation Committee (Colin O'Neill): Have had a number of conversations with residents on Wistaria. Live on a hill with challenges. Advised them to contact PBOT and to cc him on emails. Speed and vehicle/pedestrian safety are primary concerns.
- 4.) Land Use Committee (Tim Root): City Council passed Housing Needs Analysis and Housing Production Strategy Plan. There is some language in the plan to change zoning in inner city neighborhoods. Implementation would be in 2028.
- 5.) Newsletter Team (Susan Trabucco): Susan sent an email regarding request to increase ad rates. Carpenter Media purchased Pamplin Media. Printing rates will be rising "up to 10%". Annual printing costs will increase by \$1,200 per year. Karla told Susan that a 7.5% rate increase would cover it. In her email Susan shared a graph which details current rates vs rates raised to 7.5%. As shown in the graph our rates, even with the increase, are noticeably lower than Grant, Concordia or Alameda rates. Susan moved that the board approve a 7.5% rate increase in ad rates. Tim G seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- 6.) Website & E-Blast (Susan & Rob Lee): Rob reported that it had been a busy time

getting all of the events covered over the past couple of months. There was a good team effort in getting all of the work done.

- 7.) Friends of Wilshire Park Committee (Gary Hancock): No updates
- 8.) Crime & Safety Committee (Patty): Three recent break-ins in our neighborhood. Colin will write an article about the burglaries for the upcoming newsletter to go next to Al's article about Officer Gruelich's visit.
- 9.) New Neighbor Welcoming Project (Al): Due to a glitch at First American Title a month was missed so we now have 23 packets. Tim R picked up one and Patti and Kate will pick up others. Will bring the remainder to the retreat.

**Upcoming Board Meeting:** Monday, November 11th, 7:00 p.m., Sylvan Learning Center

**Adjournment: 8:37**