

Monday, March 10, 2025: BWNA Board Meeting Agenda
Sylvan Learning Center, 4300 N.E. Fremont St. (or via Zoom)

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; Aaron Breakstone, Tom Cuppernull, David Knowles, Rob Lee, Tim Root, John Sandie. Members with excused absences: Angela Frome, Colin O'Neill, Susan Trabucco
- 2) Neighbors: Matt Grainger and Crystal Grainger have lived in the neighborhood for about two years and are attending their first meeting. Jim Karlock is a past Secretary of the BWNA and has been to many meetings.

Association Meeting and Governance Items

- 1) Approval of Meeting Agenda (Al): John moved, Aaron seconded, unanimous approval
- 2) Approval of Feb. 10th General Meeting minutes (Angie Frome substituting for Patti Koehler): Tim moved, Rob seconded, unanimous approval of amended minutes
- 3) Treasurer's Report as of 2/28/25
- 4)
 - a.) Cash in checking account: \$26,729.92
 - b.) Cash in Venmo account: \$1,660.03
 - c.) Outstanding bills: Newsletter printers were late getting last bill to us so this check will be for two printings totaling \$4044. Six month bill from Postnet for PO Box is \$96. One year transcription service for Patti is \$99.99. we approved \$99. Karla moved, Tim G seconded motion to increase approved amount to \$100. Passed unanimously.
 - d.) Checking account matter involving NECN: Our banking is still under CNN, have been trying to get that changed. Talked with NECN about using their tax ID number and we would set up as a DBA (doing business under). Learned from CNN that we actually do have a Tax ID number but it's inactive because we have not filed taxes under that number for three years prior to Karla's becoming Treasurer. We hope to use the tax ID number to set up the bank account and then NECN will act as our fiscal sponsor if we need tax exempt status for donations. They agreed but they have a contract they want us to sign which we have not yet signed and we will need to look at more closely and discuss. A conversation was had about items in the contract and what other neighborhood associations have done. Al will send out the verbiage of the contract and we will discuss in more detail at our next meeting.

The following motion was made by Karla, seconded by Tim G and passed unanimously.

Authorize Treasurer Karla Lenox to change BWNA's bank accounts with Beneficial State Bank to BWNA's Employer Identification Number (EIN), account title Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association, with signatories to include Al Ellis, President; Tim Gillespie, Vice President; and Karla Lenox, Treasurer. Current bank accounts under Central NE Neighbors will be closed.

- 5) Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN) report (Patty Nelson); Patty reported that the \$1000 allotted to Neighborhood Associations has gone out. The concern is that only about 9 or the 28 neighborhoods applied for the funds. Patty has asked NECN for an accounting to

see which neighborhoods have not applied and to send reminders to all of the neighborhood presidents to remind them to apply. There has been challenges with email communication in that emails are sent out but were maybe not being received. It is something that has been worked out but if 19 or so neighborhoods have not applied for the communication funds she wants to know why. The remaining money will be allocated to others if they do not apply.

5.) April 14th General Meeting: Elections: (Al)

The next meeting is our election meeting. Vice President, Tim and Secretary Patti are up for reelection as are odd numbered positions including John, (position one); Tim Root, (2); Susan, (5); and David, (9). Position seven is open and we hope a new neighbor will step into that.

6.) Preparing for North Precinct Sgt. Greg Moore to speak at 8/11 General Meeting (Al):

Al has extended an invitation to Sgt. Moore to speak at our August Meeting which will allow us to publicize it in the July/August newsletter. He will also speak to it in his President's message. He will encourage neighbors to send him emails with concerns they may have which they would like the officer to address. That will hopefully encourage a few people to also attend the meeting. He has not yet heard back from Sgt. Moore but only sent the request out a week ago.

Outstanding Action Items and Committee/Team Updates

1.) Events Committee (John Sandie):

4/1: Historical talk by Doug Decker at the Fremont United Methodist Church. Small article in the newsletter describing it along with a QR code for registration. Please tell your neighbors and register yourselves. Currently have about 35 registered. The church can hold up to 150, Doug will open it to his followers if we have extra room. We agreed to a budget of \$300 for the rental and a \$200 honorarium for Doug. Will get a check from Karla before the event.

4/23: Pollinator discussion at the Mule. Noted in the Newsletter, people encouraged to come and have a little food and beverage prior to the event.

8/7: Movie in the Park will feature Inside out. ANA and BWNA will each contribute \$500 for the movie. The events committee is gathering information regarding musical options (Mo Phillips is not available that date) and discussing other activities. Will finalize decisions over the next month or two. Will not need to pay the city fee until early June.

4/15: Neighbor Dave Whittaker is doing a stair cleaning at Alameda between 43rd and 44th Ave if anyone wishes to assist. Meet at 10 a.m. at the top of the stairs.

2.) Newsletter Team (Al for Susan Trabucco): Right now we have a 20 page newsletter but we lost some advertisers. If we drop to 16 pages we would be able to bring in more money to the organization. Currently bring in \$500 an issue. If we went to 16 pages we could almost double that. The May/June issue will again have 20 pages, will reassess after that time and work on bringing in new advertisers.

3.) Website/E-Blast Team (Rob Lee, Tom Cuppernell); updating Community Resources page (Al):

An ad hoc committee of Rob, Tim G and Al updated the Community Resources page after finding a lot of links that were not working. Rob compiled it all together and sent out

an email to the Board with a Google docs link. Please look it over and add comments or suggestions. After discussion Rob moved that we approve the ad hoc committees recommended revised Community Resources page Patty seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Jim Karlock suggested that Board meeting notices be posted on the front page of the website. Rob agreed to look into it.

- 4.) Transportation Committee (Al for Colin O'Neill); Pedestrian Safety Project update (Angie & Patti): Colin did not have anything new to report though he's been in communication with PBOT about addressing speeding on Fremont and Skidmore although they say there are going to be stop signs placed on cross streets along Skidmore between 33rd and 42nd. Patti reported that the materials for the Pedestrian Safety Project have arrived at Beaumont Hardware and they will be picked up by Angie and herself in the next couple of days. She anticipates that the flags should be in place in the next two to three weeks. Jim Karlock visited the crosswalk between 43rd and 44th where a pedestrian was killed 9/24. He states that at that location that he was unable to see oncoming car lights while in the crosswalk which makes it particularly dangerous for pedestrians. He recommends PBOT forbid parking close to the corner of NE 44th and Fremont. He also recommends signs which encourage pedestrians to look both ways.
Patti said that message will be part of the verbiage on the posts holding the crossing flags. A discussion was had regarding other possible options to slow traffic including asking the police to monitor the street for a period of time, speed signs and installation of solar powered flashing beacons for pedestrians. No other decisions were made regarding these suggestions.
Al presented a petition from past Board Member Sam Balto asking PBOT to do a pilot study decreasing vehicle traffic on Greenway Streets to less than 500 per day (current goal is less than 1000 per day). Discussion was had and it was agreed that Sam would be invited to a BWNA meeting to discuss his petition including which streets specifically he is describing and that he include a visual map to assist in understanding his proposal.
- 6) New Neighbor Welcoming Project (Al): Tom and John each took one of the two new welcome packets.
- 7) Friends of Wilshire Park Committee (Mary Roney, Al, John): Al informed the board that a walk and talk meeting with the new park supervisor will be occurring tomorrow from 12:30-1:00. All are welcome to attend. Mary Roney has volunteered to be the new chair of the Friends of Wilshire Park Committee.
- 8) Land Use Committee (Tim Root); Residential Infill Project push for "middle housing" plexes. Al asked Tim Root if the push for middle housing was bad for our neighborhood and if so in what way? Tim responded that it increases traffic which raises insurance rates. It particularly becomes a problem when it gets overdone as our neighborhood does not have the infrastructure to handle a large increase in density (such as sewer and electricity). No local updates at this time but there are several House and Senate bills in Salem working their way through committees trying to loosen land zoning regulations. One that was particularly concerning was one that would allow single resident occupancy apartments to be put into single family residential areas. Also Portland Neighbors Welcome is going after the historical designated neighborhoods to see if they can loosen up their regulations. That includes areas like Ladd's addition Tim has noticed that none of the new units on his street, which have been available since December have sold and they have just reduced the price by \$25,000. The question is, are these new units addressing the needs that exist.

- 9) Crime Prevention and Safety Committee (Patty): Nothing to report.
- 10) Graffiti cleanup update (AI for Angie): Angie has recommended a June 13th date for the next neighborhood cleanup. She noted that the first cleanup was also on a Friday and the attendance was higher than the next event which was on a Sunday. There were no objections to her proposed date.

Upcoming General Meeting: Monday, April 14th, 2025, 7:00 p.m., Sylvan Learning Center

Adjournment: 8:30