

2025/02/10 BWNA General Meeting

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; Patty Nelson, Immediate Past President. At Large Board Members; Aaron Breakstone, Tom Cuppernull, Angela Frome, Rob Lee, Colin O'Neill, Tim Root, John Sandie, Susan Trabucco, David Knowles, Karla Lenox
- 2) Board members with excused absences- Patti Koehler- Secretary
- 3) Neighbors: Judy & Marta Freshaur, Peggy Ellis, Jim Karlock, Chris Rauber
- 4) Guests- Andrea Hood and Cody Roberts
- 5) 4D Recovery Housing Program Staff members (Andrea Hood & Cody Roberts)
 - a. They have had an intentional slow roll out to make sure things move smoothly and they can address any concerns. Currently they have 14 residents and intend to increase capacity in the next 2-3 months.
 - b. Andrea and Cody appreciate the conversations with the neighbors and want to be good neighbors. They work hard to keep things quiet and organized in their new location. If there are any concerns, we can reach directly out to Andrea via email or phone with any concerns.

Association Meeting and Governance Items

- 1) Approval of Meeting Agenda- John moved, Tim seconded, unanimous approval
- 2) Approval of December 9th General Meeting minutes (Patti Koehler): Angela moved, Susan seconded, unanimous approval
- 3) Treasurer's Report (Al standing in for Treasurer Karla Lenox)
 - a) Cash in checking account: \$24,434
 - b) Cash in Venmo account: \$988.14
 - c) Outstanding bills: Outstanding bill Carpenter Media (waiting for invoice to come)
 - d) Questions/Discussion: Correction: Net profit from recycling event \$125
 - e) Motion Regarding checking account- No motion today, still working on process with bank. Karla will come later with motion.
- 4) Northeast Coalition of Neighbors, DISTRICT 2 (NECN report Patty Nelson)

- a. The city is working to get committees started to engage the community and communicate with the city. Patty stressed the importance of neighborhood engagement.
 - b. Budgets are the hot topic and encourages letters of support from neighborhood assns.
 - c. NECN board retreat is coming up, date TBD, being held with 28 neighborhoods. They want neighborhood spotlights at the retreat.
- 5) Upcoming speakers: PBOT representatives? North Precinct Office Greg Moore (AI) AI will request a time in June 2025
 - 6) Venue changes for 2025 Board & General Meetings or stay with Sylvan Learning Center (AI). Voted to keep meeting location at Sylvan Learning Center, if need larger space Mule Bar is an option on occasion.
 - 7) New Chair for Friends of Wilshire Park (FOWP) (AI). Mary Rooney will be new FOWP chair, she is hosting a meeting at Grand Central Bakery on Fremont Feb 11th at 11:00am for anyone interested in attending.
 - 8) Grant High School Graduation post party donation: Board declined to sponsor request for funding of gradation party. Does not fit within board scope

Outstanding Action Items and Committee/ Team Updates

- 1) Crime Prevention and Safety Committee (Patty); Graffiti (Angela Frome)
 - a. Crime- AI reported that there was a theft of the AC unit at the Bethany Lutheran Church, no other reports
 - b. Proposed community clean- up event for May or June TBD
- 2) Land Use Committee (Tim Root); update on Residential Infill Project “middle housing” units
 - a. Cottage cluster movement being pushed, Tim is watching council meetings not much to report
 - b. Tim sent an email to the city about neighbor reaching out about Illegal Airbnb’s that are not registered with the city, city said there is no staffing to address this issue.
- 3) Transportation Committee (Colin O’Neill); Pedestrian Safety Project (Angela & Patti)
 - a. Colin had a conversation with Rick Neiss at PBOT to discuss Fremont, Skidmore and Wistaria concerns. Rick shared that the only potential funding opportunity is through Safe Routes to school. Currently there are some areas they might be able to assist with.
 1. Signs along Fremont
 2. Removing Parking spots
 3. Aware of Fremont traffic request
 4. Bio swells have no funding available.

5. We are on the list for speed radar signs. If we choose to privately purchase one it is about 6K dollars. He said solar power won't work so it will need it connected to electricity.
 6. Wistaria- They will visit the site and look at possible vegetation that needs clearing, and signage
 7. Skidmore project- Out of funding.
- b. Pedestrian Safety Project- Project is moving along, set to install in March. Patti and Angela submitted a project proposal that was approved at the January meeting for \$350. BBA agreed to sponsor \$185.58, and Paper Jam Press is helping with the printing of the signage. Beaumont Hardware agreed to get materials at cost as their contribution. Article to go out in the next newsletter with story about the pilot project.
- 4) Website/E-Blast/Social Media Team (Rob Lee, Tom Cuppernell); updating of website- Ad hoc committee will meet in February to update website (Al, Tim, Rob)
 - 5) Newsletter Team (Susan Trabucco)- Don't currently have a waitlist for Ads. Susan says we can use a few more ads, and she will reach out to people.
 - 6) Events Committee (John Sandie)
 - a. A formal proposal was given to the board on the Pollinator project with Garden Fever. John moved, Angela seconded, and unanimous approval for a \$200 budget for event being held April 23rd at the Mule Bar.
 - b. Garden and Art events are cancelled for this year
 - c. Neighborhood History event: Angela moved, Rob seconded, unanimous approval for John to sign the agreement and invoice to proceed ahead.
 - d. PPR approved Movie in the Park, date and title TBD
 - 7) New Neighbor Welcoming Project (Al)- No new packs

Upcoming General Meeting: Monday, March 10th, 2025, 7:00 p.m., Sylvan Learning Center

Adjournment: 8:30