

## **Minutes of Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association (BWNA)**

### **General Meeting Via Zoom**

**December 14, 2020**

**Attendance (Board of Directors):** Tim Gillespie, Karla Lenox, John Sandie, Al Ellis, Gary Hancock, Rich Woyma, Barbara Strunk, Andrew Rinke, Tim Hemstreet, Laurie Holtz

**Neighborhood Members and others attending:** Jamie Van Hoorn, Nancy Mogielnicki, Peter Mogielnicki, Molly Stater, Lucy Williams (staff of State Representative Barbara Smith Warner), Mike Grosso (Supervisor, City of Portland Parks and Recreation), Katie Day, Joe Hanus

**Excused: NA**

**Meeting called to order:** At 7:00pm by Tim Gillespie, President.

The December 14, 2020 meeting agenda was approved unanimously.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the November 9, 2020 BWNA board meeting were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Karla Lenox, Treasurer, reported we have \$11,752.35 cash in the bank as of 11/30/20. (The amount of \$1500 spent on December 3, 2020 for Beaumont Middle School gift cards are not reflected in the above balance numbers. \$2000.00 communication funds from CNN, received by BWNA on 12/4/20 are also not reflected in above reported balance.) Accounts receivable are \$670.00 advertising revenue. Bills to pay: 1) Zoom charges of \$14.99/month to Andrew Rinke; 2) \$215.96 expenses for the New Neighbor Welcoming Project to Al Ellis; 3) \$50.00 to Laurie Holze for Pips raffle cards.

The decision to not use the CNN Zoom account was decided by the BWNA board by email prior to this 12/14/20 BWNA General Meeting.

**Friends of Wilshire Park (FoWP) Conversation:** Mike Grosso, Maintenance Supervisor, Portland Parks and Recreation was the guest speaker. Wilshire Park is among a group of Portland parks in the area bounded by I-5, I-84, I-205 and the Columbia River. 8 FTE Parks Department staff support this area of 30 parks. The considerations that drive new developments in our parks are equity, safety, maintenance needs and financial stability in the Parks Department. The recently passed Portland Parks levy will provide \$45-\$48 million over 5 years for expenses, not new projects. In the near future emphasis will be given to reducing the backlog of capital improvements and infrastructure maintenance. Emphasis needs to be given to outer east Portland areas that need parks. Other new park projects are on hold for the present. Neighborhoods that want new infrastructure will enter a queue with the City. The new playhouse and car in Wilshire Park was a joint project by FoWP and the City. Some smaller future projects may be funded, when needs are critical, as a joint financial effort between neighborhood associations and the City. The splash pad for Wilshire Park is on the capital improvement list. Wilshire Park has strong neighborhood association support and presence, which is appreciated by the City.

**Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN) Report:** Barb Strunk reports that the CNN board is having ongoing discussions about how neighborhoods can influence the City, rather than just reacting to City actions. CNN and neighborhood associations have contacted the Mayor requesting that Mingus Mapps be the commissioner in charge of Office of Community and Civic Life. Hollywood NA reports the Northeast Portland Rose Lane Project has the potential to cause big changes in parking and traffic flow along Sandy Blvd by reducing street parking and giving buses and streetcars priority on the road.

**Equity and Inclusion Committee:** Tim Gillespie and John Sandie report that written resources for bias incidents have been developed and placed on the BWNA website and will be included in the next BWNA newsletter. There are hopes for an upcoming workshop by Portland United Against Hate, sponsored by BWNA. If there are bias incidents in Wilshire Park the city Park Rangers should be contacted.

**Beaumont Middle School family support project:** 30 gift cards of \$50 each to Fred Meyer have been purchased by BWNA and given to Beaumont Middle School staff to distribute to needy families.

**Transportation Committee:** Surveys from Portland Bureau of Transportation will be summarized in the next BWNA newsletter. Discussions/input are ongoing on how to make Beaumont-Wilshire safer for all transportation, focusing for now on NE Skidmore along Wilshire Park.

**Communications Committee:** Rich Wyoma and Andrew Rinke report the committee is having twice monthly meeting to fine-tune and streamline neighborhood outreach. The retired website, BWNA.us, is still active and will be shut down. Updating 3<sup>rd</sup> party websites that connect to the BWNA website is ongoing. The new BWNA website is for all BWNA activities and concerns. The committee is looking into whether BWNA should be on social media such as Twitter or Instagram.

**BWNA Newsletter:** Al Ellis reports that there is a drawing contest in the upcoming issue of the BWNA newsletter. 5 winners of \$10.00 coupons for any Fremont business will be drawn by raffle. The drawing contest is the most popular blog post recently. The newsletter has one new advertiser, a new Beaumont-Wilshire realtor.

**New Neighbor Welcoming Project:** Al Ellis reports that a list of new home purchasers is being supplied to BWNA by Jamie Van Hoorn, realtor. 100 packets of neighborhood information are ready to be mailed out as needed at a cost of \$215.96. This expense was approved unanimously.

**BWNA Bank Account Update:** Karla Lenox reports that more updates to BWNA's bank paperwork are needed. With new check signers added paperwork must be updated. Account needs to be updated with Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN) taxpayer identification number (TIN). It was moved, seconded and unanimously passed that BWNA will:

1. Close the current BWNA bank account with Beneficial State bank because the tax identification number is incorrect and should be the CNN TIN.
2. Open a new bank account for BWNA under Central Northeast Neighbors' TIN.
3. Add Alison Stoll and Ronda Johnson of CNN to the BWNA account as BWNA check signers.

The above three motions were approved unanimously. The BWNA checks continue to need two signatures. Alison and Ronda will generally not be asked to sign checks except on rare occasions. The CNN board must approve this action at the upcoming January 6, 2021 CNN board meeting.

BWNA board positions need to be filled. The next BWNA board meeting is 1/11/21.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm by President Tim Gillespie.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Strunk, Secretary

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