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# BAC January 2022 board meeting minutes

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## Date

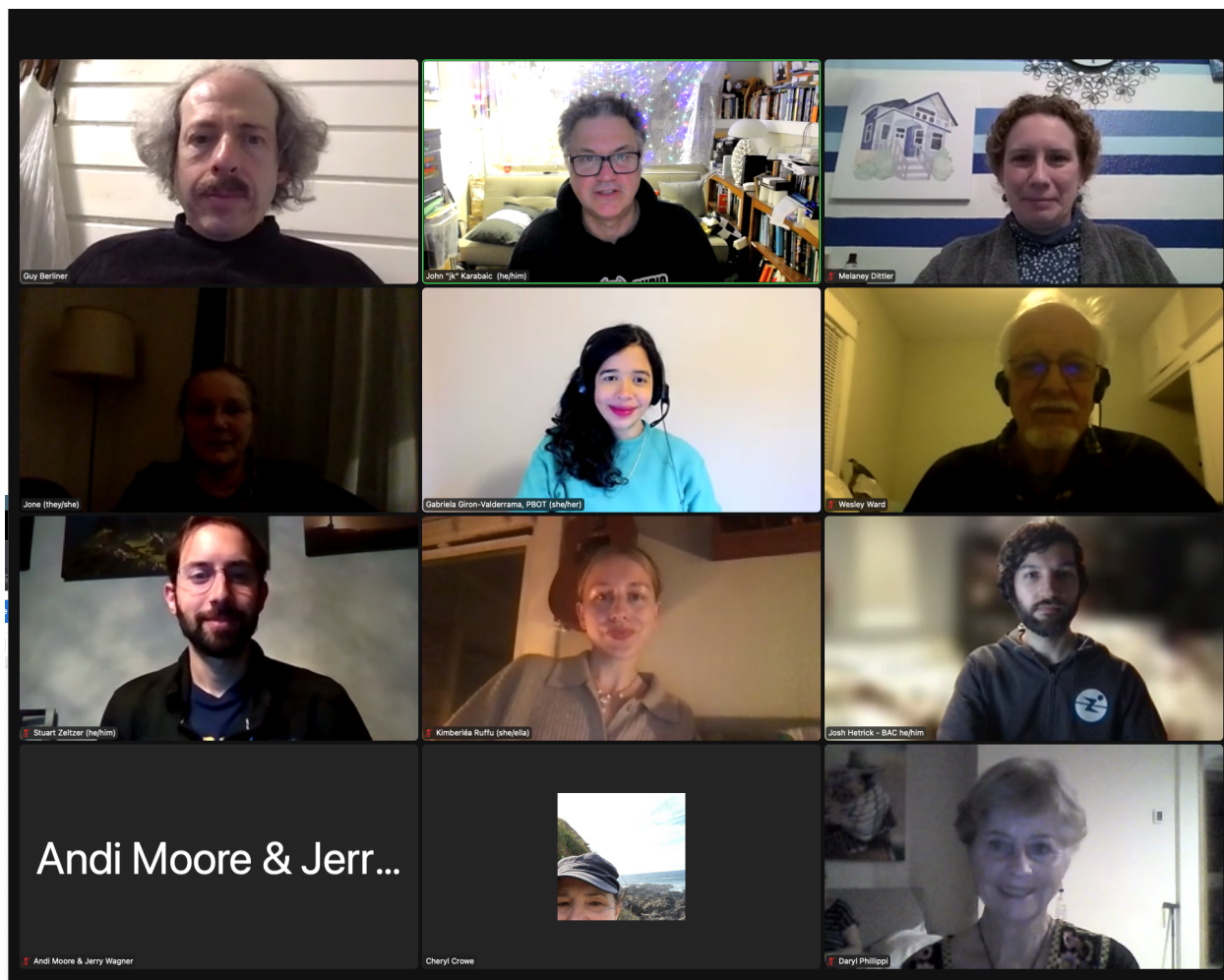
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## Attendees

Guy Berliner  
Melaney Dittler  
Josh Hetrick  
John Karabaic  
Marie Phillippi  
Kimberléa Ruffu  
Jone van Rees  
Stuart Zeltzer

Cheryl Crowe  
Andi Moore  
Gabriel Giron-Valderrama, PBOT  
Daryl Phillippi  
Wesley Ward  
Jerry Wagner  
JT Yu

## Zoom Photo



## Welcome, introduction, and land acknowledgement

General introductions.

Josh reads the land acknowledgement

Land acknowledgement: We start this event by acknowledging that Multnomah County is geographically located on the ancestral homelands of the Indigenous tribes of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Tumwater, Watlala bands of the Chinook, the Tualatin Kalapuya and many other Indigenous nations of the Columbia River. We recognize that Indigenous/Native American communities still exist today despite intentional attempts of genocide, displacement, and assimilation by white supremacy culture and systems.

While land acknowledgements are important in helping us frame a sense of place and history, we recognize that they are only the first step towards reconciliation.

## Main topics

### 2040 Portland Freight Plan - ~~Francesca Jones~~ and Gabriela Valderrama

Slide deck presented by Gabriela Valderrama @ PBOT

Brief interaction on safety questions. Almost all addressed in [this document](#). John reiterates concerns on SE Milwaukie exposed rail tracks and the elevators at Bob Stacey Crossing on SE Gideon being out most of the time. Josh makes a point about speed issues on some roads. Jone mentions SE 26th Street being a freight designated road that cannot accommodate any changes for bicyclists according to PBOT's own 2016 study. Kimberléa talks about trucks using SE Franklin as a shortcut to 99. Also speed issues on SE 10th. She also mentions our 2 pedestrian deaths in 2021.

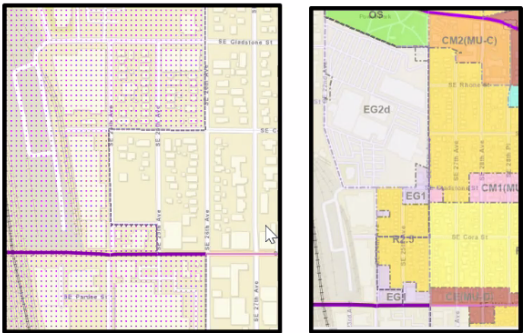
Air Quality questions: Jone mentions the main routes, Trimet and the rail yards. The air quality monitors installed under Bullseye glass may not be monitoring for diesel pollution effectively, and we need some work on that (they are located too far away, over the 300 yard limit where 50% of all diesel particulates fall). Josh makes a point about SE 17th being both a bike route, transit route and freight route. Gabriela draws attention to the LeHigh Cement tower on SE 22nd question in the document (number 5; Jone found a link of toxics being emitted especially harmful to children's lungs from cement manufacture, and LeHigh is constantly filling rail units there; there is no monitoring present in that area).

Mobility: Wes Ward makes a point about the air monitors installed around the rail yard, and how they consistently record higher levels of diesel pollution than monitors 40 blocks to the east. Josh talks about limited bicycle access out of the south of the neighborhood, offers the study he's done.

Opened up to wider questions. Wes is interested in getting the number of trucks, clean-idling and otherwise, which are using the rail yard. Jone makes the point we'd like similar info from Trimet.

Section of Brooklyn Yark connection to SE Holgate. Much discussion over this reclassification, and the traffic in adjacent parts of the neighborhood. Gabriela clarified that they want to designate these roads as higher level freight dispatch roads so that PBOT can qualify for federal funding.

### Freight District Connectivity: Brooklyn Yard connection to Holgate




Freight Network Designations			
	Se 24 <sup>th</sup> Ave	SE 25 <sup>th</sup> Ave	SE 26 <sup>th</sup> Ave.
N. of SE Cora St	Freight District St. (FDS)		
N of SE Reynolds St.	FDS	Local Service St	
N of SE Holgate Blvd.	Freight District St		Local

Network Designations
SE 26 <sup>th</sup> Ave.
City Bikeway
City Walkway

Portlandoregon.gov/transportation



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There is a link to a [survey](#) for the plan.

## Potential farmers' market on Powell & 34th

Farmer's market folks didn't show up. A harvest of disappointment. We'll reschedule.

JT Yu shows up later, presents after 8:25pm. This is a market located at the old Naomi's location on SE Powell.

Some discussion on good days for the Market. Guy suggests earlier in the week. John talks about proximity to John's Marketplace, and using them to service ready-to-eat options. Kimberléa is very excited about having something even half the scale of the PSU market on the east side of Portland.

## Fred Meyers rewards account

Kimberléa: Discussion of the action to take with respect to the strike and our account. Some discussion about what we get from Fred Meyer in addition to the rewards program from Marie. John suggests we should come up with a policy about crossing picket lines. Guy makes a point about supporting the workers as fellow humans vs. the abstract entity of the corporation. Kimberléa says having a policy and set of actions we could take would be appropriate to formulate. Melaney encourages that we have a balanced attitude towards any approach we

take. Perhaps taking sides on issues that don't directly affect the neighborhood wouldn't be productive. Marie points out that Fred Meyer was instrumental in advocating for the MAX being routed through our neighborhood. Josh points out that there's no current action being considered, but we should be using a DE&I framework to evaluate future positions/actions we take.

## Cascadia Action letters

A few suggestions for the letters for Eliot NA and Overlook NA letters. Motion to adopt the paragraphs as changed to those letters, or the originals if the changes made during the meeting are too late. Both are accepted by a **vote** in favor of all 8 board members present.

## Regular updates

### Review of prior meeting minutes

[Minutes for December 8, 2021](#), 7 in favor, 1 abstaining for adopting them.

### Treasurer's report

Money received from Portland Marathon, and the musicians portion has been distributed to the. Communications budget grant has been used for translation of welcome packet materials.

### Committee updates.

#### Community Connections, Friends of Brooklyn Park, Groceries for Grout

Melaney: Newsletter insert done, encourage use of the hearts to express gratitude to folks who make the neighborhood better, especially during February. Class coming up about assessing well-being. Winter light festival, Rose City Coffee participating. Folks can participate.

Translations coming back, need volunteers to QA the translations. Should be done by next board meeting, ready to be distributed by mid-February. Style alignment across social media posts discussion. Egg hunt, food drive, volunteer event planning all in progress. Secured funding for I <3 Brooklyn buttons from Brooklyn Pharm, lots of other fun things planned. FoBP auction happening Feb 24. Need donations for things to auction, site is live now.

#### ESJ

- Reiterates ESJ's suggestion to include annual donation in BAC budget to Indigenous org or Tribe as action item attached to Land Acknowledgement

- Continuing to move forward with mutual aid gardening, connected Portland Bureau of Environmental Services and are hopeful to connect with ODOT for use of parcel adjacent to 99E
- Planning on hosting another Plant Pop Up earlier in May this year
- Revisiting coloring contest for next newsletter
- Would recommend Brooklyn/the BAC participating in the farmer's market idea
- Do we want to do another Oregon Humanities Conversation?
  - Requires a \$50 budget per event

## Land Use and Transportation Committee (LUTC)

Jone: No bike deaths in 2021, but higher pedestrian casualties. PBOT interested in working with Brooklyn Intermodal using grant to fund infrastructure improvements for the area. Organizing folks for the air sampling bike ride.

## Newsletter

Marie asks for info for the next newsletter to be sent to her so she can sign off. Feb 15 the deadline for stories. Going to go around and get ads from businesses, looking for suggestions.

## Community Garden

## Liaison updates (if needed)

SE Uplift - Stuart

SE Uplift LUTC - Stu

No major changes to situation or bylaw changes. Looking at outside expertise to give advice.

Central Eastside Industrial Council (CEIC) railroad/land use committees

Open forum / late-addition agenda items (time permitting)

Neighbors together

Stuart: scheduled for tomorrow, facilitated by the city.

Officer Authentication

Chairman

Secretary



## Chat log

19:02:26 From John "jk" Karabaic (he/him) to Everyone:  
Please sign in to the meeting using the signin sheet below

19:02:27 From John "jk" Karabaic (he/him) to Everyone:  
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19:02:45 From John "jk" Karabaic (he/him) to Everyone:  
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19:03:13 From John "jk" Karabaic (he/him) to Everyone:  
Last month's board meeting minutes

19:03:13 From John "jk" Karabaic (he/him) to Everyone:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1l833SaB7vpbhy93hcfbEUTd9CigFEA-c420TVjCBHil/edit#heading=h.2lsk467l3yw9>

19:04:26 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HAHfKtguci05VYNLCi5Wtn8td7qurbuZoAUmOSJiQU/edit?usp=sharing>

19:06:16 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

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19:07:46 From John "jk" Karabaic (he/him) to Everyone:  
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19:07:53 From John "jk" Karabaic (he/him) to Everyone:  
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19:08:00 From John "jk" Karabaic (he/him) to Everyone:  
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19:09:59 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:  
It is the dinner hour!

19:10:27 From John "jk" Karabaic (he/him) to Everyone:  
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19:10:41 From John "jk" Karabaic (he/him) to Everyone:  
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19:10:49 From John "jk" Karabaic (he/him) to Everyone:  
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19:11:00 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

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19:32:49 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:  
Or add it to the doc I shared please K

19:34:40 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

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Gabriela - I would add that a source of pollution nearby to us is from vehicular idling at the Milwaukie/Gideon train crossing when trains just dead stop. Many people can't exit or don't know how to exit out of that street northbound and head up to SE 21st or the 99E, and if you are heading southbound at that crossing you are actually stuck. This leads to some vehicles idling for 30 minutes to an hour in some scenarios. I also have folks idling their vehicles in front of my apartment frequently sometimes for 20 or 30 minutes due to our proximity to SE Powell.

19:53:04 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

So PBOT can not restrict what vehicles can travel a street?

19:56:38 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

Thank you so much Gabriela!

19:57:41 From Gabriela Giron-Valderrama, PBOT (she/her) to Everyone:

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/de3c5dd8b41345e6ad41134c9839b506>

19:57:43 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

Thank you!

19:58:01 From Gabriela Giron-Valderrama, PBOT (she/her) to Everyone:

Nice to meet you all thank you so much for all your feedback!

19:59:05 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

But I and the ESJ would support doing a farmers market! 😊

20:02:45 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

If you want to shut off the relationship with them...then you have to examine every place.

The union did not ask us to do this

20:03:29 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

We don't have a relationship with Amazon any more

20:03:30 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

I support that strategy

20:13:50 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

We're definitely demanding at this point

20:14:53 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

Googling dreage now

20:15:18 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

Hi JT!

20:15:38 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

Yeah timers Josh! Love it...

20:18:02 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

Would be great to have those two lanes be only for rapid transit and bikes

20:18:58 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

I see that as impossible as it goes to the mountains and the ocean

20:21:26 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

It would be so great

20:21:54 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

It's the largest community

20:23:14 From John "jk" Karabaic (he/him) to Everyone:

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20:23:44 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

Do I see someone new joined?

20:24:19 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

Welcome JT!

20:24:39 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

Love your background JT

20:25:09 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

We don't have one

20:25:30 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

But it is smaller

20:25:35 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

I love it, but it's smallish

20:25:39 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

That's where I go

20:26:17 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

I love the idea!

20:26:36 From Melaney Dittler to Everyone:

Its a great idea!

20:27:32 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

Yessss so exciting! Love this!

20:29:01 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

Yes... I'm inclined to main farmers market on Saturdays

20:29:38 From Melaney Dittler to Everyone:

I like a Friday/Saturday market option...

20:29:40 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

The laws regarding food pods are hard.

20:30:11 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

Food trucks need water, sewage etc

20:31:04 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

Thanks!

20:31:33 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

Oh they should talk!

20:32:50 From Melaney Dittler to Everyone:

I LOVE the Lake Oswego Market too... Its probably the best.

20:34:28 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

And share your events with the newsletter

20:35:03 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

I can go thru out committee updates quickly

20:35:06 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

our\*

20:35:16 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

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I have a bunch from LUTC  
20:37:40 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:  
    Jones did the class too  
20:39:20 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:  
    They just need to match the English version  
20:39:40 From Guy Berliner (he/him) to Everyone:  
    mine hovercraft its full of eels!  
20:42:25 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:  
    Working group!  
20:44:16 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:  
    I have nothing  
20:44:30 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:  
    Great job yall  
20:45:33 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:  
    Yes  
20:45:56 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:  
    And I think I can add a bike ride of brooklyn  
20:46:18 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:  
    It was wonderful  
20:46:24 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:  
    Thanks  
20:47:36 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:  
    Yes!  
20:48:35 From Guy Berliner (he/him) to Everyone:  
    good night marie!  
20:48:35 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:  
    Good night  
20:50:07 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:  
    Is the mutual aid taking over ESJ? I missed that announcement  
20:51:44 From Jones (they/she) to Everyone:  
    Can you drop the website in here?  
20:52:10 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:  
  
<http://oregonhumanities.org/programs/community-conversations/the-conversation-project/>  
20:52:10 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:  
    So many classes  
20:52:56 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:  
    Behind that all the way!  
20:53:02 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:  
    Next board meeting!  
20:53:25 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:  
    @Cheryl we're focusing on mutual aid gardening this year  
20:53:34 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:  
    Sure! We have some requests

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20:54:59 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

About to give hands up on bike deaths

20:55:17 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

<https://www.southeastexaminer.com/2021/12/train-blockages-frustrate-se/>

20:55:18 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

But pedestrian deaths are not cool

20:57:06 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

Like relocating brooklyn railyard?

20:57:53 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

Ya know i can bike 🤔

21:00:15 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

Let's put that out on social

21:01:26 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

Thanks Guy, Cheryl, partner of Kimberléa!!