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Date

June 8, 2022

Attendees

Board Members

Cheryl Crowe
Melaney Dittler
Josh Hetrick
John Karabaic
Andi Moore
Myong O
Marie Phillippi
Kimberléa Ruffu
Stuart Zeltzer

Guests (Signed In)

James Ellis
Kirsten Lampi
Darryl Phillippi

Zoom Guests (Unsigned)

"April B"

Zoom and in-Person Photo

No Zoom photo

Welcome, introduction, and land acknowledgement


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

Agenda

 BAC board meeting 2022-06 agenda

Officers election

Chair: JK running

Vice Chair: Melaney running

Treasurer: Marie running

Secretary: Stu running

Cheryl proposes the slate, Marie seconds

Slate of John Karabaic, Chair; Melaney Dittler, Vice Chair; Stu Zeltzer, Secretary; Marie Phillippi, Treasurer passes 9-0-1

Motion to recognize Josh as Chair, passes by acclamation

Land acknowledgement update / related donation

Kimberléa proposes a land acknowledgement update and the \$250 donation that's been budgeted for

Donation suggestions:

Chinook Nation: never had Federal recognition restored, was stripped away.

Naya: JK speaks in favor

Wisdom of the Elders

Confederated Tribes

Indigenous Garden Network (just received an OR arts and culture grant)

Last year we contributed to the water network.

✓ Kirsten Lampi has an Indigenous neighbor who she will put in contact with us for input. (Marie Watts)

Cheryl asks about why Chinook had the recognition taken away. (Good point to research.)

Melaney wants to make sure that their organization is recognized in some way officially as a nonprofit. Kimberléa's not sure they have a 501c3, but the tribe is an official organization.

✓ Melaney asks Kimberléa to write a summary to the board of all the options and we discuss in email and vote at next meeting. Kimberléa agrees.

Kimberléa points out that it's asking for free labor to ask someone to write a land acknowledgement. Cheryl proposes waiting to see what Portland does when the rewrite. Josh says getting a cost is still good.

✓ Agreement we should get a cost.

James Ellis reiterates the point about asking for free labor.

Discussion of budget process.

Board emails & response process

Proposal for moving board@ to something like a google group. Discussion around the ephemeral nature of the emails, no permanent link and record.

Discussion around replying to emails. Individual responses vs official board responses.

Discussion of a policy around reply-all. Discussion of replying for minor issues ("When's the next meeting? Where is it?") vs more complicated topics (eg, the barriers at Fred Meyer).

✓ Stu proposes putting together a task force on putting together a policy around conventions for which topics can be delegated for response and which require more board deliberation. Passes 9-0-1

✓ Kimberléa asks for us to put an autoresponder in to at least acknowledge receipt of the message. General assent that it's a good idea. A little discussion about the technical implementation. Board will approve the generic response.

Discussion about personal replies vs official replies. What's the difference between the two?

Brooklyn Community Garden ADA accessibility exploration

Discussion around the general requirements and history of making the garden accessible. Barbara is not at this meeting, but should be included in the conversation.

James Ellis has a variety of qualifications around the topic and volunteers to work it.

Kimberléa gives a little history of her request around a neighbor who asked her about it.


Some discussion around the issues around community-run vs city-run garden, and how that impacts funding. Questions around how we do grants.


✓ Barbara and James will be invited to the next meeting

✓ James has emailed Barbara about the issue.


Regular updates

Review of prior meeting minutes

✓  BAC Board Meeting 2022-05-11 8-0-2

✓  BAC General Meeting 2022/05/25 8-0-2

Treasurer's report

 BAC CKS 2022 (Mar-Jun).pdf

Discussion that we netted over \$1,200 from the network cleanup.

General kudos to Marie for the Metro grant for the cleanup.

General discussion around reimbursement for a meeting, particularly around Kimberléa's meeting. Marie is asking for minutes from a meeting for an event, when it was a budgeted line item. The expense was provided with a receipt and textual description of the meeting. Marie states she's reimbursing "under duress". Quite a lot of discussion around the proper documentation for budgeted expenses. Josh and Melaney agree the documentation was proper. Marie and Darryl disagree. Stuart asks that microaggressions against Kimberléa stop. The conclusion is that Kimberléa is reimbursed and the chairs agree the expense was properly documented.

Committee updates.

Community Connections

Tomorrow's historical walk cancelled, tour guide can't get to town. Working on reschedule date.
Juneteenth event: they're working on a park permit. Possible conflict with the baseball game.
Want to get on July meeting agenda.

Friends of Brooklyn Park

Groceries for Grout

Land Use and Transportation Committee (LUTC)

Newsletter

Brooklyn Board
National Night Out
Save the date for Ice Cream Social
FOPB Rummage Sale update
New T-shirts
Cleanup summary
Appreciation event

Unified Calendar for all events is requested

Community Garden

Liaison updates (if needed)

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Myong/Climate Event

Sunday 5:30PM at the Park is a followup event, where folks are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner.

Melaney offers CCC to assist with comms, Myong thanks Kimberléa for her assistance with the Instagram account.

Kimberléa/Plant Popup

Three community partners attended, out and had a great turnout distributed about 100-150 plants. No rain! Upside Down got some peppers. Followup events include Pedalpalooza ride, field trips of localBIPOC and queer farms and gardens

Discussion around empty board seat due to David's resignation

Communications planning

Venmo account

Request for discussion about the bylaws.

Officer Authentication

Chairman

Secretary

Chat log

19:00:41 From Josh Hetrick to Everyone:
Welcome ... we are getting set up here

19:00:51 From Josh Hetrick to Everyone:
We are also stepping outside for a board photo for the newsletter

19:00:57 From Josh Hetrick to Everyone:
we're not ditching the meeting ;)

19:06:00 From James Ellis to Everyone:
Have you all started sound?

19:06:31 From Josh Hetrick to Everyone:
We're still getting situated, sound momentarily.

19:06:43 From James Ellis to Everyone:
No worries. Mostly making sure it's not a me issue

19:06:57 From John Karabaic to Everyone:
Please sign in here.

19:06:57 From John Karabaic to Everyone:
<https://forms.gle/VA1TZDDZMU9rXKuS7>

19:59:14 From John Karabaic to Everyone:
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20:17:05 From James Ellis to Everyone:
Thank you everyone! It's bedtime for the wee' un. See you in a couple of week!

20:38:09 From April B to Everyone:
I need to drop.