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## Day-of-meeting administrative items

### Date

May 11, 2022

Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/bacBoardMeeting>

### Attendees

#### Board Members

From [electronic](#) and paper sign-in sheet.

Guy B

Andi Moore

John K

Myong

Cheryl Crowe

Kimberléa Ruffu

Marie P

Josh H

Stuart Z

Melaney

#### Guests

Terry Harris- Presenter

Amira Streeter - Presenter

Jeff Kleen

Douglas Overstreet

### Zoom and in-Person Photos

Please ask for permission to take photos prior.

## Introduction

We read the statement of purpose aloud:

*Everyone is here out of the goodness of their heart. Everyone is here to keep the neighborhood strong and to make it better. It's important that we listen to every voice and to give every voice its due. In that spirit we thank everyone for*

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*respecting each other at this table, for giving them the space to express themselves, and for devoting ourselves to paying close attention to each voice.*

## Land Acknowledgement

Likewise, read aloud

*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.

## Reading and Approval of Minutes of Prior Board Meeting - 6 yes - 4 abstain - 0 Nos - motion passes

[Minutes of last meeting](#)

## Action Items Followup

*General practice is to carry forward unresolved tasks to next meeting minutes only, check off items in the meeting that they are completed (can remove completed tasks in following minutes)*

CCC

- ~~Email callout for volunteers next week, which jobs are needed and when.~~
- ~~Email includes canopies request~~
  
- Insert link to minutes from website after uploading
- ~~Asking for suggestions for donation sites for Socktober, bring socks to Sept Gen Meeting~~
- Variety of Business sites have agreed to be donation sites
  
- Guy volunteers to buy and start seeds for beautification- In process

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- Cheryl will send 2-3 sentences to Marie to ask them to identify areas for beautification- - Plan for next Newsletter
- Add picnic to the calendar

### ESJ

- Question about the Bloom Club's use of the 9th St Parklet, SE 9th and Cora from Cheryl. Would like details on what the plan is, funding, and the layout of the garden with respect to the current plot. Would like it added to the agenda for the next general meeting. Ask completed

### Newsletter

- Create a blog post for t-shirts and provide link to Marie

New tasks to be followed up at Next BAC board meeting

### General board

- Guy and John K to discuss options for e-commerce and plaque sales

### LUTC

- Committee to decide on new committee meeting time/date

# Reading of Committee Meeting Minutes

## Community Connections

- Report by Cheryl Crowe
- Last meeting 9/12
- Ice cream social review/report
  - Certificate for volunteers/vendors
  - Review and recommendations for the future- starting a document
    - Highlight - food vendor
  - Survey for input for what events for 2023
  - Left over food and drinks
    - ice cream - Food Pantry
    - Extra drinks - complete reimbursement
    - Waters- donated- use for october litter pick up
- Change- Beautification
  - Last meeting asked for funds from Pub Crawl to go to Beautification; realized that there was funding already in the budget for Beautification and would like to release Pub Crawl

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- Grout discussion about drives for food, supplies/holidays
  - Plan for food drives in Nov and Dec
  - Melaney meeting with Grout Contact Monday 9/19
- Socktober- please bring new/unworn socks to general meeting in September

## Equity and Social Justice

- Report by Kimberléa; no August Meeting; Pedalpalooza ride to various SE community gardens
- Next event is field trip to Solstice Flowerworks (Sunday 9/18)

## Land Use and Transportation

- Report by Josh Hetrick
- Plan to redevelop La Carreta site to Food Cart pod
- Questions about street tree options around new developments - new tools from the city
- Possible new development of A-Z moving building → 5 story apartment
- Continued follow up with jurisdictional transfer of Powell, pending update with Rep Nosse
- Question of retail in the neighborhood - 30 unrented spaces on Milwaukie alone vs. new commercial construction
- Plan for new email communication to create schedule/time for next meetings

## Treasurer's Report

[Cover sheet to report](#)

Motion to approve- John K - votes- unanimous - motion passes

Budget discussion

- Melaney - request to strike application of \$188 to Beautification; will return to board with new project for board approval
- Kimberléa- Reported that the \$100 spent on plants for the Ice cream social which was initially budgeted funds for individual events - Pedal Palooza and Plant pop up (\$50 each) but were not used and repurposed. Given general approval by the Board given these were funds already allocated in the budget.

## Secretary's Report

- No business

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## New Business

### Rank choice voting demo

John: was planning to do a rank-choice voting demonstration at the September general meeting but does not think we'll have time for this, so I'm striking it from the agenda. I'll set up a separate meeting to go over what I've put together, for anyone interested.

Next steps- reach out to John K if interested in demonstration

## City Charter Reform Measure update

We've invited pro and con presentations for the upcoming charter issue. We'll preview the presentations from the providers. Plan to have each presenter at the general meeting this month (September)

Pro: Amira Streeter

[Slides](#)

Key concepts-

- Mayor would move to chief executive
- City council would be legislative body,
  - Expand to 12 councilmembers, 4 districts
  - Elected by rank choice voting
- City administrator appointed to manage bureaus/operations of the city

Con: Terry J Harris

- Connected with - Partnership for Common Sense Government
- Concerned about multi-member district given past experience with Charter Reform in Baltimore MD
  - Repealed by 2:1 margin, City council is more robust, younger
- Agree with new roles for Mayor and Legislation, City Administrator
- Key component
  - Multimember districts - increase representation but difficulty with accountability
  - Do not get neighborhood scale representation

Next steps- We will have a presentation by Terry and Amira at our September General meeting

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## The Communications Policy task force will present their findings

Collaborative- Kimberléa, Cheryl, Melaney, Kirsten

- Mostly agreement
- Key areas of debate
  - Use of 90/10 rule (hyperlocal/beyond Brooklyn) with Social media for static posts; for short term posts particularly to stories on social media there was some more debate
  - Business advertisement policy for newsletter- agree on bullet points but some discussion or order of tiers
  - Mailchimp and e-newsletter - consolidation of information/e-news and frequency of e-correspondence - balance of email frequency and advertisement of events
    - How do we decide which events get email announcements
- Task force was thanked by members of the board for their extensive work on these recommendations

### [Report](#)

Next steps - Plan for vote at next board meeting- October, board please review in the interim

## Garage Sale with Friends of Brooklyn Park- tabled

### We'd like to discuss a coordinated neighborhood garage sale with Friends of Brooklyn Park in June 2023

FOBP runs the rummage sale

We ask folks to do their garage sales that day or donate stuff to FoBP

Tell people to submit their garage sale to us a week or two prior via Google Forms

We create a map with the sales

We print a map with those locations and host on the website

Ads on the printed map...neighborhood food venue specials for the day

Advertise in local media, Newsletter, posters at local businesses, and emails

Gala- February 25th, 2023 at Sacred Heart

Next steps- to be discussed at future board meeting.

## Historic Plaque Service update

Guy has brief announcement about the need to migrate free hosting service for online ordering historic plaques.

- Could consider additional e-commerce site -



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Next steps- John and Guy will discuss options and will consider bringing proposal to board

## Conduct Committee Escalation

Background - May 25th Board meeting- Incident with Board member David W and another board member at the time during the meeting

- Was observed by third party and reported to Josh H - Board chair at the time- of the incident immediately
- Referred to Conduct team who followed code of conduct as voted on by the board
- Conduct team met and recommended temporary suspension of David W; David Resigned at that time; conduct committee suggested steps for resolution which were not followed in the view of the conduct committee
- Conduct committee favors (not unanimous) official suspension of David from participation in BAC board activities and events; length of time for the suspension (indefinite vs. length of time- 2 years) is open for consideration
- Concern was raised by Marie P regarding the conduct committee correspondence with David W and in response members of the conduct committee referred to their report (to be distributed to board)
- Concern was raised by Kimberléa R regarding the timeline of the review by the conduct committee and recurring trauma incorporated in this process
- Further concern was raised that Conduct committee materials and communications, meant to remain confidential, were shared with David W during the process resulting in further trauma/misconduct
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Next steps: The Conduct Committee will distribute findings of an investigation and ask for board action.

- Conduct committee will send out report to board
- Vote by board at next board meeting

Melany D- gave reflections regarding the current make up of the conduct committee at 4 including demographics (women/men) and logistics (voting with even numbers). Relayed that a 5th member is likely to be added (Alex C from SEUL).

## Officer Authentication

Chair

Secretary - Approved by Board by vote on 10/12 - Stuart M Zeltzer



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## Chat log

From John Karabaic to Everyone 07:01 PM

<https://forms.gle/mDMDugZLx81hLVyg7>

sign in sheet ^^

From John Karabaic to Everyone 07:10 PM

<https://forms.gle/mDMDugZLx81hLVyg7>

sign in sheet ^^

From Amira Streeter (she/her) to Everyone 07:19 PM

amira.streeter@gmail.com

From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone 07:19 PM

Thank you for your time tonight Amira! Appreciate the important work you're doing

From Amira Streeter (she/her) to Everyone 07:20 PM

I'll stick around for a little longer :-). Also more information on the climate committee:

From John Karabaic to Everyone 07:20 PM

Thank you, Amira!

From Amira Streeter (she/her) to Everyone 07:22 PM

<https://www.portland.gov/omf/charter-review-commission/events/2022/9/15/community-listening-sessions-climate-environmental>

More information on participatory budgeting and accountability - some of it was related to climate:

<https://www.portland.gov/omf/charter-review-commission/events/2022/9/13/participatory-budgeting-presentation-charter>

From Cheryl Crowe she/her to Everyone 07:23 PM

Is this gentlemen from an organized opposition?

From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone 07:23 PM

Yes

I believe so?

From John Karabaic to Everyone 07:24 PM

He was recommended to me by that opposition.

But we can clarify that.

From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone 07:26 PM

Will there be slides for this at the general meeting?

From Me to Everyone 07:30 PM

At the general meeting I would be interested in hearing about more about examples of cities with multimember districts (successes/challenges); if there are other examples beyond

Baltimore

From Amira Streeter (she/her) to Everyone 07:30 PM

^ sure!

From Cheryl Crowe she/her to Everyone 07:30 PM

That last part doesn't sound too well thought out

From Amira Streeter (she/her) to Everyone 07:31 PM

Let us know if there are other questions you might want answered for the General

From Cheryl Crowe she/her to Everyone 07:32 PM

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Ha

From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone 07:34 PM

Could someone drop the link to the minutes here?

From Cheryl Crowe she/her to Everyone 07:36 PM

Can't hear others

So bring the mic up when you have the floor

Not seeing it

It's a google screen shot

From Myong (she/her) and Jeff (he/him) to Everyone 07:36 PM

We're just seeing your Google home page

From Cheryl Crowe she/her to Everyone 07:36 PM

Can't really hear you

From Myong (she/her) and Jeff (he/him) to Everyone 07:36 PM

We can only hear John.

From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone 07:40 PM

What are we doing right now? I thought we were doing the minutes

Yup, abstaining

From Cheryl Crowe she/her to Everyone 07:42 PM

Got it up can hear josh

From Andi Moore to Everyone 07:42 PM

Can you move the microphone?

From Guy Berliner (he/him) to Everyone 07:42 PM

move the mic

better!

From Andi Moore to Everyone 07:42 PM

yes!

From Cheryl Crowe she/her to Everyone 07:45 PM

I feel like that was in the newsletter a few years ago

From Andi Moore to Everyone 07:50 PM

Can you post the survey link here?

From Guy Berliner (he/him) to Everyone 07:50 PM

yes, link please

From John Karabaic to Everyone 07:50 PM

[bit.ly/bac-22-es](https://bit.ly/bac-22-es)

From Andi Moore to Everyone 07:50 PM



From John Karabaic to Everyone 07:50 PM

<https://bit.ly/bac-22-es>

From Cheryl Crowe she/her to Everyone 07:57 PM

Please remove timer

We also are not amending the soul that much his year

Soil

From John Karabaic to Everyone 07:57 PM

speak for your own soul

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From Andi Moore to Everyone 07:57 PM



From Guy Berliner (he/him) to Everyone 07:57 PM

no, but we are amending the city charter -- hopefully!

From Cheryl Crowe she/her to Everyone 07:57 PM

But we can amend souls too

From Myong (she/her) and Jeff (he/him) to Everyone 07:58 PM

Community Connections is definitely amending souls.

From Guy Berliner (he/him) to Everyone 08:00 PM

doctor heal thyself

From Cheryl Crowe she/her to Everyone 08:05 PM

I think the ESJ had a great exhibit for the social

Thank you

Guy it was good

From Guy Berliner (he/him) to Everyone 08:06 PM

i definitely vote for food vendors next time!

From Cheryl Crowe she/her to Everyone 08:16 PM

We give short money once a month at board meetings

Shirt money

I can buy the cokes

And the waters we are saving

The water was donated

Saving it for the litter pickup

I would rather we account

And then you buy back

For personal use

From Andi Moore to Everyone 08:19 PM

I can help you transport the drinks if you need

From Cheryl Crowe she/her to Everyone 08:19 PM

Yes we can give free ice

From Andi Moore to Everyone 08:19 PM

Ditto on ice

From Cheryl Crowe she/her to Everyone 08:21 PM

He stole that stapler from me

From Guy Berliner (he/him) to Everyone 08:28 PM

fresh content is critical

From Cheryl Crowe she/her to Everyone 08:33 PM

Please move on

And the board is expected to be a part of those event

From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone 08:34 PM

I do think another example would be something like Myong's climate action event

From Cheryl Crowe she/her to Everyone 08:39 PM

The marathon gets one

It impacts the life of the neighborhood

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You realize you can grow your event to be tentpole

Hey Kimberlea and Melaney... good job

Tell john to stop sharing

Love it

Can I pitch tomorrow's walk at the end?

From Cheryl Crowe she/her to Everyone 08:45 PM

Hey is there any board member that still would like to organize signing the certificates. I know it's not an opportune to

Time to ask but hit me up on mail tomorrow if we don't yet have a date

From Guy Berliner (he/him) to Everyone 08:49 PM

are we proposing a two year suspension?

From Cheryl Crowe she/her to Everyone 08:54 PM

Good question

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