

PVNA Annual Meeting Minutes, September 15, 2025
Arte Soleil 7:00-8:00 pm

Present: Melanie, Alex, Felice, Steven, Barry, Carol, Tiera, James, Dale, Pete, Adam, Elijah, Councilor Smith, Amani, Linda

I. Report from the Board

A. Survey results – 84 responses as of 9-15-25. We suspect that the low response rate was due, in part, to the QR code, which may not be something that our residents are familiar with. Only having the flier in English could have also impacted the low response rate. We also discussed how emailing the survey may get more responses, but we do not have access to the resident emails. If there were a city-wide survey then the City could share the emails, an interesting thought, because the other neighborhood associations may learn about what the priorities in their neighborhoods are, and energize them to address. Another idea was to send the surveys home with school children, and if there are language issues, the kids could translate for the parents.

1. Based on community response our priorities are:

- a) natural areas, development/land use;
- b) safety - speeding traffic, crosswalks. Discussion - questions about safer crosswalks and slowing down traffic, we would like to invite PBOT to come to one of our meetings to explain the changes that are coming to 122nd. Also, Councilor Smith reminded us that there is money, through TIF and the Sidewalk Improvement and Paving Project for Districts 1 and 4. She wants to prioritize safe sidewalks to and from schools. Adam Murray, on Smith's staff, works on policy. He lives in PV and suggested we have a walk together through our neighborhoods and videotape places where sidewalks and safer crosswalks are needed so that we can request the improvements as it is first come, first served. If we want to take videos ourselves we should send them to Adam.
- c) houselessness
- d) community building
- e) food desert
- f) NET
- g) how to participate in local government

2. Based on response, desired events & what we already do or are planning:

- a) Socials - Happy Hour at Golden Dynasty 8/28/25, 10/2/25
- b) trash cleanup - Dumpster Day 9/13/25. It was mentioned that trash, including abandoned cars, can be reported on the app PDX Reporter (pdxreporter.org)
- c) community workshops - ranked-choice voting education workshops in partnership with City of PDX & League of Women Voters are coming to District 1, first organizing meeting is

November 15th at the Midland Library 1 pm

- d) tree plantings/invasive species removal
 - e) graffiti removal - graffiti needs to be identified and reported, either by calling 311 and requesting the City Graffiti Task Force, or by emailing graffiti@portlandoregon.gov. Permission from the owner of the blighted building must occur before anything can happen. The community can remove the graffiti with materials that the City provides, free of charge, or the City can remove it.
3. We want to prioritize getting our communications translated into languages spoken in PV. We are to forward the email from a staff person in the City to Councilor Smith so that she can learn more about translation services available to neighborhood associations.
 4. Discussion:
 - a) Barry asked how the survey was funded and could we do it again. It was funded through a District 1 Coalition grant, and we plan on doing a more detailed survey again.
 - b) We are keeping the survey open until the end of the year
- B. Membership – currently have 231 active members
- C. Meeting Schedule: 3rd Monday of each month at Arte Soleil and on Zoom, feel free to bring snacks to share
- D. Treasurer’s Report: Dumpster Day brought in \$813
- E. Land Use Report:
1. Manley St waiver was approved so that the owner does not have to add more windows to the house to abide by regulations on how much square footage of windows must be on houses.
 2. ODOT put in a Bike Box on 128th and SE Foster which takes up some parking spaces but does not hinder parking significantly
 3. Urban Services Boundary (USB) Amendments - there are 4 amendments that will be voted on soon by City Council to figure out which jurisdiction will provide services like water, sewer and garbage pick up. USBs are not adjusted very often so this is considered a “housekeeping” effort to clean up some confusing areas on the East Portland-Gresham border because there are gaps between the USBs, there are overlapping USBs and mapping errors. These unincorporated areas will probably be annexed by Portland and Gresham at some point in the near future, and this would clean up irregularities to allow a simplified annexation.
 - a) 16600 SE Foster - this is 100 meters north of the Centennial property that will be discussed below. It already has sewer coming from Foster, this will be amended to become part of Gresham’s USB.
 - b) Jenne Road is a County-operated road, except for a 100’ stretch which is part of Gresham. The amendment wants this to become a part of Portland’s USB.
 - c) When building the sports fields on the east side of 174th in 2017, the street shifted 23’ for a right of way improvement, but the USB

was never shifted, so the amendment calls for that shift to occur now.

- d) The entirety of the Centennial School District property at 17120 SE Foster is under Multnomah County jurisdiction, but split between Portland and Gresham's urban service areas (5 acres in Portland's USB, 26 in Gresham's). Urban Service Boundaries dictate future allocation of land in the event of annexation. Therefore, under **existing conditions**, those 26 acres could be annexed into the City of Gresham and developed because they are **currently located** within Gresham's urban service area. Additionally, the SD property is **not** currently within the City of Portland's municipal boundaries and is therefore not part of the City of Portland's tax base. In other words, if the property were to be annexed into Gresham in the future, it would have minimal impacts from a tax perspective. Next steps - Melanie and Felice will go view the property on Wednesday, 9/17; Adam will notify us when this issue comes up in Council.
- e) Miscellaneous discussion - concern was expressed about an area on Jenne Rd that is very dangerous for neighbors who try to retrieve their mail from across the street, and for neighbors just trying to pull out onto the road. Steven suggested a roundabout be installed to slow traffic. We want to videotape this area and send it to our D1 Councilors.

II. Annual Election - By unanimous vote of 8 members present, the slate of officers - Chair Melanie Moon, Vice Chair and Treasurer Alex Paja and Secretary Felice Mueller, were elected to a 1-year term.

III. Last month's events report

- A. Happy Hour at Golden Dynasty 8/28/25 – 11 members came including 2 new members
- B. Dumpster Day 9/13/25 - terrific crew of volunteers from Ronda, the Boy Scouts, and PVNA members. Chop Chop Food Court was a wonderful asset and the venue was ideal. Donations totalled \$813 from 150 drop offs. This was a very positive community building event, supporting the businesses in the Food Court and building a volunteer corps with community members.

IV. Upcoming Events

- A. BES event celebrating wetlands work behind Zenger Farms, 9/17 10-12
- B. Leach Botanical Garden: Deep Dive Into Pollination lecture series - <https://www.leachgarden.org/> Dates are 9/17 and 10/15 6:30-8:30 pm and 11/15 12:30-2:30 pm
- C. Science in the Park: This is a family-friendly environmental education event that is great for elementary-age kids. You can expect a short presentation from a local

educator, time to visit various hands-on activities, and a chance to splash in the creek looking for critters. Mill Park, 6201 SE Overland Street, Milwaukie, September 27th

- D. PVNA Happy Hour at Golden Dynasty, 11128 SE Foster Road; Thursday October 2nd, 4-6 pm

Motion to adjourn meeting.