

PVNA General Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2025, 7:00-8:34 pm hybrid at Arte Soleil

Present: Melanie, Felice, Alex, Dale, Barry, Steve, Linda, Councilor Candace Avalos, Sabina, Sharon, Andrew, Brent Mason, Andrew Kilbach, Anjenette

The Chair noted our Agreement
Motion to approve minutes - Barry approved, Alex seconded

I. Report from the Board

A. Treasurer's Report: current balance \$2068.12, \$4.93 left from Metro Refresh grant

B. District One Coalition Transportation and Land Use Team meeting: Melanie

a. Purpose is to provide more voices to arising issues to the District 1 board

b. They can provide presentations, speakers

c. Meeting once per month, next one on November 24 at 7 PM on zoom.

d. Projects in East Portland website

<https://www.portland.gov/transportation/pbot/projects/eastportlandprojects>

e. Graffiti Program: (<https://www.portland.gov/bps/graffiti/report-graffiti>)

C. LWV County/City Services on Homelessness and Affordable Housing: Melanie

a. Councilors passed a resolution to create a comprehensive unified housing strategy that directs the city administrator to work with city bureaus on a strategy to move Portland out of crisis response; report draft due Dec 1, 2025. Councilor Avalos elaborated on the unified housing strategy.

b. Homelessness Response System (HRAP dashboard) and Discussion – County and City centralized website for data on homelessness in our county - Avalos said that for every 1300 people who get housing per month 1000 more show up. To prevent people from becoming homeless there needs to be more rental assistance from the city, as the state of Oregon just cut 70% of rental assistance dollars. Avalos said that Mayor Wilson seems to be asking police to be the first contact with homeless sweeps, it is a safety focus. She said that Portland Street Response is not in the right place. Basically, she said we must get data on what is happening on the street and in shelters, and the problem with that effort is that there are so many people and organizations involved. She also mentioned "Home Share" which is a state program that she is encouraging the Mayor to try. Unfortunately, its website says that it is temporarily suspended due to a funding shortfall.

c. Councilor Avalos shared that there are many immigrant family problems because the breadwinners are disappearing so families need protection.

D. Land Use: Steve Montgomery

a. 4 Committees formed: Land use (Steve Montgomery), Nature and Parks (Barry Eichinger), Safety (Geoff Craighead) and Transportation (Dale Shetler).

b. If you would like to spearhead resiliency, please reach out

II. **Presentation – How to navigate the Oregon health care system?** Andrew Kiehbauch, associate for OSPIRG (Oregon State Public Interest Research Group), a statewide grassroots public interest group. Andrew gave a terrific presentation on OSPIRG's current health care campaigns for

hidden and unexpected health care bills and prescription affordability. He had many suggestions on how to save and get better care in Oregon. He shared a health care guide, <https://shorturl.at/EJtDB> and a Better Care Survey, <https://shorturl.at/oegtK>.

III. Discussion Items:

- A. PODs: Felice - an email went out to some neighbors asking them to be pod leaders creating neighborhood teams in pods of 5 – 30 homes. The purpose would be to bring neighbors living in close proximity to one another to become more resilient in the face of any kind of an emergency. They can share PVNA information and any other neighborhood information to get to know each other. Pod leaders can start by inviting neighbors to meet, identify pod boundaries, and maintain a central contact list. The PVNA board will provide support.
- B. PVNA bylaws update - Bylaws need to be amended to bring it up to present day and current board members. The PVNA general and board meeting dates were changed and we have the opportunity to change the PVNA boundary. They were sent to a consultant (paid by Dist1Coalition East) for review and will be provided to members at large to review and approve when we get them back.
- C. Ballot measure 26-260 announcement - The City of Portland Park and Rec levy passed. We want members to hold the city accountable for the new funds.

IV. Announcements

- A. The Housing Accountability and Production Office (HAPO) team released the [HAPO Resource Hub](#)! This is a centralized website for anyone else interested in housing production in Oregon and features a database of state housing programs, an intake form for inquiries and complaints, status of flexibility to housing design and development standards across the state and other HAPO-related work.
- B. Free Trees – Portland Parks is giving away 4000 trees this fall. There are 1000 left. Check out: <https://www.portland.gov/trees/tree-planting/find-your-free-trees/trees-your-yard>
- C. Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Plan - https://www.portland.gov/transportation/walkingbiking-transit-safety/safe-routes/srts-infrastructure-plan?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery
- D. Apply to Metros Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee which provides technical input on transportation planning and funding priorities for the region https://www.oregonmetro.gov/regional-leadership/metro-advisory-committees/transportation-policy-alternatives-committee?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery
- E. Neighborhood Walk – Nov 29th at bridge on 122nd Drive by Leach Botanical Garden, 10 AM; coffee or tea at LBG afterwards. Bring your children! Bring your dogs!
- F. Happy Hour, Golden Dynasty, 11128 SE Foster Road November 5th 4 – 6 PM (last happy hour – 21 members came), next one?
- G. Leach Botanical Garden
 - 1. Johnson Creek pedestrian bridge construction will begin in Spring 2026
 - 2. Winterfest and Wreath Sale – December 7th – 7AM – 3 PM