

PVNA General Meeting Minutes 1/19/26

General Meeting Agenda

January 19, 2026

Present: Alex, Felice, Melanie, Steve Mitchell, Nancy Mitchell, Ray, Judy Matsumoto, Cariol Eichinger, Barry Eichinger, Steve Montgomery, Hannah, Vijay Ilankamban, A & A, Emma Jenson

Call meeting to order 7:01 pm

Does anyone want to add an agenda item? Judy Matsumoto added under Discussion Items

Report from the Board + guest presentation

A. Treasurer's Report: Alex Paja. Spent \$190 since last month, current balance is \$1972, nonprofit tax filing is in March, DOC1 has been funded, Emma will get back to us about Office of Community Life

B. Presentation – Impact of ICE on Neighborhood Communities – Know Your Rights

Vijay Ilankamban, Immigrant Justice Working Group. He shared that the Department of Homeland Security started in 2003 as a national security department, not as a local community security organization. In the USA we have rights and we can learn what they are and when to invoke them. Check out Know Your Rights from the ACLU, PIRC, Oregon Justice Research Center and more. Emma will get us in on the PIRC map of Portland incidents.

C. Board planning meeting

a. What we accomplished in 2025:

- Established new board members and legal entity with DOC 1
- Hybrid meetings
- Postcard and survey sent out to every home (3,800) in the neighborhood
- Dumpster day
- Happy hour
- Initiated development of neighborhood pods and had first neighborhood walk
- Established contacts with DOC1, counselors, City, PBOT, JCWC, LBG and other NAs
- Grant applications: Metro refresh, EPAP, DOC1

b. What we want to accomplish in 2026:

- Bylaws amended (draft sent to Paul Leistner 11-3-25)
- Ad hoc committees formed (discussed more below)
- Dumpster Day
- Recruit new board member – communications
- Community pods (Discussion item below)
- Apply for grants – DOC1, Metro Refresh, SFFA (City summer free for all), SIPP

- (PBOT sidewalk improvement and paving)
- NET emergency plan written for Pleasant Valley - Steve Mitchell will share the Centennial NET Plan with PVNA
- 50th NA anniversary event – costume ball?
- Stretch goal - Community Center! Could collaborate with other NAs

D. Committee meeting report

- c. Ad Hoc committees formalized: land use (Steve Montgomery), nature and parks (Barry Eichinger), safety (Geoff Craighead), transportation (Dale Shetler)
- d. Committee members meet monthly with board
- e. Do any committee members wish to share anything?

I. Land Use: Steve Montgomery (LUA for 6925 SE 152nd Ave). There is a proposed 13 lot development off of Barbara Welch. There will be 373 trees removed. Steve Mitchell is against this proposal for reasons having to do with water problems on Barbara Welch. He is also wondering if the JCWA can get involved. Melanie had questions about the green space and if that means it cannot be further developed. Melanie is also concerned about affordable housing, are there any multifamily houses included in this development proposal.

li. Safety: Geoff Craighead. Geoff was not present but we discussed several things. Coffee with a Cop meets once a month, next on Friday, February 20, 10 am at 10550 Halsey. There is a regular East Precinct Meeting on Tuesdays at 1:30, anyone is welcome. We would like to invite a police officer to come to a PVNA meeting. There is a new Clean and Sober building with 8 units going in at Ramona and 122nd, we would like to have the owner come and introduce himself at one of our meetings. We can still organize neighborhood walkies and/or meetups at LBG for coffees. A neighbor turned us on to Spotcrime.com, a daily crime report app we can all check out.

lii. Nature and Park: Barry Eichinger. Brookside Wetlands Project (BES) has been pushed to 2029. The wetlands is full of trash according to Barry. He also wants to start putting photos of 6 different park areas on our PVNA Facebook page. Melanie knows folks at Powell Butte involved in stewardship there and she wants to get more people involved. Barry will attend an East Portland Parks Coalition gathering.

Iv. Transportation: Dale Shetler. The DOT was contacted and will be presenting at the PVNA meeting on improvements on 112th in February.

Discussion Items:

Judy Matsumoto informed us of a Botanical Garden happening in north Portland that she read about in the Oregonian. She wanted all of us to write and send letters that she typed up just making sure that the wonderful Leach Botanical Garden was not neglected with this new undertaking. It was pointed out that this is a private, not government funded project.

Dumpster Day: Advantages to a District 1 Dumpster Days 3 times a year (spring, summer, fall) - saves time, money, advertising effort, and volunteer effort, would be a cross-NA community builder, would help residents know when a Dumpster Day is by being a consistent time/place every year and therefore, perhaps collect more trash that would otherwise find its way to the streets, woods, and creeks. Emma loved this idea and will present it to the powers that be at City Hall.

Neighborhood pods - the idea is to identify someone in a neighborhood, whose boundaries can be self-defined and is no more than 30 households, who can disseminate PVNA information in a timely manner and who can communicate neighborhood pod needs to the PVNA. The goal is to build a resilient network that has an efficient communication system and is prepared for emergencies. Should we knock on doors? Use neighborhood watch lists already established (i.e. SE 122nd Drive)

Announcements

Jamie Dunphy voted President of the city counselors in January!

TriMet bus closures to cover \$300 million annual spending gap. Submits comments by January 31st at (<https://trimet.org/servicecuts/>)

Happy Hour, Golden Dynasty, 11128 SE Foster Road February 5th 4 – 6 PM

Motion to adjourn meeting 8:36 pm